Bibliography of Lewis Research Center Technical Publications Announced in 1987

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PREFACE

In 1987, Lewis Research Center's 1195 research authors published 493 technical publications that were announced to and reached the worldwide scientific community. This was our highest number of technical publications in 15 years. The 493 papers included 243 symposium/seminar presentations and 77 articles sent directly to journals for publication. The number of seminar presentations was the highest in Lewis history (223 in 1986 and 226 in 1984), while the number of journal articles was the second highest in Lewis history (82 in 1986). For many years, the number of articles submitted directly to journals for publication ranged between 40 and 50. In 1987, Lewis authors published approximately 65 percent of their research contributions in outside publications and the remainder as NASA research reports. Seventy-four percent of Lewis-authored society presentations and journal articles were addressed to members of the following technical societies: AIAA, 99 papers; ASME, 86 papers; SAE, 60 papers; IEEE, 43 papers; American Chemical Society, 34 papers; ASEE (American Society of Engineering Education), 30 papers; American Nuclear Society, 25 papers; AIChE, 24 papers; AIP (American Institute of Physics), 15 papers; and ACS (American Ceramic Society), 13 papers.

In 1987, 239 contractor-authored research reports were produced. In addition, 6 patent applications were filed and 6 patents were issued.

Lewis hosted 14 research conferences in 1987. Five of these resulted in NASA Conference Publications, namely,

- NASA CP–2484, Space Electrochemical Research and Technology (SERT), April 14–16, abstracts/no figures/preprint
- NASA CP–10001, Cryogenic Fluid Management Technology Workshop, April 28–30
- NASA CP–2471, Structural Integrity and Durability of Reusable Space Propulsion Systems, May 12–13
- NASA CP–2493, 1987 Turbine Engine Hot Section Technology (HOST), October 20–21
- NASA CP–10003, Aeropropulsion ’87, November 17–19, preprint

Two of these conference publications were published at Lewis and made available to the attendees when they registered at the conference: Space Electrochemical Research and Technology (SERT) and Aeropropulsion ’87. Other conferences hosted by Lewis in 1987 included

- Aerospace Education Workshop, February 5–6
- JANNAF Safety and Environmental Protection Meeting, May 5–7
- Electric Propulsion Conference, May 11–13
- 4th North Coast Symposium of the Ohio Chapter of the American Vacuum Society, May 21
- International Symposium on Space Information Systems in the Space Station Era, June 22–24
- The First Structural Mechanics Branch Symposium and Workshop on Composite Mechanics and Related Computer Codes, September 16–17
- Space Station Plasma Interactions and Effects (SSPIE) Working Group Meeting, September 29–30
- High-Speed Commercial Transport Fuels Workshop, October 14–15
- International Workshop on Aircraft Icing Technology, November 4–6

Many Lewis authors have received awards for their contributions; among them are the following:

The 1987 Lewis Distinguished Paper Award was presented to J. L. Smialek and N. S. Jacobson for their paper entitled “Mechanism of Strength Degradation for Hot Corrosion of α–SiC.” In addition, a team of researchers led by Robert Hendricks of the Internal Fluid Mechanics Division received ASME’s H.H. Jeffcott Award for the paper entitled “Numerical and Analytical Study of Fluid Dynamic Forces in Seals and Bearings” presented at the 11th Biennial ASME Design Engineering Division Conference on Vibration and Noise.

A few Lewis-authored publications are not included in this compilation because of FEDD (For Early Domestic Dissemination) and ITAR (International Traffic in Arms Regulations) considerations which limit their announcement and distribution.

All the publications in this collection were announced in the 1987 issues of STAR (Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports) and IAA (International Aerospace Abstracts). Some 1987 publications will be announced in the 1988 issues of STAR and IAA and will thus appear in the 1988 Lewis Bibliography.

The arrangement of the material is by NASA subject category, as noted in the Contents. The various indexes will help locate specific publications by subject, author, contractor organization, contract number, and report number.

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Chief, Technical Information Services Division
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AERONAUTICS
Includes aeronautics (general); aerodynamics; air transportation and safety; aircraft communications and navigation; aircraft design, testing and performance; aircraft instrumentation; aircraft propulsion and power; aircraft stability and control; and research and support facilities (air).
For related information see also Astronautics.

01 AERONAUTICS (GENERAL) 1

02 AERODYNAMICS 2
Includes aerodynamics of bodies, combinations, wings, rotors, and control surfaces; and internal flow in ducts and turbomachinery.
For related information see also 34 Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer

03 AIR TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY 15
Includes passenger and cargo air transport operations; and aircraft accidents.
For related information see also 16 Space Transportation and 85 Urban Technology and Transportation.

04 AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATION N.A.
Includes digital and voice communication with aircraft; air navigation systems (satellite and ground based); and air traffic control.
For related information see also 17 Space Communications, Spacecraft Communications, Command and Tracking and 32 Communications and Radar.

05 AIRCRAFT DESIGN, TESTING AND PERFORMANCE 17
Includes aircraft simulation technology.
For related information see also 18 Spacecraft Design, Testing and Performance and 39 Structural Mechanics.
For land transportation vehicles see 85 Urban Technology and Transportation.

06 AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTATION N.A.
Includes cockpit and cabin display devices; and flight instruments.
For related information see also 19 Spacecraft Instrumentation and 35 Instrumentation and Photography.

07 AIRCRAFT PROPULSION AND POWER 18
Includes prime propulsion systems and systems components, e.g., gas turbine engines and compressors; and onboard auxiliary power plants for aircraft.
For related information see also 20 Spacecraft Propulsion and Power, 28 Propellants and Fuels, and 44 Energy Production and Conversion.

08 AIRCRAFT STABILITY AND CONTROL 34
Includes aircraft handling qualities; piloting; flight controls; and autopilots.
For related information see also 05 Aircraft Design, Testing and Performance.

09 RESEARCH AND SUPPORT FACILITIES (AIR)
Includes airports, hangars and runways; aircraft repair and overhaul facilities; wind tunnels; shock tubes; and aircraft engine test stands.
For related information see also 14 Ground Support Systems and Facilities (Space).

ASTRONAUTICS
Includes astronautics (general); astrodynamics; ground support systems and facilities (space); launch vehicles and space vehicles; space transportation; space communications, spacecraft communications, command and tracking; spacecraft design, testing and performance; spacecraft instrumentation; and spacecraft propulsion and power.
For related information see also Aeronautics

12 ASTRONAUTICS (GENERAL) 37
For extraterrestrial exploration see 91 Lunar and Planetary Exploration.

13 ASTRODYNAMICS 37
Includes powered and free-flight trajectories; and orbital and launching dynamics.

14 GROUND SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES (SPACE) 38
Includes launch complexes, research and production facilities; ground support equipment, e.g., mobile transporters; and simulators.
For related information see also 09 Research and Support Facilities (Air).

15 LAUNCH VEHICLES AND SPACE VEHICLES 38
Includes boosters; operating problems of launch/space vehicle systems; and reusable vehicles.
For related information see also 20 Spacecraft Propulsion and Power.

16 SPACE TRANSPORTATION 39
Includes passenger and cargo space transportation, e.g., shuttle operations; and space rescue techniques.
For related information see also 03 Air Transportation and Safety and 18 Spacecraft Design, Testing and Performance.
For space suits see 54 Man/System Technology and Life Support.

17 SPACE COMMUNICATIONS, SPACECRAFT COMMUNICATIONS, COMMAND AND TRACKING 41
Includes telemetry; space communications networks; astrophotography; and radio blackout.
For related information see also 04 Aircraft Communications and Navigation and 32 Communications and Radar.
18 SPACECRAFT DESIGN, TESTING AND PERFORMANCE
Includes satellites; space platforms; space stations; spacecraft systems and components such as thermal and environmental controls; and attitude controls.
For life support systems see 54 Man/System Technology and Life Support. For related information see also 05 Aircraft Design, Testing and Performance, 39 Structural Mechanics, and 16 Space Transportation.

19 SPACECRAFT INSTRUMENTATION N.A.
For related information see also 06 Aircraft Instrumentation and 35 Instrumentation and Photography.

20 SPACECRAFT PROPULSION AND POWER 45
Includes main propulsion systems and components, e.g. rocket engines; and spacecraft auxiliary power sources.
For related information see also 07 Aircraft Propulsion and Power, 28 Propellants and Fuels, 44 Energy Production and Conversion, and 15 Launch Vehicles and Space Vehicles.

CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS
Includes chemistry and materials (general); composite materials; inorganic and physical chemistry; metallic materials; nonmetallic materials; propellants and fuels; and materials processing.

23 CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS (GENERAL) 69

24 COMPOSITE MATERIALS 71
Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of laminates and other composite materials.
For ceramic materials see 27 Nonmetallic Materials.

25 INORGANIC AND PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY 75
Includes chemical analysis, e.g., chromatography; combustion theory; electrochemistry; and photochemistry.
For related information see also 77 Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics.

26 METALLIC MATERIALS 81
Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of metals, e.g., corrosion; and metallurgy.

27 NONMETALLIC MATERIALS 94
Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of plastics, elastomers, lubricants, polymers, textiles, adhesives, and ceramic materials.
For composite materials see 24 Composite Materials.

28 PROPELLANTS AND FUELS 106
Includes rocket propellants, igniters and oxidizers; their storage and handling procedures; and aircraft fuels.
For related information see also 07 Aircraft Propulsion and Power, 20 Spacecraft Propulsion and Power, and 44 Energy Production and Conversion.

29 MATERIALS PROCESSING 107
Includes space-based development of products and processes for commercial application.
For biological materials see 55 Space Biology.

ENGINEERING
Includes engineering (general); communications and radar; electronics and electrical engineering; fluid mechanics and heat transfer; instrumentation and photography; lasers and masers; mechanical engineering; quality assurance and reliability; and structural mechanics.
For related information see also Physics.

31 ENGINEERING (GENERAL) 109
Includes vacuum technology; control engineering; display engineering; cryogenics; and fire prevention.

32 COMMUNICATIONS AND RADAR 111
Includes radar; land and global communications; communications theory; and optical communications.
For related information see also 04 Aircraft Communications and Navigation and 17 Space Communications, Spacecraft Communications, Command and Tracking. For search and rescue see 03 Air Transportation and Safety, and 16 Space Transportation.

33 ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING 119
Includes test equipment and maintainability; components, e.g., tunnel diodes and transistors; microcircuitization; and integrated circuitry.
For related information see also 60 Computer Operations and Hardware and 76 Solid-State Physics.

34 FLUID MECHANICS AND HEAT TRANSFER 130
Includes boundary layers; hydrodynamics; fluidics; mass transfer and ablation cooling.
For related information see also 02 Aerodynamics and 77 Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics.

35 INSTRUMENTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY 152
Includes remote sensors; measuring instruments and gages; detectors; cameras and photographic supplies; and holography.
For aerial photography see 43 Earth Resources and Remote Sensing. For related information see also 06 Aircraft Instrumentation and 19 Spacecraft Instrumentation.

36 LASERS AND MASERS N.A.
Includes parametric amplifiers.
For related information see also 76 Solid-State Physics.

37 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING 160
Includes auxiliary systems (nonpower); machine elements and processes; and mechanical equipment.

38 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND RELIABILITY 170
Includes product sampling procedures and techniques; and quality control.

39 STRUCTURAL MECHANICS 173
Includes structural element design and weight analysis; fatigue; and thermal stress.
# GEOSCIENCES

Includes geosciences (general); earth resources and remote sensing; energy production and conversion; environment pollution; geophysics; meteorology and climatology; and oceanography.

For related information see also Space Sciences.

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# LIFE SCIENCES

Includes life sciences (general); aerospace medicine; behavioral sciences; man/system technology and life support; and space biology.

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# MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

Includes mathematical and computer sciences (general); computer operations and hardware; computer programming and software; computer systems; cybernetics; numerical analysis; statistics and probability; systems analysis; and theoretical mathematics.

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For precision time and time interval (PTTI) see 35 Instrumentation and Photography; for geophysics, astrophysics or solar physics see 46 Geophysics, 90 Astrophysics, or 92 Solar Physics.
71 ACOUSTICS
Includes sound generation, transmission, and attenuation.
For noise pollution see 45 Environment Pollution.

72 ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS N.A.
Includes atomic structure, electron properties, and molecular spectra.

73 NUCLEAR AND HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS 213
Includes elementary and nuclear particles; and reactor theory.
For space radiation see 93 Space Radiation.

74 OPTICS 213
Includes light phenomena and optical devices.
For lasers see 36 Lasers and Masers.

75 PLASMA PHYSICS 214
Includes magnetohydrodynamics and plasma fusion.
For ionospheric plasmas see 46 Geophysics. For space plasmas see 90 Astrophysics.

76 SOLID-STATE PHYSICS 215
Includes superconductivity.
For related information see also 33 Electronics and Electrical Engineering and 36 Lasers and Masers.

77 THERMODYNAMICS AND STATISTICAL PHYSICS 219
Includes quantum mechanics; theoretical physics; and Bose and Fermi statistics.
For related information see also 25 Inorganic and Physical Chemistry and 34 Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer.

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Includes social sciences (general); administration and management; documentation and information science; economics and cost analysis; law, political science, and space policy; and urban technology and transportation.

80 SOCIAL SCIENCES (GENERAL) N.A.
Includes educational matters.

81 ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT 219
Includes management planning and research.

82 DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE N.A.
Includes information management; information storage and retrieval technology; technical writing; graphic arts; and micrography.
For computer documentation see 61 Computer Programming and Software.

83 ECONOMICS AND COST ANALYSIS N.A.
Includes cost effectiveness studies.

84 LAW, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SPACE POLICY
Includes NASA appropriation hearings; aviation law; space law and policy; international law; international cooperation; and patent policy.

85 URBAN TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORTATION 220
Includes applications of space technology to urban problems; technology transfer; technology assessment; and surface and mass transportation.
For related information see 03 Air Transportation and Safety, 16 Space Transportation, and 44 Energy Production and Conversion.

SPACE SCIENCES
Includes space sciences (general); astronomy; astrophysics; lunar and planetary exploration; solar physics; and space radiation.
For related information see also Geosciences.

88 SPACE SCIENCES (GENERAL) N.A.

89 ASTRONOMY N.A.
Includes radio, gamma-ray, and infrared astronomy; and astrometry.

90 ASTROPHYSICS 223
Includes cosmology; celestial mechanics; space plasmas; and interstellar and interplanetary gases and dust.
For related information see also 75 Plasma Physics.

91 LUNAR AND PLANETARY EXPLORATION N.A.
Includes planetology; and manned and unmanned flights.
For spacecraft design or space stations see 18 Spacecraft Design, Testing and Performance.

92 SOLAR PHYSICS N.A.
Includes solar activity, solar flares, solar radiation and sunspots.
For related information see 93 Space Radiation.

93 SPACE RADIATION N.A.
Includes cosmic radiation; and inner and outer earth's radiation belts.
For biological effects of radiation see 52 Aerospace Medicine. For theory see 73 Nuclear and High-Energy Physics.

GENERAL
Includes aeronautical, astronautical, and space science related histories, biographies, and pertinent reports too broad for categorization; histories or broad overviews of NASA programs.

99 GENERAL 223

Note: N.A. means that no abstracts were assigned to this category for this issue.
the generic engine and its control, it is shown in general that: (1) calculations in each selected case have been made under two remaining water drained. Although the results are specialized to partial evaporation of water at the entry or exit of the burner with limiting sets of conditions: (1) total drainage of water, and (2) principal tools utilized in the investigation have been the so called temperature sensor providing input to the engine control records to establish the transient performance of the engine under a variety of processes. Considering a generic, high performance jet engine's control system. Such performance changes affect the also the sensors located in that subsystem providing input to the performance of the air compression subsystem of the engine, and the COPES-CONMIN optimization procedure into a user's code for designing optimized blade-to-blade profiles of turbomachinery blades. Results of several design applications and a documented version of the code together with a user's manual are provided. 

An investigation was carried out to complete the preliminary development of a combined perturbation/optimization procedure and associated computational code for designing optimized blade-to-blade profiles of turbomachinery blades. The overall purpose of the procedures developed is to provide demonstration of a rapid nonlinear perturbation method for minimizing the computational requirements associated with parametric design studies of turbomachinery flows. The method combines the multiple parameter nonlinear perturbation method, successfully developed in previous phases of this study, with the NASA TSONIC blade-to-blade turbomachinery flow solver, and the COPES-CONMIN optimization procedure into a user's code for designing optimized blade-to-blade surface profiles of turbomachinery blades. Results of several design applications and a documented version of the code together with a user's manual are provided. 

Water ingestion into a jet engine affects most directly the performance of the air compression subsystem of the engine, and also the sensors located in that subsystem providing input to the engine's control system. Such performance changes affect the overall performance of the engine. Considering a generic, high bypass ratio, two-spool gas turbine operating on a stationary test stand with fixed inlet and thrustor nozzle, an attempt was made to establish the transient performance of the engine under a variety of water ingestion and power setting conditions and also when a temperature sensor providing input to the engine control records a lower temperature than the local gas phase temperature. The principal tools utilized in the investigation have been the so called PURDUE code and an engine simulation code. Performance calculations in each selected case have been made under two limiting sets of conditions: (1) total drainage of water, and (2) partial evaporation of water at the entry or exit of the burner with remaining water drained. Although the results are specialized to the generic engine and its control, it is shown in general that: (1) engine performance is degraded during operation with water ingestion and the amount of degradation is a nonlinear function of inlet water mass fraction; (2) controllability of the engine with respect to operator-initiated power setting changes is affected by water ingestion; and (3) errors in a temperature sensor providing an input to engine control lead to instability in engine operation, eventually causing a limiting condition or parameter to be exceeded. 

Three explicit multigrid methods, Ni's method, Jameson's finite-volume method, and a finite-difference method based on Brandt's work, are described and compared for two model problems. All three methods use an explicit multistage Runge-Kutta scheme on the fine grid, and this scheme is also described. Convergence histories for inviscid flow over a bump in a channel for the fine-grid scheme alone show that convergence rate is proportional to Courant number and that implicit residual smoothing can significantly accelerate the scheme. Ni's method was slightly slower than the implicitly-smoothed scheme alone. Brandt's and Jameson's methods are shown to be equivalent in form but differ in their node versus cell-centered implementations. They are about 5 times faster than Ni's method in terms of CPU time. Results for an oblique shock/boundary layer interaction problem verify the accuracy of the finite-difference code. All methods slowed considerably on the stretched viscous grid but Brandt's method was still 2.1 times faster than Ni's method.
01 AEROSOUNDS (GENERAL)

A87-22414* # Dayton Univ., Ohio.
NAVIER STOKES SOLUTION OF THE FLOWFIELD OVER ICE ACCRETION SHAPES
J. N. SCOTT, W. L. HANKEY, F. J. GIESSSLER, and T. P. GIELDA
(Contract NAG3-465)
(AIAA PAPER 87-0099)

The numerical simulation of flow about ice accretion shapes has been accomplished by solving the Navier-Stokes equations using MacCormack's explicit finite difference scheme. The computations were performed on a CRAY-XMP computer. The influence of turbulence is taken into account by means of an algebraic eddy-viscosity model. In order to optimize the grid spacing and to achieve near orthogonality at the surface of the complex ice shapes, a hyperbolic grid generation scheme is utilized. Particular attention is given to the heat transfer process for which good agreement between the numerical and experimental results is achieved. In addition, liquid water droplet trajectories are coupled within the flowfield along with the resulting collection efficiencies using a parabolized Navier-Stokes formulation.

Author

A87-22578* # Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y.
A DIAGONAL IMPLICIT MULTIGRID ALGORITHM FOR THE EULER EQUATIONS
(Contract NAG3-645; NAG2-373)
(AIAA PAPER 87-0354)

A multigrid implementation of the Alternating Direction Implicit algorithm has been developed to solve the Euler equations of inviscid, compressible flow. The equations are approximated using a finite-volume spatial approximation with added dissipation provided by an adaptive blend of second and fourth differences. For computational efficiency, the equations are diagonalized by a local similarity transformation so that only a decoupled system of scalar pentadiagonal systems need be solved along each line. Results are computed for transonic flows past airfoils and include pressure distributions to verify the accuracy of the basic scheme and convergence histories to demonstrate the efficiency of the method.

Author

02 AERODYNAMICS

Includes aerodynamics of bodies, combinations, wings, rotors, and control surfaces; and internal flow in ducts and turbomachinery.

A87-20886* # Army Propulsion Lab., Cleveland, Ohio.
ROTOR WAKE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRANSONIC AXIAL-FLOW FAN

Author
A87-24010* Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y.
STALL TRANSIENTS OF AXIAL COMPRESSION SYSTEMS WITH INLET DISTORTION
(Contract NAG3-349)

A87-24901* Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind.
MEASUREMENT OF A COUNTER ROTATION PROPELLER FLOWFIELD USING A LASER DOPPLER VELOCIMETER
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This paper is a summary of the results of the experimental investigation of the flow field about a counter-rotating propeller (CRP) system using a Laser Doppler Velocimeter (LDV). The number of configurations available for the CRP system is limitless, thus only a small portion of the number of possible cases were examined. Measurements were made upstream, in between and downstream of the propeller system. The abundance of data readily available from the LDV system clearly identifies the tip vortices and wake regions. The recovery by the downstream propeller of the swirl velocity imparted to the flow by the upstream propeller is very evident. The coefficients of thrust and power were determined using momentum and energy analysis of the data and compared to theory.

Author

A87-24929* Texas A&M Univ., College Station.
EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL STUDY OF PROPPELLER SPINNER/SHANK INTERFERENCE
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(AIAA PAPER 87-0145)

A fundamental investigation into the aerodynamic interference associated with propeller spinner and shank regions has been conducted. The research program involved a theoretical assessment of solutions previously proposed, followed by a systematic experimental study to supplement the existing data base. As a result, a refined computational procedure has been established for prediction of interference effects in terms of either interference drag or propeller thrust and torque coefficients. These quantities have been examined with attention to engineering parameters such as spinner finess ratio, blade shank form, and number of blades. Also, cascade effects and spinner/shank juncture interference have been semi-empirically modeled using existing theories and placed into a compatible form with an existing propeller performance code.

Author

AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF COMPRESSIBLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL BOUNDARY LAYER FLOW IN ANNULAR DIFFUSERS
(Contract NAG3-376)
(AIAA PAPER 87-0366)

An experimental study is described in which detailed wall pressure measurements have been obtained for compressible three-dimensional unseparated boundary layer flow in annular diffusors with and without normal shock waves. Detailed mean flow-field data were also obtained for the diffuser flow without a shock wave. Two diffuser flows with shock waves were investigated. In one case, the normal shock existed over the complete annulus whereas in the second case, the shock existed over a part of the annulus. The data obtained can be used to validate computational codes for predicting such flow fields. The details of the flow field without the shock wave show flow reversal in the circumferential direction on both inner and outer surfaces. However, there is a lag in the flow reversal between the inner and the outer surfaces. This is an interesting feature of this flow and should be a good test for the computational codes.

Author

A87-24992* Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y.
MULTIGRID SOLUTION OF INVIScid TRANSonic FLOW THROUGH ROTATING BLADE PASSAGES
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(AIAA PAPER 87-0608)

A fast Euler solver for three dimensional inviscid transonic flow in rotating domains is described. The time dependent Euler equations are discretized spatially with finite volumes, and are advanced temporally with a multiple stage time stepping scheme. A dramatic increase in the rate of convergence for steady solutions is achieved with a multigrid algorithm that employs the multistage scheme as its smoothing procedure. The effectiveness of the multistage scheme as a multigrid driver is enhanced by the utilization of analytically determined combinations of the governing parameters.

Author

A87-24996* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
SPATIALLY GROWING DISTURBANCES IN A HIGH VELOCITY RATIO TWO-STREAM, COPLANAR JET
(AIAA PAPER 87-0056)

The influence of cold and heated secondary flow on the instability of a two-stream, coplanar jet having a 0.7 Mach number heated primary jet for a nominal fan to primary velocity ratio of 0.68 was investigated by means of inviscid linearized stability theory. The instability properties of spatially growing axisymmetric and first order azimuthal disturbances were studied. The instability characteristics of the two-stream jet with a velocity ratio of 0.68 are very different from those of a single stream jet, and a two-stream, coplanar jet having a 0.9 Mach number heated primary jet and a cold secondary jet for a fan to primary velocity ratio of 0.30. For X/D = 1 and in comparison to the case where the velocity ratio was 0.3, the presence of the fan stream and a velocity ratio of 0.68 enhanced the instability of the jet and increased the unstable frequency range. However, the axisymmetric mode (m = 0) and the first order azimuthal mode (m = 1) have similar spatial growth rates where the velocity ratio is 0.68 while for a velocity ratio of 0.3 the growth rate of the first order azimuthal mode (m = 1) is greater. Comparing the cold and hot secondary flow results showed that for a velocity ratio of 0.68 the growth rate is greater for cold.

Author

A87-25395* Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.
A NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF THE INVIScid FLOW THROUGH A COUNTERROTATING PROPPELLER
(ASME PAPER 86-GT-138)

The results of a numerical simulation of the time-averaged inviscid flow field through the blade rows of a multiblade row turboprop configuration are presented. The governing equations are outlined along with a discussion of the solution procedure and coding strategy. Numerical results obtained from a simulation of the flow field through a modern high-speed turboprop will be shown.

Author

The three-dimensional parabolized Navier-Stokes code has been used to investigate the flow through a Mach 7.4 inlet. A two-dimensional parametric study of grid resolution, turbulence modeling, and effect of gamma has been done and compared with experimental results. The results show that mesh resolution of the shock waves, real gas effects and turbulence length scales are very important to get accurate results for hypersonic inlet flows. In addition a three-dimensional calculation of the Mach 7.4 inlet has been done on a straight sideplate configuration. The results show that the glancing shock/boundary layer interaction phenomena causes significant three-dimensional flow in the inlet.

Author


A generalized formulation for constructing second- and higher-order accurate TVD (total variation diminishing) schemes is presented. A given scheme is made TVD by limiting antidiffusive flux differences with some nonlinear functions, so-called limiters. The general idea of the formulation and its mathematical proof of Harten's TVD conditions is shown by applying the Lax-Wendroff method to a scalar nonlinear equation and constant-coefficient system of conservation laws. For the system of equations, several definitions are derived for the argument used in the limiter function and present their performance to numerical experiments. Then the formulation is extended to the nonlinear system of equations. It is demonstrated that use of the present procedure allows easy conversion of existing central or upwind, and second- or higher-order differencing schemes so as to preserve monotonicity and to yield physically admissible solutions. The formulation is simple mathematically as well as numerically; neither matrix-vector multiplication nor Riemann solver is required. Roughly twice as much computational effort is needed as compared to conventional scheme. Although the notion of TVD is based on the initial value problem, application to the steady Euler equations is demonstrated.

Author


Some recent work on adaptive FEMs for solving transient Euler equations in two-dimensional domains is summarized. The formulation of an FEM model of the Euler equations is shown, and the application of the adaptive strategies to data management schemes is addressed. Sample numerical results from the application of the model and strategies to the flow over a test case are presented. C.D.

Author

A87-39528* # United Technologies Research Center, East Hartford, Conn. **INVESTIGATION OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL SHOCK-WAVE/BOUNDARY-LAYER INTERACTIONS** STANLEY A. SKEBE (United Technologies Research Center, East Hartford, CT), ISAAC GREBER (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH), and WARREN R. HINGST (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA Journal (ISSN 0001-1452), vol. 25, June 1987, p. 777-783. Previously cited in issue 06, p. 701, Accession no. A84-17881. refs (Contract NAG3-61; NAG3-102)

Propfans, advanced highly-loaded propellers, are proposed to power transport aircraft that cruise at high subsonic speeds, giving significant fuel savings over the equivalent turbofan-powered aircraft. NASA is currently sponsoring the Propfan Test Assessment Program (PTA) to provide basic data on the structural integrity and acoustic performance of the propfan. The program involves installation design, wind-tunnel tests, and flight tests of the Hamilton Standard SR-7 propfan in a wing-mount tractor installation on the Gulfstream II aircraft. This paper reports on the high-speed wind-tunnel tests and presents the computational aerodynamic methods that were employed in the analyses, design, and evaluation of the configuration. In spite of the complexity of the configuration, these methods provide aerodynamic predictions which are in excellent agreement with wind-tunnel data.

Author


A full Navier-Stokes solver has been used to model transonic flow over three airfoil sections. The method uses a two-dimensional, implicit, conservative finite difference scheme for solving the compressible Navier-Stokes equations. Results are presented as prescribed for the Viscous Transonic Airfoil Workshop to be held at the AIAA 25th Aerospace Sciences Meeting. The NASA 0012, RAE 2822 and Jones airfoils have been investigated for both attached and separated transonic flows. Predictions for pressure distributions, loads, skin friction coefficients, boundary layer displacement thickness and velocity profiles are included and compared with experimental data when possible. Overall, the results are in good agreement with experimental data.

Author
AERODYNAMIC INSTABILITY PERFORMANCE OF AN ADVANCED HIGH-PRESSURE-RATIO COMPRESSION COMPONENT

(AIAA PAPER 86-1619)

The data acquisition and reduction, test procedures, and results of in-stall and in-surge testing of a NASA high-pressure-ratio compression component are discussed, in addition to the compressor-rig configuration and instrumentation used. Data analysis revealed information about rotating stall hysteresis, rotating stall development and cessation times, and rotating-stall-cell flow blockage. It is found that hysteresis exists in the work coefficient as well as in the pressure coefficient. Airflow rakes were designed to study the in-surge transient response of the compressor. The quasi-steady compressor characteristics underlying the transient-surge data were investigated using a parameter-identification technique.

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THE UTILIZATION OF PARALLEL PROCESSING IN SOLVING THE INVISCID FORM OF THE AVERAGE-PASSAGE EQUATION SYSTEM FOR MULTISTAGE TURBOMACHINERY


A procedure is outlined which utilizes parallel processing to solve the inviscid form of the average-passage equation system for multistage turbomachinery along with a description of its implementation in a FORTRAN computer code, MSTATE. A scheme to reduce the central memory requirements of the program is also detailed. Both the multitasking and I/O routines referred to in this paper are specific to the Cray X-MP line of computers and its associated SSD (Solid-state Storage Device). Results are presented for a simulation of a two-stage rocket engine fuel pump turbine.

A87-42078# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

COMPOSITE GRID AND FINITE-VOLUME LU IMPLICIT SCHEME FOR TURBINE FLOW ANALYSIS


A composite grid was generated in an attempt to improve grid quality for a typical turbine blade with large camber in terms of mesh control, smoothness, and orthogonality. This composite grid consists of the C grid (or O grid) in the immediate vicinity of the blade and the H grid in the upstream region and in the middle of the blade passage between the C grids. It provides a good boundary layer resolution around the leading edge region for viscous calculation, has orthogonality at the blade surface and singularity continuity at the (h-or-O-H) interface, and has flexibility in controlling the mesh distribution in the upstream region without using excessive grid points. This composite grid eliminates the undesirable qualities of a single grid when generated for a typical turbine geometry. A finite-volume lower-upper (LU) implicit schemes can be used in solving for the turbine flows on the composite grid. This grid has a special grid node that is connected to more than four neighboring nodes in two dimensions and to more than six nodes in three dimensions. But the finite-volume approach poses no problem at the special point because each interior cell has only four neighboring cells in two dimensions and only six cells in three dimensions. The finite-volume LU implicit scheme was demonstrated to be robust and efficient for both external and internal flows in a broad flow regime. Author
A87-44938*# Toledo Univ., Ohio.
AN LDA INVESTIGATION OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL NORMAL
SHOCK-BOUNDARY LAYER INTERACTIONS IN A CORNER
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HINGST, A. J. STRAZISAR, and A. R. PORRO (NASA, Lewis
Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA, Fluid Dynamics, Plasma
Dynamics, and Lasers Conference, 19th, Honolulu, HI, June 8-10,
1987. 12 p. refs
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Nonintrusive, three-dimensional, measurements have been
made of a normal shock wave-turbulent boundary layer interaction.
The measurements were made in the corner of the test section of
a continuous supersonic wind tunnel in which a normal shock
wave had been stabilized. LDA, surface pressure measurement and
flow visualization techniques were employed for two freestream
Mach number test cases: 1.6 and 1.3. The former contained
separated flow regions and a system of shock waves. The latter
was found to be far less complicated. The reported results are
believed to accurately define the flow physics of each case and
may be used as benchmark data to verify three-dimensional
computer codes.

A87-45281*# Lockheed-Georgia Co., Marietta.
WIND TUNNEL TESTS ON A ONE-FOOT DIAMETER SR-7L
PROPFOAM MODEL
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SAE, ASME, and ASEE, Joint Propulsion Conference, 23rd, San
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Wind tunnel tests have been conducted on a one-foot diameter
model of the SR-7L propfan in the Langley 16-Foot and 4 x 7
Meter Wind Tunnels as part of the Propfan Test Assessment (PTA)
Program. The model was fabricated from propfan material used on
an advanced model of the PTA testbed aircraft. The model propeller was
tested in isolation and wing-mounted on the aircraft configuration at
various Mach numbers and blade pitch angles. Agreement between
data obtained from these tests and data from Hamilton Standard
validate that the 1/9-scale propeller accurately simulates the
aerodynamics of the SR-7L propfan. Predictions from an analytical
computer program are presented and show good agreement with
the experimental data.

A87-45413*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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THREE-DIMENSIONAL NOZZLE PLUME CHARACTERISTICS
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Future high performance aircraft will likely feature symmetric
or two-dimensional nozzles with or without ejectors. In order to
design two-dimensional nozzle/ejector systems of minimum size
and weight, the plume decay and spreading characteristics of basic
two-dimensional nozzles must first be established. The present
work deals with the experimental analyses of these plume
characteristics and includes the effects of nozzle aspect ratio and
flow conditions (jet Mach number and temperature) on the plume
development and spreading of two-dimensional nozzles. Correlations
including these variables are developed in a manner similar to
those previously developed successfully for conic and dual-flow
plumes.

A87-45414*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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SECONDARY STREAM AND EXCITATION EFFECTS ON
TWO-DIMENSIONAL NOZZLE PLUME CHARACTERISTICS
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In order to design two-dimensional nozzle/ejector systems for
future high performance aircraft, the basic engine exhaust plume
velocity and temperature decay as affected by the secondary
stream (ejector) and decay augmentation means must be assessed.
Included in the assessment of the plume decay characteristics
are the effects of nozzle aspect ratio and nozzle/ejector flow
conditions. Nozzle/ejector plume decay can be enhanced by
suitable excitation of the plume shear layers. Correlations of these
depth are developed in a manner similar to those previously
developed for conic and dual-flow nozzle plumes.

A87-46207*# Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park.
AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF TIP CLEARANCE ON FLOW FIELD AND LOSSES IN AN EXHAUST COMPRESSOR ROTOR
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(Pennsylvania State University, University Park) IN: International
Symposium on Air Breathing Engines, 8th, Cincinnati, OH, June
14-19, 1987, Proceedings . New York, American Institute of
Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1987, p. 273-290. refs
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Detailed measurement of the flow field in the tip region of a
compressor rotor was carried out using a Laser Doppler Velocimeter
(LDV) and a Kiel probe at two different tip clearance heights. At
both clearance sizes, the relative stagnation pressure and the
axial and tangential components of relative velocities were
measured upstream, inside the passage and downstream of the
rotor, up to about 20 percent of the blade span from the annulus
wall. The velocities, outlet angles, losses, momentum thickness,
and force defect thickness are compared for the two clearances.
A detailed interpretation of the effect of tip clearance on the flow
field is given. There are substantial differences in flow field,
on momentum thickness, and performance as the clearance is varied.
The losses increase linearly within the passage and their values
increase in direct proportion to tip clearance height. No discernable
turbulence (discrete) is observed downstream of the rotor.

A87-46781*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
LOWER-UPPER IMPLICIT SCHEME FOR HIGH-SPEED INLET ANALYSIS
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Technology, Inc., Cleveland, OH) and ANTHONY JAMESON
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EULER ANALYSIS OF THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL FLOW FIELD OF A HIGH-SPEED PROPPELLER - BOUNDARY CONDITION EFFECTS
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A87-49179*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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SECONDARY STREAM AND EXCITATION EFFECTS ON
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future high performance aircraft, the basic engine exhaust plume
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Included in the assessment of the plume decay characteristics
are the effects of nozzle aspect ratio and nozzle/ejector flow
conditions. Nozzle/ejector plume decay can be enhanced by
suitable excitation of the plume shear layers. Correlations of these
depths are developed in a manner similar to those previously
developed for conic and dual-flow nozzle plumes.

A87-49375*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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EVALUATION OF THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL FLOW FIELD OF A HIGH-SPEED PROPPELLER - BOUNDARY CONDITION EFFECTS
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the nonreflecting boundary conditions are in good agreement with experimental data. The specification of nonreflecting boundary conditions is effective in reducing the dependence of the solution on the location of the far field boundary. Details of the flow field within the blade passage and the tip vortex are presented. The dependence of the computed power coefficient on the blade setting angle is examined.

Author

A87-48722* # Cambridge Univ. (England).

A METHOD FOR ASSESSING EFFECTS OF CIRCUMFERENTIAL FLOW DISTORTION ON COMPRESSOR STABILITY


(Contract NSG-3206)

This paper describes the development of a new analysis to predict the onset of flow instability for an axial compressor operating in a circumferentially distorted inlet flow. A relatively simple model is used to examine the influence of various distortions in setting the instability point. It is found that the model reproduces known experimental trends for the loss of stability margin with increasing distortion amplitude and with changes in reduced frequency. In particular, there is a recognizable 'critical sector angle' which characterizes loss of stability margin. To the authors' knowledge, this is the first time the effects described herein have been theoretically demonstrated as the direct result of a fluid dynamic stability.

Author

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PRELIMINARY AEROTHERMODYNAMIC DESIGN METHOD FOR HYPERSONIC VEHICLES


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Preliminary design methods are presented for vehicle aerothermodynamics. Predictions are made for Shuttle orbiter, a Mach 6 transport vehicle and a high-speed missile configuration. Rapid and accurate methods are discussed for obtaining aerodynamic coefficients and heat transfer rates for laminar and turbulent flows for vehicles at high angles of attack and hypersonic Mach numbers.

Author

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HIGH ANGLE OF ATTACK HYPERSONIC AERODYNAMICS


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A new aerodynamics force model is presented which is based on modified Newtonian theory and empirical correlations. The algorithm is effective for complete vehicles from take off to orbital speeds and for large angles of attack. Predictions are compared to results for a wind tunnel model at a Mach number of 20, and the full scale Shuttle Orbiter for Mach numbers from 0.25 to 20 for angles of attack from 0 to 50 deg. The maximum shuttle orbiter lift/drag at Mach 10 and 20 is 1.85 at 20-deg angle-of-attack. Aerodynamic force predictions are made for a transonic, single-place vehicle, which is a derivative of the Shuttle Orbiter, for Mach numbers from 4 to 7 at angles of attack from 5 to 40 deg. Predicted aerodynamic force data indicate that lift/drag ratios of 5.2 at Mach number 10 and 3.6 at Mach number 26 are obtainable. Changes in force coefficients with changes in: nose angle, sweep angle, and (volume exp 2/3)/planform area are quantified for Mach numbers of 10 and 26. Lift/drag ratios increase with decreasing nose angle and (volume exp 2/3)/planform area and increasing wing sweep angle. Lift/drag ratios are independent of these variables for angles of attack in excess of 20 deg at Mach 10 and 30 deg at Mach 26.

Author

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NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF UNSTEADY, VISCOUS, TRANSONIC FLOW OVER ISOLATED AND CASCADED AIRFOILS USING A DEFORMING GRID


(AIAA PAPER 87-1316)

A compressible, unsteady, full Navier-Stokes, finite difference code was developed for modeling transonic flow through two-dimensional, oscillating cascades. The procedure introduces a deforming grid technique to capture the motion of the airfoils. Results using a deforming grid are presented for both isolated and cascaded airfoils. The load histories and unsteady pressure distributions are predicted for the NASA 64A010 isolated airfoil and compared with existing experimental data. Results show that the deforming grid technique can be used to successfully predict the unsteady flow properties around an oscillating airfoil. The deforming grid technique was extended for modeling unsteady flow in a cascade. The use of a deforming grid simplifies the specification of boundary conditions. Unsteady flow solutions similar to the isolated airfoil predictions are found for a NASA 0012 cascade with zero interblade phase angle and zero stagger. Experimental data for these cases are not available for code validation, but computational results are presented to show sample predictions from the code. Applications of the code to typical turbomachinery flow conditions will be presented in future work.

Author

A87-50187* # Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio.

METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE THREE DIMENSIONAL AERODYNAMIC FIELD OF A ROTOR-STATOR COMBINATION IN COMPRESSIBLE FLOW

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(AIAA PAPER 87-1742)

Using the lifting surface theory and the acceleration potential method for the flow field of an axial turbocompressor stage, a recursive and a direct method are presented that make use of the eigenfunction solutions of the isolated rotor and stator to solve for the rotor-stator interaction problem. The net pressure distribution on the rotor and stator blades is represented by modified Birnbaum series, whose coefficients are determined using a matrix procedure and satisfying the boundary conditions on the surface of the blades. The relation between the matrix operators of the recursive and the direct methods is also shown. Expressions have been given for the blade circulation, the axial and tangential forces on the blade, the rotor power required, and the induced upwash velocity of the stage.
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WIND TUNNEL PERFORMANCE RESULTS OF AN AERODYNAMICALLY SCALED 2/9 MODEL OF THE PTA FLIGHT TEST PROP-FAN

(AIAA PAPER 87-1893)

High speed wind tunnel aerodynamic performance tests of the SR-7A advanced prop-fan have been completed in support of the Prop-Fan Test Assessment (PTA) flight test program. The test showed that the SR-7A prop fan had a high measured net efficiency of 79.3 percent.

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LARGE PERTURBATION FLOW FIELD ANALYSIS AND SIMULATION FOR SUPersonic INLETs Final Report

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An analysis technique for simulation of supersonic mixed compression inlets with large flow field perturbations is presented. The approach is based upon a quasi-one-dimensional inviscid unsteady formulation which includes engineering models of unstart/restart, bleed, bypass, and geometry effects. Numerical solution of the governing time dependent equations of motion is accomplished through a shock capturing finite difference algorithm, of which five separate approaches are evaluated. Comparison with experimental supersonic wind tunnel data is presented to verify the present approach for a wide range of transient inlet flow conditions.

Author

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EFFECT OF ANGULAR IMPLOW ON THE VIBRATORY RESPONSE OF A COUNTER-ROTATING PROPELLER

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This report presents the results of a propeller vibratory stress survey on the Fairey Gannet aircraft aimed at giving an assessment of the difference in vibratory response between single and counter-rotating propeller operation in angular inflow. The survey showed that counter-rotating operation of the propeller had the effect of increasing the IP response of the rear propeller by approximately 25 percent over comparable single-rotation operation while counter-rotating operation did not significantly influence the IP response of the front propeller.

Author


CALCULATION OF WATER DROP TRAJECTORIES TO AND ABOUT ARBITRARY THREE-DIMENSIONAL LIFTING AND NONLIFTING BODIES IN POTENTIAL AIRFLOW Final Report

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Subsonic, external flow about nonlifting bodies, lifting bodies or combinations of lifting and nonlifting bodies is calculated by a modified version of the Hess lifting code. Trajectory calculations can be performed for any atmospheric conditions and for all water drop sizes, from the smallest cloud droplet to large raindrops. Experimental water drop drag relations are used in the water drop equations of motion and effects of gravity settling are included. Inlet flow can be accommodated, and high Mach number compressibility effects are corrected for approximately. Seven codes are described: (1) a code used to debug and plot body surface description data; (2) a code that processes the body surface data, to yield the potential flow field; (3) a code that computes flow velocities at arrays of points in space; (4) a code that computes water drop trajectories from an array of points in space; (5) a code that computes water drop trajectories and fluxes to arbitrary target points; (6) a code that computes water drop trajectories tangent to the body; and (7) a code that produces stereo pair plots which include both the body and trajectories. Accuracy of the calculations is discussed, and trajectory calculation results are compared with prior calculations and with experimental data.

Author

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AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF THE AERODYNAMICS OF A NACA 0012 AIRFOIL WITH A SIMULATED GLAZE ICE ACCRETION Interim Technical Report

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An experimental study conducted in the Ohio State University subsonic wind tunnel to measure the detailed aerodynamic characteristics of an airfoil with a simulated glaze ice accretion. A NACA 0012 model with interchangeable leading edges and pressure taps every one percent chord was used. Surface pressure and wake data were taken on the airfoil clean, with forced transition and with a simulated glaze ice shape. Lift and drag penalties due to the ice shape were found and the surface pressure clearly showed that large separation bubbles were present. Both total pressure and split-film probes were used to measure velocity profiles, both for the clean model and for the model with a simulated ice accretion. A large region of flow separation was seen in the velocity profiles and was correlated to the pressure measurements. Clean airfoil data were found to compare well to existing airfoil analysis methods.

Author


COMPUTATION OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL VISCous SUPERSONIC JET FLOW Final Contractor Report

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A new method has been developed for two- and three-dimensional computations of viscous supersonic flows with embedded subsonic regions adjacent to solid boundaries. The approach employs a reduced form of the Navier-Stokes equations which allows solution as an initial-boundary value problem in space, with compressibility effects being corrected for approximately. Seven codes are described: (1) a code used to debug and plot body surface description data; (2) a code that processes the body surface data, to yield the potential flow field; (3) a code that computes flow velocities at arrays of points in space; (4) a code that computes water drop trajectories from an array of points in space; (5) a code that computes water drop trajectories and fluxes to arbitrary target points; (6) a code that computes water drop trajectories tangent to the body; and (7) a code that produces stereo pair plots which include both the body and trajectories. Accuracy of the calculations is discussed, and trajectory calculation results are compared with prior calculations and with experimental data. 

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A method has been developed for two- and three-dimensional computations of viscous supersonic jet flows interacting with an external flow. The approach employs a reduced form of the Navier-Stokes equations which allows solution as an initial-boundary value problem in space, using an efficient noniterative forward marching algorithm. Numerical instability associated with forward marching algorithms for flows with embedded subsonic regions is avoided by approximation of the reduced form of the Navier-Stokes equations in the subsonic regions of the boundary layers. Supersonic and subsonic portions of the flow field are simultaneously calculated by a consistently split linearized block implicit computational algorithm. The results of computations for a series of test cases associated with supersonic jet flow is presented and compared with other calculations for axisymmetric cases. Demonstration calculations indicate that the computational technique has great promise as a tool for calculating a wide range of supersonic flow problems including jet flow. Finally, a User's Manual is presented for the computer code used to perform the calculations.

The influence of cold and heated secondary flow on the instability of a two-stream, coplanar jet having a 0.7 Mach number heated primary jet for a nominal fan to primary velocity ratio of 0.68 was investigated by means of inviscid linearized stability theory. The instability properties of spatially growing axisymmetric and first order azimuthal disturbances were studied. The instability characteristics of the two-stream jet with a velocity ratio of 0.68 are very different from those of a single stream jet, and a two-stream, coplanar jet having a 0.9 Mach number heated primary jet and a cold secondary jet for a fan to primary velocity ratio of 0.30. For X/D = 1 and in comparison to the case where the velocity ratio was 0.3, the presence of the fan stream with a velocity ratio of 0.68 enhanced the instability of the jet and increased the unstable frequency range. However, the axisymmetric mode (m = 0) and the first order azimuthal mode (m = 1) have similar spatial growth rates where the velocity ratio is 0.68 while for a velocity ratio of 0.3 the growth rate of the first order azimuthal mode (m = 1) is greater. Comparing the cold and hot secondary flow results showed that for a velocity ratio of 0.68 the growth rate is greater for cold.

An interactive inviscid core flow-boundary layer method is presented for the calculation of turbomachinery flows. This method, a one-dimensional inviscid core flow is presented. The end-wall and blade surface boundary layers are calculated using an integral entrainment method. The boundary layers are assumed to be collinear and thus are two-dimensional. The boundary layer equations are written in a streamline coordinate system. The streamwise velocity profiles are approximated by power law profiles. Compressibility is accounted for in the streamwise direction but not in the normal direction. Equations are derived for the special cases of conical and two-dimensional rectangular diffusers. For these cases, the assumptions of a one-dimensional core flow and collateral boundary layer are valid. Results using the method are compared with experiment and good quantitative agreement is obtained.
These unsteady velocity fluctuations are presented to show their wake generated and unresolved unsteadiness from the velocity unsteadiness are shown to occur within the stator blade passage. The procedures developed here are used to identify the rotor wake generated and unresolved unsteadiness refers to all remaining unsteadiness which refers to the unsteadiness generated by the rotor wake velocity deficit and the term unresolved unsteadiness refers to all remaining contributions to unsteadiness such as vortex shedding, turbulence, mass flow fluctuations, etc.). A procedure for calculating auto and cross correlations of the rotor wake generated and unresolved unsteady velocity fluctuations is described. These unsteady-velocity correlations have significance since they also result from a decomposition of the Navier-Stokes equations. This decomposition of the Navier-Stokes equations resulting in the velocity correlations used to describe the unsteady velocity field will also be outlined in this paper. 

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law. Application to an oblique shock wave problem shows the
improved resolution and accuracy when compared to the results
obtained by the adaptive dissipation method, while exhibiting
comparable computational efficiency. 

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**UNSTEADY FLOWS IN A SINGLE-STAGE TRANSONIC AXI-FLOW FAN STATOR ROW PH.D. THESIS - IOWA STATE UNIV.**

MICHAEL D. HATHAWAY Dec. 1986 210 p

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Measurements of the unsteady velocity field within the stator row of a transonic axial-flow fan were acquired using a laser anemometer. Measurements were obtained on axisymmetric surfaces located at 10 and 50 percent span from the shroud, with the fan operating at maximum efficiency at design speed. The ensemble-average and variance of the measured velocities are used to identify rotor-wake-generated (deterministic) unsteadiness and turbulence, respectively. Correlations of both deterministic and turbulent velocity fluctuations provide information on the characteristics of unsteady interactions within the stator row. These correlations are derived from the Navier-Stokes equation in a manner similar to deriving the Reynolds stress terms, whereby various averaging operators are used to average the aperiodic, deterministic, and turbulent velocity fluctuations which are known to be present in multistage turbomachines. The correlations of deterministic and turbulent velocity fluctuations throughout the axial flow stator row are presented. In particular, amplification and attenuation of both types of unsteadiness are shown to occur within the stator blade passage.

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**AN LU-SSOR SCHEME FOR THE EULER AND NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS** Final Report


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A new multigrid relaxation scheme, lower-upper symmetric successive overrelaxation (LU-SSOR) is developed for the steady-state solution of the Euler and Navier-Stokes equations. The scheme, which is based on central differences, does not require flux splitting for approximate Newton iteration. Application to transonic flow shows that the new method is efficient and robust. The vectorizable LU-SSOR scheme needs only scalar diagonal inversions.

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**PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF TURBOPUMPS AND RELATED MACHINERY**

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Pumps used in large liquid-fuel rocket engines are examined. The term preliminary design denotes the initial, creative phases of design, where the general shape and characteristics of the machine are determined. This compendium is intended to provide the design engineer responsible for these initial phases with a physical understanding and background knowledge of the numerous special fields involved in the design process. Primary attention is directed to the pumping part of the turbopump and hence is concerned with essentially incompressible fluids. However, compressible flow principles are developed. As much as possible, the simplicity and reliability of incompressible flow considerations are retained by treating the mechanics of compressible fluids as a departure from the theory of incompressible fluids. Five areas are discussed: a survey of the field of turbomachinery in dimensionless form; the theoretical principles of the hydrodynamic design of turbomachinery; the hydrodynamic and gas dynamic design of axial flow turbomachinery; the hydrodynamic and gas dynamic design of radial and mixed flow turbomachinery; and some mechanical design considerations of turbomachinery. Theoretical considerations are presented with a relatively elementary mathematical treatment.

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**COMBINED AERODYNAMIC AND STRUCTURAL DYNAMIC PROBLEM EMULATING ROUTINES (CASPER): THEORY AND IMPLEMENTATION**

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The Combined Aerodynamic and Structural Dynamic Problem Emulating Routines (CASPER) is a collection of data-base modification computer routines that can be used to simulate Navier-Stokes flow through realistic, time-varying internal flow fields. The Navier-Stokes equation used involves calculations in all three dimensions and retains all viscous terms. The only term neglected in the current implementation is gravitation. The solution approach is of an interactive, time-marching nature. Calculations are based on Lagrangian aerodynamic elements (aeroelements). It is assumed that the relationships between a particular aeroelement and its five nearest neighbor aeroelements are sufficient to make a valid simulation of Navier-Stokes flow on a small scale and that the collection of all small-scale simulations makes a valid simulation of a large-scale flow. In keeping with these assumptions, it must be noted that CASPER produces an imitation or simulation of Navier-Stokes flow rather than a strict numerical solution of the Navier-Stokes equation. CASPER is written to operate under the Parallel, Asynchronous Executive (PAX), which is described in a separate report.

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SECONDARY STREAM AND EXCITATION EFFECTS ON TWO-DIMENSIONAL NOZZLE PLUME CHARACTERISTICS
In order to design two-dimensional nozzle/ejector systems for future high performance aircraft, the basic engine exhaust plume velocity and temperature decay as affected by the secondary stream (ejector) and decay augmentation means must be assessed. Included in the assessment of the plume decay characteristics are the effects of nozzle aspect ratio and nozzle/ejector flow conditions. Nozzle/ejector plume decay can be enhanced by suitable excitation of the plume shear layers. Correlation of these factors are developed in a manner similar to those previously developed for conic and dual-flow nozzle plumes. Author

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TWO-DIMENSIONAL NOZZLE PLUME CHARACTERISTICS
Future high performance aircraft will likely feature asymmetric or two-dimensional nozzles with or without ejectors. In order to design two-dimensional nozzle/ejector systems of minimum size and weight, the plume decay and spreading characteristics of basic two-dimensional nozzles must first be established. The present work deals with the experimental analyses of these plume characteristics and includes the effects of nozzle aspect ratio and flow conditions (jet Mach number and temperature) on the plume decay and spreading of two-dimensional nozzles. Correlations including these variables are developed in a manner similar to those previously developed successfully for conic and dual-flow plumes. Author

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NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF TRANSonic PROPELLER FLOW USING A 3-DIMENSIONAL SMALL DISTURBANCE CODE EMPLOYING NOVEL HELICAL COORDINATES
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The numerical simulation of three-dimensional transonic flow about propeller blades is discussed. The equations for the unsteady potential flow about propellers is given for an arbitrary coordinate system. From this the small disturbance form of the equation is derived for a new helical coordinate system. The new coordinate system is suited to propeller flow and allows cascade boundary conditions to be applied straightforward. A numerical scheme is employed which solves the steady flow as an asymptotic limit of unsteady flow. Solutions are presented for subsonic and transonic flow about a 5 percent thick bicircular arc blade of an eight bladed cascade. Both high and low advance ratio cases are given which include a lifting case as well as nonlifting cases. The nonlifting cases are compared to solutions from a Euler code. Author

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COMPOSITE GRID AND FINITE-VOLUME LU IMPLICIT SCHEME FOR TURBINE FLOW ANALYSIS
YUNG K. CHOO, SEOKKWAN YOON (Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.), and KESTUTIS C. CIVINSKAS (Army Aviation Research and Development Command, Cleveland, Ohio.) 1987 12 p Prepared for presentation at the 8th Computational Fluid Dynamics Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 8-10 Jun. 1987; sponsored by AIAA (NASA-TM-89828; E-3477; NAS 1.15:89828; USAAVSCOM-TR-87-C-5) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 01A
A composite grid was generated in an attempt to improve grid quality for a typical turbine blade with large camber in terms of mesh control, smoothness, and orthogonality. This composite grid consists of the C grid (or G grid) in the immediate vicinity of the blade and the H grid in the upstream region and in the middle of the blade passage between the C grids. It provides a good boundary layer resolution around the leading edge region for viscous calculation, has orthogonality at the blade surface and slope continuity at the C-H (O-H) interface, and has flexibility in controlling the mesh distribution in the upstream region without using excessive grid points. This composite grid eliminates the undesirable qualities of a single grid when generated for a typical turbine geometry. A finite-volume lower-upper (LU) implicit scheme can be used in solving for the turbine flows on the composite grid. This grid has a special grid node that is connected to more than four neighboring nodes in two dimensions and to more than six nodes in three dimensions. But the finite-volume approach poses no problem at the special point because each interior cell has only four neighboring cells in two dimensions and only six cells in three dimensions. The finite-volume LU implicit scheme was demonstrated to be robust and efficient for both external and internal flows in a broad flow regime. Author

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LEWIS INVERSE DESIGN CODE (LINDES); USERS MANUAL
JOSE M. SANZ Mar. 1987 67 p (NASA-TP-2676; E-3221; NAS 1.60:2676) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 01A
The method of complex characteristics and hodograph transformation for the design of shockless airfoils was introduced by Bauer, Garabedian, and Korn and has been extended by the author to design subcritical and supercritical cascades with high solidities and large inlet angles. This new capability was achieved by introducing a new conformal mapping of the hodograph domain onto an ellipse and expanding the solution in terms of Chebyshev polynomials. A new computer code, the NASA Lewis inverse design code, was developed based on this idea. This new design code is an efficient method for the design of airfoils in cascade. In particular, the design of subcritical cascades of airfoils is a very fast, robust, and versatile process. The inverse design code can be used to generate and interact with a turbulent boundary layer calculation to obtain airfoils with no separated flows at the design condition. This report is intended to serve as a user manual for this design code. Material previously reported by the author is included here for completeness and quick access to the user. The manual contains a description of the method followed by a discussion of the design procedure and examples. The input parameters necessary to run the code are then described and their default values given. Output listings corresponding to six different blade shapes designed with the code are given, as well as the necessary input data to reproduce the computer runs. The examples have been chosen to show that a wide range of applications can be covered with the code, ranging from supercritical propeller sections to wind tunnel turning vanes that can operate with a large inlet flow angle range. Author
A NAVIER-STOKES SOLVER USING THE LU-SSOR TVD ALGORITHM Final Contractor Report
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A new Navier-Stokes solver is developed by combining the efficiency of the LU-SSOR scheme and the accuracy of the flux-limited dissipation scheme. Application to laminar and turbulent flows and hypersonic flows proves the reliability of the new algorithm.

APPLICATION OF ADVANCED COMPUTATIONAL CODES IN THE DESIGN OF AN EXPERIMENT FOR A SUPersonic THROUGHFLOW FAN ROTOR
JERRY R. WOOD, JAMES F. SCHMIDT, RONALD J. STEINKE, RODRICK V. CHIMA, and WILLIAM G. KUNKI Jun. 1987 · 30 p
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Increased emphasis on sustained supersonic or hypersonic cruise has revived interest in the supersonic throughflow fan as a possible component in advanced propulsion systems. Use of a fan that can operate with a supersonic inlet axial Mach number is attractive from the standpoint of reducing the inlet losses incurred in diffusing the flow from a supersonic flight Mach number to a subsonic one at the fan face. The design of the experiment using advanced computational codes to calculate the components required is described. The rotor was designed using existing turbomachinery design and analysis codes modified to handle fully supersonic axial flow through the rotor. A two-dimensional axisymmetric throughflow design code plus a blade element code were used to generate fan rotor velocity diagrams and blade shapes. A quasi-three-dimensional, thin shear layer Navier-Stokes code was used to assess the performance of the fan rotor blade shapes. The final design was stacked and checked for three-dimensional effects using a three-dimensional Euler code interactively coupled with a two-dimensional boundary layer code. The nozzle design in the expansion region was analyzed with a three-dimensional parabolized viscous code which corroborated the results from the Euler code. A translating supersonic diffuser was designed using these same codes.

NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF UNSTEADY, VISCOS, TRANSONIC FLOW OVER ISOLATED AND CASCADED AIRFOILS USING A DEFORMING GRID
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A compressible, unsteady, full Navier-Stokes, finite difference code was developed for modeling transonic flow through two-dimensional, oscillating cascades. The procedure introduces a deforming grid technique to capture the motion of the airfoils. Results using a deforming grid are presented for both isolated and cascaded airfoils. The load histories and unsteady pressure distributions are predicted for the NASA 64A010 isolated airfoil and compared with existing experimental data. Results show that the deforming grid technique can be used to successfully predict the unsteady flow properties around an oscillating airfoil. The deforming grid technique was extended for modeling unsteady flow in a cascade. The use of a deforming grid simplifies the
specification of boundary conditions. Unsteady flow solutions similar to the isolated airfoil predictions are found for a NACA 0012 cascade with zero interblade phase angle and zero stagger. Experimental data for these cases are not available for code validation, but computational results are presented to show sample predictions from the code. Applications of the code to typical turbomachinery flow conditions will be presented in future work.

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WIND TUNNEL PERFORMANCE RESULTS OF AN AEREOELASTICALLY SCALED 2/9 MODEL OF THE PTA FLIGHT TEST PROP-FAN

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High speed wind tunnel aerodynamic performance tests of the SR-7A advanced prop-fan have been completed in support of the Prop-Fan Test Assessment (PTA) flight test program. The test showed that the SR-7A model performed aerodynamically very well. At the cruise design condition, the SR-7A prop fan had a high measured net efficiency of 79.3 percent. R.J.F.

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EFFECT OF VARIABLE INLET GUIDE VANES ON THE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF A TILT NACELLE INLET/POWERED FAN MODEL

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The effects of a variable inlet guide vane (VIGV) assembly on the operating characteristics of a V/STOL inlet and on the performance of a 20-in. (0.508-m) diameter fan engine were investigated. The data indicate that the VIGVs are effective thrust modulators over a wide range of free-stream velocities, nacelle angles of attack, and fan speeds. The thrust modulation ranges, including choking limits, fan stall limits, and inlet separation boundaries are presented. The presence of the VIGV assembly causes significant losses in inlet angle-of-attack capability and generally increases the blade stress levels at all limit conditions except at high angle of attack and high free-stream velocity. Reducing the fan nozzle exit area limited the positive VIGV actuation range and consequently decreased the range of thrust modulation at all limit conditions except at both high free-stream velocity and high angle of attack conditions. Author

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INITIAL TURBULENCE EFFECT ON JET EVOLUTION WITH AND WITHOUT TONAL EXCITATION


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The effect of initial turbulence level on the development of a jet and on the susceptibility of the jet to discrete tone excitation was experimentally investigated. Turbulence intensity was varied, over the range 0.15 to 5 percent, by using screens and grids placed upstream of an 8.6 cm diameter nozzle. Top-hat mean velocity profiles with approximately identical initial boundary layer states were ensured in all cases; the turbulence spectra were broadband. It was found, contrary to earlier reports, that the natural jet decay remained essentially unchanged for varying initial turbulence. For a fixed amplitude of the tonal excitation, increasing the initial turbulence damped out the growth of the instability wave; as a result, the excitability, assessed from the mean velocity decay on the axis, was found to diminish. However, the degree of damping in the amplification of the instability wave was only slight compared to the large increase in the initial turbulence. The jet with 5 percent turbulence could be measurably altered by excitation with a velocity perturbation amplitude as little as 0.25 percent of the jet velocity. The amplitude effect data indicate an upper bound of the extent to which a jet could be excited, and thus its plume shortened, by the plane wave, single frequency excitation. An additional data set with no grid or trip, yielding a nominally laminar boundary layer, re-emphasizes the profound effect of initial boundary layer state on jet evolution as well as on its excitability. This jet decayed the fastest naturally, and consequently, it was the least excitable in spite of its turbulence being the least. Author

N87-29412*# City Coll. of the City Univ. of New York. School of Engineering.

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE FLOW CHARACTERISTICS IN THE BLADE ENDWALL CORNER REGION Final Contractor Report


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Studies were undertaken to determine the structure of the flow in the blade end wall corner region simulated by attaching two uncambered airfoils on either side of a flat plate with a semicircular leading edge. Detailed measurements of the corner flow were obtained with conventional pressure probes, hot wire anemometry, and flow visualization. The mean velocity profiles and six components of the Reynolds stress tensor were obtained with an inclined single sensor hot wire probe whereas power spectra were obtained with a single sensor oriented normal to the flow. Three streamwise vortices were identified based on the surface streamlines, distortion of total pressure profiles, and variation of mean velocity components in the corner. A horseshoe vortex formed near the leading edge of the airfoil. Within a short distance downstream, a corner vortex was detected between the horseshoe vortex and the surfaces forming the corner. A third vortex was formed at the rear portion of the corner between the corner vortex and the surface of the flat plate. Turbulent shear stress and production of turbulence are negligibly small. A region of negative turbulent shear stress was also observed near the region of low turbulence intensity from the vicinity of the flat plate. Author

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PROPFAN TEST ASSESSMENT TESTBED AIRCRAFT FLUTTER MODEL TEST REPORT

C. M. JENNEX 20 Oct. 1987 102 p

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The PropFan Test Assessment (PTA) program includes flight tests of a propfan power plant mounted on the left wind of a modified Gulfstream II testbed aircraft. A static balance boom is mounted on the right wing tip for lateral balance. Flutter analyses indicate that these installations reduce the wing flutter stabilizing speed and that torsional stiffening and the installation of a flutter stabilizing tip boom are required on the left wing for adequate flutter safety margins. Wind tunnel tests of a 1/9th scale high speed flutter model of the testbed aircraft were conducted. The test program included the design, fabrication, and testing of the flutter model and the correlation of the flutter test data with analysis results. Excellent correlations with the test data were achieved in posttest flutter analysis using actual model properties. It was concluded that the flutter analysis method used was capable of accurate flutter predictions for both the (asymmetric) twin propfan configuration and the (symmetric) single propfan configuration. The flutter analysis also revealed that the differences between the tested model configurations and the current aircraft design caused the (scaled) model flutter speed to be significantly higher than that of the aircraft, at least for the single propfan configuration without a flutter boom. Verification of the aircraft final design should,
therefore, be based on flutter predictions made with the test validated analysis methods.

03 AIR TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

ENHANCED MIXING OF AN AXISYMMETRIC JET BY AERODYNAMIC EXCITATION Final Report M.S. Thesis
GANESH RAMAN Mar. 1986 177 p
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The main objective of acoustic excitation studies is to gain a high level of control over processes governing free shear flow characteristics. The basic premise is that inherent instability waves in free shear flows are excitable by external perturbations with frequencies close to the natural instability frequency of the flow. An 8.89 cm diameter axisymmetric jet was acoustically excited by four loudspeakers placed upstream of the nozzle exit. Measurements were made at Mach numbers of 0.435 and 0.2. A single hot-wire probe was used to obtain turbulence levels at the nozzle exit and along the centerline, and a microphone at the nozzle exit was used to study the resonance characteristics of the rig. A Pitot probe was stationed at X/D = 9 downstream along the nozzle axis to study the Strouhal number dependence and to look at threshold levels for excitation. The test results were compared and examined to determine the limits of the present technique. Excitation at the correct Strouhal number enhanced mixing significantly. The effects were more prominent in the Strouhal number range between 0.4 and 1.0. The effects of acoustic excitation also depend considerably on the sound pressure level at the nozzle exit and were more pronounced at higher sound levels. Other factors which influenced the excitability were valve noise, exit turbulence levels, extraneous noise, and a flanged nozzle. Analysis of the hot-wire signal, in conditions of optimum jet mixing, showed vortex pairing to occur between 2 and 3 diameters downstream.

IN-FLIGHT PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MEASUREMENT OF WING ICE ACCRETIONS

A photographic instrumentation system was developed for the Lewis icing research aircraft to measure wind ice accretions during flight. The system generates stereo photographs of the accretions which are then photogrammetrically measured by the Air Force Arnold Engineering and Development Center. The measurements yield a survey of spatial coordinates of an accretion's surface to an accuracy of at least ± 0.08 cm. The accretions can then be matched to corresponding icing cloud and aerodynamic measurements. The system is being used to measure rime, mixed, and clear natural ice accretions.

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IN-FLIGHT MEASUREMENT OF ICE GROWTH ON AN AIRFOIL USING AN ARRAY OF ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCERS

Aircraft exposed to an atmospheric icing environment can accumulate ice, resulting in a sharp increase in drag, a reduction in lift, control surface fouling, and engine damage all of which result in a hazardous flight situation. NASA Lewis Research Center (LeRC) has conducted a program to examine, with the aid of high-speed computer codes, how the trajectories of particles contribute to the ice accumulation on airfoils and engine inlets. For this effort, a computer code was developed to calculate icing particle trajectories and impingement limits for axisymmetric inlets. The original research-oriented NASA code was upgraded and modified to meet the requirements of the design engineer. The improved code is capable of performing trajectory calculations for any atmospheric conditions and droplet sizes. It can handle single droplets or a distribution of various droplet sizes. The four programs that comprise the code are described and the results of a test case using flight conditions for a Fokker F100 icing tunnel test are presented.

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with the leading edge of the airfoil are presented. The accuracy of the thickness measurements is found to be within 0.5 mm of mean flight condition and compare photograph measurements of the ice accretion. The ultrasonic measurements demonstrate that the ice growth rate typically varies during the flight, with variations in the ice growth rate for dry ice growth being primarily due to fluctuations in the cloud liquid water content. Discrepancies between experimental results and results predicted by an analytic icing code underline the need for a better understanding of the physics of wet ice growth.


A87-48761* Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Middleburg Heights, Ohio. EVALUATION OF ICLING DRAG COEFFICIENT CORRELATIONS APPLIED TO ICED PROPELLER PERFORMANCE PREDICTION. THOMAS L. MILLER (Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Middleburg Heights, OH), R. J. SHAW (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and K. D. KORKAN (Texas A & M University, College Station) SAE, General Aviation Aircraft Meeting and Exposition, Wichita, KS, Apr. 28-30, 1987. 13 p. refs (SAE PAPER 871033)

This study was designed to find improved materials and techniques for molding and casting natural or simulated ice shapes that could replace the wax and plaster method. By utilizing modern molding and casting materials and techniques, a new methodology was developed that provides excellent reproduction, low-temperature capability, and reasonable turnaround time. The resulting casts are accurate and tough. Author

N87-29470*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. NEW METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR MOLDING AND CASTING ICE FORMATIONS. ANDREW L. REEHHORST and G. PAUL RICHTER Sep. 1987 16 p (NASA-TM-100126; E-3673; NAS 1.15:100126) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 01C

This paper analyzes a NASA Convair 990 accident with emphasis on rejected-takeoff accident with emphasis on rejected-takeoff (RTO) decision making, training, procedures, and accident statistics. The NASA Accident Investigation Board was somewhat perplexed that an aircraft could be destroyed as a result of blown tires during the takeoff roll. To provide a better understanding of tire failure RTO's, The Board obtained accident reports, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) studies, and other pertinent information related to the elements of this accident. This material enhanced the analysis process and convinced the Accident Board that high-speed RTO's in transport aircraft should be given more emphasis during pilot training. Pilots should be made aware of various RTO situations and statistics with emphasis on failed-tire RTO's. This background information could enhance the split-second decision-making process that is required prior to initiating an RTO. Author

N87-29471*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. ANALYSIS OF CONVAIR 990 REJECTED-TAKEOFF ACCIDENT WITH EMPHASIS ON DECISION MAKING, TRAINING AND PROCEDURES. BYRON E. BATTHAUER 1987 23 p Presented at the 40th International Air Safety Seminar, Tokyo, Japan, 26-29 Oct. 1987; sponsored by the Flight Safety Foundation, Inc. (NASA-TM-100189; E-3771; NAS 1.15:100189) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 01C
A HEATER MADE FROM GRAPHITE COMPOSITE MATERIAL FOR POTENTIAL DEICING APPLICATION


This paper presents a method to develop a heat transfer model for a composite material heater for deicing applications. A one-dimensional heat transfer model is developed and verified using experimental data. The model is then used to design a composite material heater for deicing applications. The results show that the composite material heater can provide efficient deicing performance.

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AIRCRAFT DESIGN, TESTING AND PERFORMANCE

The effectiveness of such an integrated control system was composed, based on past experience and an extensive survey of the U.S. Army Air-to-Air Combat Test data. A number of possible features of an integrated system were examined and screened. Those that survived the screening were combined into a design that replaced the T700 fuel control and part of the control system in the UH-60A Gen Hel simulation. This design included portions of an existing pragmatic adaptive fuel control designed by the Chandler-Evans Company and an linear quadratic regulator (LQR) based N(p) governor designed by the GE company, combined with changes in the basic Sikorsky Aircraft designed control system. The integrated system exhibited improved total performance in many areas of the flight envelope.

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Recent studies of advanced propfan propulsion systems have shown significant reductions in fuel consumption of 15-30 percent for transport class aircraft. This paper presents the results of a study which examined applying propfan propulsion to General Aviation class aircraft to determine if similar improvements could be achieved for business aircraft. In addition to the potential performance gains, this paper also addresses the cost aspects of propfan propulsion on General Aviation aircraft emphasizing the significant impact that the cost of capital and tax aspects have on determining the total cost of operation for business aircraft.

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE SMALL ENGINE COMPONENT TECHNOLOGY (SECT) STUDIES

A87-17993*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

The objectives of the joint NASA/Army SECT studies were to identify high payoff technologies for year 2000 small gas turbine engine applications and to provide a technology plan for guiding future research and technology efforts applicable to rotorcraft, commuter and general aviation aircraft and cruise missiles. Competitive contracts were awarded to Allison, AVCO Lycoming, Garrett, Teledyne CAE and Williams International. This paper presents an overview of the contractors' study efforts for the commuter, rotorcraft, cruise missile, and auxiliary power (APU) applications with engines in the 250 to 1,000 horsepower size range. Reference aircraft, missions and engines were selected. Advanced engine configurations and cycles were evaluated and compared with a reference engine selected by the contractor. For typical commuter and rotorcraft applications, fuel savings of 22 percent to 42 percent can be attained. For $1/gallon and $2/gallon fuel, reductions in direct operating cost range from 6 percent to 16 percent and from 11 percent to 17 percent respectively. For subsonic cruise missile applications, fuel savings of 38 percent to 54 percent can be achieved which allows 35 percent to 60 percent increase in mission range and life cycle cost reductions of 40 percent to 56 percent. High payoff technologies have been identified for all applications.

Author


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A comparative study was conducted to investigate the performance and cost benefits of future engine concepts for subsonic strategic cruise missile propulsion. Technology advancements were projected for component efficiencies, materials and bearing lubrication. Engine configurations studied were an advanced simple cycle (conventional) turbosfan and a recuperated turbosfan. Results showed the two engines require virtually the same size missile to a perform the designated mission. However, there was lower life cycle cost for the advanced simple cycle turbosfan engine.

Author

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Variation in soot loading along the centerline of a generic gas turbine combustor has been experimentally investigated. The 12.7-cm dia burner consisted of six sheet-metal louvers. Soot loading along the burner length was quantified by acquiring measurements first at the exit of the full-length combustor and then at upstream stations by sequential removal of liner louvers to shorten the burner length. Alteration of the flow field approaching removed louvers, maintaining a constant liner pressure drop. Burner exhaust flow was sampled at the burner centerline to determine soot mass concentration and smoke number. Characteristic particle size and number density, transmissivity of the exhaust flow, and local radiation from luminous soot particles in the exhaust flow were determined by optical techniques. Four test fuels were burned at three fuel-air ratios to determine fuel chemical property and flow temperature influences. Data were acquired at two combustor pressures. Particulate concentration data indicated a strong oxidation mechanism in the combustor secondary zone, though the oxidation was significantly affected by flow temperature. Soot production was directly related to fuel smoke point. Less soot production and lower secondary-zone oxidation rates were observed at reduced combustor pressure.

Author

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Techniques for applying the NASPROP-E computer code (Bober et al., 1983) to characterize the acoustic field of a transonic propfan are described and demonstrated for the case of the SR-3 propfan. It is pointed out that NASPROP E accounts for the nonlinear quadrupole, monopole, and dipole noise sources. The approach used, based on that of White (1984) and Korkan et al. (1985 and 1986), is described in detail, and the results of simulations employing different (reflective and nonreflective) inflow-outflow boundary conditions and azimuthal mesh spacings are presented in graphs and briefly discussed.

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A87-25394*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

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The mid-span section of a previously reported controlled-diffusion combustor stator has been experimentally evaluated in cascade. Measurements are taken over a range of incidence angles for blade chord Reynolds numbers from 470,000 to 680,000. Blade chord length is 12.7 cm, aspect ratio is 2.0, and solidity is 1.67. Measurements include conventional cascade performance parameters as well as blade surface pressures. Computations are made for the inviscid flow field, surface boundary layers, and loss for several of the blade inlet angle conditions, are compared against corresponding data.

Author
A87-25396* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THE EFFECT OF CIRCUMFERENCEAL AERODYNAMIC DETUNING ON COUPLED BENDING-TORSION UNSTALLED SUPERSONIC FLUTTER D. HOYNIAK (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) and S. FLEETER (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN) ASME, Transactions, Journal of Turbomachinery (ISSN 0889-504X), vol. 108, Oct. 1986, p. 253-260. Previously announced in STAR as N86-21513. refs (ASME PAPER 86-GT-100) A mathematical model developed to predict the enhanced coupled bending-torsion un stalled supersonic flutter stability due to alternate circumferential spacing aerodynamic detuning of a turbomachine rotor. The translational and torsional unsteady aerodynamic coefficients are developed in terms of influence coefficients, with the coupled bending-torsion stability analysis developed by considering the coupled equations of this aerodynamic detuning on coupled bending-torsion un stalled supersonic flutter as well as the verification of the modeling are then demonstrated by considering an unstable 12 bladed rotor, with Verdon's uniformly spaced Cascade B flow geometry as a baseline. However, with the elastic axis and center of gravity at 60 percent of the chord, this type of aerodynamic detuning has a minimal effect on stability. For both uniform and nonuniform circumferentially space rotors, a single degree of freedom torsion mode analysis was shown to be appropriate for values of the bending-torsion natural frequency ratio lower than 0.6 and higher 1.2. When the elastic axis and center of gravity are not coincident, the effect of detuning on cascade stability was found to be very sensitive to the location of the center of gravity with respect to the elastic axis. In addition, it was determined that when the center of gravity was forward of an elastic axis located at midchord, a single degree of freedom torsion model did not accurately predict cascade stability. Author

A87-27989* # Texas A&M Univ., College Station. OFF-DESIGN ANALYSIS OF COUNTER-ROTATING PROPELLER CONFIGURATIONS K. D. KORKAN and J. A. GAZZANIGA (Texas A & M University, College Station) Journal of Propulsion and Power (ISSN 0748-4658), vol. 3, Jan.-Feb. 1987, p. 91-93. (Contract NAG3-354) An analysis is conducted to determine whether the counterrotating propeller configuration maintains, and perhaps improves, its excellent off-design performance in the off-design range for the constant-speed or variable-pitch case. While the twist distribution is maintained, the blade angle is changed to absorb shaft horsepower as a constant rpm setting is maintained under varying freestream velocities. A relatively flat propeller efficiency curve is obtained for advance ratios of 1.5-5.0. O.C. Author

A87-31277* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PREDICTION OF THE STRUCTURE OF FUEL SPRAYS IN CYLINDRICAL COMBUSTION CHAMBERS JIAN-SHUN SHUEN (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Sverdru Technology, Inc., Cleveland, OH) Journal of Propulsion and Power (ISSN 0748-4658), vol. 2, Mar.-Apr. 1987, p. 105-113. Previously cited in issue 11, p. 1482, Accession no. A86-26636. refs (Contract NAS3-24105) A research program was conducted to improve the performance of low pressure ratio, high thrust, rocket engine systems. The results show that short, efficient ejectors operating at nearly ideal performance are possible through the use of forced mixer lobes. Forced mixer lobes generate large scale axial vorticity which results in rapid mixing and improved diffuser performance. Ejector testing was conducted using both an ejector wind tunnel and a high pressure, rocket engine test facility. Results of mixer lobe design guidelines are as follows: 1. Improved performance of mixer-ejectors is presented over a range of operating conditions. 2. Results of mixer lobe angle, penetration, and alignment are presented. O.C.
The potential for very low emissions with premixed fuel was conducted with Jet A and a fuel with reduced hydrogen content. Engine pressures. The high pressure sector combustor tests were sector combustor test rig capable of operation at the maximum to provide very low pollutant emissions levels, superior performance and high durability relative to contemporary combustor designs. Of the design and testing of advanced combustor concepts utilizing lean, premixed, prevaporized fuel and variable geometry. The injection device was installed in an engine and successfully tested. Although concern for unprotected subcomponents in the engine hot section prevented demonstration of the technique's maximum potential, it was still possible to demonstrate increases in power while maintaining nearly constant turbine rotor blade temperature.

A PANEL METHOD FOR COUNTER ROTATING PROPfans


A CONTINGENCY POWER FOR SMALL TURBOSHAFT ENGINES USING WATER INJECTION INTO TURBINE COOLING AIR


Because of one engine inoperative requirements, together with hot-gas reingestion and hot day, high altitude takeoff situations, power augmentation for multengine rotorcraft has always been of critical interest. However, power augmentation using water at the turbine inlet will shorten turbine life unless a method of limiting thermal and mechanical stresses is found. A possible solution involves allowing the turbine inlet temperature to rise to augment power while injecting water into the turbine cooling air to limit hot-section metal temperatures. An experimental water injection device was installed in an engine and successfully tested.

AERODYNAMIC CONTROL OF STABILITY AND FORCED RESPONSE OF SUPERSONIC ROTORS BY AERODYNAMIC DETUNING


Aerodynamic detuning, defined as designed passage-to-passage differences in the unsteady aerodynamic flow field of a rotor blade row, is a new approach to passive flutter and forced response control. In this paper, a mathematical model for aerodynamic detuning is developed and utilized to demonstrate the aerelastic stability enhancement due to aerodynamic detuning of supersonic blade rows. In particular, a model is developed to analyze both the torsion mode and the coupled bending-torsion mode uninstalled supersonic flutter and torsion mode aerodynamically forced response characteristics of an aerodynamically detuned rotor operating in a supersonic inlet flow field with a subsonic leading edge latus. As small solidity variations do not have a dominant effect on the steady-state performance of a rotor, the aerodynamic detuning mechanism considered is nonuniform circumferential spacing of adjacent blades.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PAYOFFS FOR FUTURE SMALL PROPULSION SYSTEMS

SUPERSONIC THROUGH-FLOW FAN DESIGN

The NASA Lewis Research Center has embarked on a program to experimentally prove the concept of a supersonic through-flow fan which is to maintain supersonic velocities throughout the compression system with only weak shock-wave flow losses. The detailed design of a supersonic through-flow fan and estimated off-design performance with the use of advanced computational codes are described. A multistage compressor facility is being modified for the newly designed supersonic through-flow fan and the major aspects of this modification are briefly described. Author

ADVANCED LIQUID-COOLED, TURBOCHARGED AND INTERCOOLED STRATIFIED CHARGE ROTARY ENGINES FOR AIRCRAFT

Developments concerning stratified-charge rotary (SCR) engines over the past 10 years are reviewed. Aircraft engines being developed using SCR technology are shown and described, and the ability of such technology to meet general aviation engine needs is considered. Production timing and availability of SCR technology for the development of aviation rotary engines are discussed, and continuing efforts toward improving this technology, including NASA efforts, are described. C.D.

FULL-SCALE ENGINE DEMONSTRATION OF AN ADVANCED SENSOR FAILURE DETECTION, ISOLATION, AND ACCOMMODATION ALGORITHM - PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The objective of the advanced detection, isolation, and accommodation (ADIA) program is to improve the overall demonstrated reliability of digital electronic control systems for turbine engines. For this purpose, algorithms were developed which detect, isolate, and accommodate sensor failures using analytical redundancy. Preliminary results of a full scale engine demonstration of the ADIA algorithm are presented. Minimum detectable levels of sensor failures for an F100 turbofan engine control system are
determined and compared to those obtained during a previous evaluation of this algorithm using a real-time hybrid computer simulation of the engine.

Author

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STATIC TESTS OF THE PROPULSION SYSTEM

Advanced, highly-loaded, high-speed propellers, called propfans, are promising to revolutionize the transport aircraft industry by offering a 15- to 30-percent fuel savings over the most advanced turboprops without sacrificing passenger comfort or violating community noise standards. NASA Lewis Research Center and industry have been working jointly to develop the needed propfan technology. The NASA-funded Profan Test Assessment (PTA) Program represents a key element of this joint program. In PTA, Lockheed-Georgia, working in concert with Hamilton Standard, Rohr Industries, Gulfstream Aerospace, and Allison, is developing a propfan propulsion system which will be mounted on the left wing of a modified Gulfstream G1 aircraft and flight tested to verify the in-flight characteristics of a 9-foot diameter, single-rotation propfan. The propfan, called SR-7L, was designed and fabricated by Hamilton Standard under a separate NASA contract. Prior to flight testing, the PTA propulsion system was static tested at the Rohr Brown Field facility. In this test, propulsion system operational capability was verified and data was obtained on propfan structural response, system acoustic characteristics, and system performance. This paper reports on the results of the static tests. 

Author

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A VARIABLE GEOMETRY COMBUSTOR FOR BROADENED PROPERTIES FUELS

A program was conducted to design and develop a variable geometry combustor, sized for the cycle and envelope of a large commercial turbofan engine. The combustor uses a variable area swirl cup to control stoichiometry in the primary combustion zone. Potential advantages of this design include improved capability to burn non-standard fuels, short system length, and increased operating temperature range for advanced high performance engine cycles. After considerable development, key program emissions and performance goals were met with the variable geometry combustor. Primary development efforts were to evolve improved variable swirl cup configurations. In particular, air leakage through the variable area swirl cup had a strong effect on low power emissions and performance, while smoke level at high power was affected by features for improved mixing of the fuel and swirler air flow. Additional design and development is still needed to evolve a practical variable geometry combustor.

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COMPOUND CYCLE ENGINE PROGRAM

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RESPONSE OF A SMALL-TURBOSHAFT-ENGINE COMPRESSION SYSTEM TO INLET TEMPERATURE DISTORTION

An experimental investigation was conducted into the response of a small-turboshaft-engine compression system to steady-state and transient inlet temperature distortions. Transient temperature ramps range from less than 100 K/sec to above 610 K/sec and generated instantaneous temperatures to 420 K above ambient. Steady-state temperature distortion levels were limited by the engine hardware temperature limit. Simple analysis of the steady-state distortion data indicated that a particle separator at the engine inlet permitted higher levels of temperature distortion before onset of compressor surge than would be expected without the separator.

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PTA TEST BED AIRCRAFT ENGINE INLET MODEL TEST REPORT, REVISED
J. P. HANCOCK May 1985 81 p (Contract NAS3-24339) (NASA-OR-174845; NAS 1.26:174845; LG85ER0012-REV) Avail: NTIS HC A05/UF A01 CSCL 21E

The inlet duct test for the Propfan Testbed Assessment (PTA) program was completed in November 1984. The basic test duct was designed using the Lockheed QUADPAN computational code. Test objectives were to experimentally evaluate, modify as required, and eventually verify satisfactory performance as well as duct/engine compatibility. Measured total pressure recovery for the basic duct was 0.993 with no swirl and 0.989 for inflow with a 30 degree simulated swirl angle. This compared to a predicted recovery of 0.979 with no swirl. Measured circumferential distortion with swirl, based on a least-square curve fit of the data, was 0.204 compared to a maximum allowable value of 0.550. Other measured distortions were as well or better relative to their respective maximum allowable values. The basic duct configuration with no refinements is recommended for the PTA inlet as a minimum cost installation.

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TURBINE ENGINE BLADES. The standard procedure for blade design
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sulfur-containing fuel impurities have directed attention to alkali
sulfate deposition and the associated hot corrosion of gas turbine
(GT) blades under some GT operating conditions. These salt
deposits form thin, molten films which undermine the protective
metal oxide coating normally found on GT blades. The prediction
of molten salt deposition, flow and oxide dissolution, and their
effects on the lifetime of turbine blades are examined. Goals include
rationalizing and helping to predict corrosion patterns on operational
GT rotor blades and stators, and ultimately providing some of the
tools required to design laboratory simulators and future
-corrosion-resistant high-performance engines. Necessary
background developments are reviewed first, and then recent
results and tentative conclusions are presented along with a brief
account of the present research plans.

MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF THERMAL BARRIER COATINGS
FOR GAS TURBINE BLADES
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Lewis Research Center Turbine Engine Hot Section Technology,
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Plasma-sprayed thermal barrier coatings (TBCs) will enable
turbine components to operate at higher temperatures and lower
cooling gas flow rates; thereby improving their efficiency. Future
developments are limited by precise knowledge of the material
properties and failure mechanisms of the coating system. Details
of this nature are needed for realistic modeling of the coating system
which will, in turn, promote advancements in coating
technology. Complementary experiments and analytical modeling
which were undertaken in order to define and measure the
important failure processes for plasma-sprayed coatings are
presented. The experimental portion includes two different tests
which were developed to measure coating properties. These are
termed tensile adhesion and acoustic emission tests. The analytical
modeling section details a finite element method which was used
to calculate the stress distribution in the coating system. Some
preliminary results are presented.

AEROTHERMAL MODELING PROGRAM, PHASE 2
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The accuracy and utility of current aerothermodynamic models for gas
turbine combustors must be improved. Three areas of concern
are identified: improved numerical methods for turbulent viscous
recirculating flows; flow interaction; and fuel injector-air swirl
caracterization. Progress in each area is summarized. B.G.

STAEBL: STRUCTURAL TAILORING OF ENGINE BLADES,
PHASE 2
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Lewis Research Center Recent Experiences in Multidisciplinary Analysis and Optimization, Part 1
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The STAEBL (Structural Tailoring of Engine Blades) program was
initiated at NASA Lewis Research Center in 1980 to introduce
optimal structural tailoring into the design process for aircraft gas
turbine engine blades. The standard procedure for blade design
is highly iterative with the engineer directly providing most of the
decisions that control the design process. The goal of the STAEBL
program has been to develop an automated approach to generate
structures that are optimal in the presence of a set of design
constraints. The approach consists of two phases. Phase 1 of the
program was a three-phase effort with the developmental work being performed
contractually by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Phase 1 was intended
as a proof of concept in which two fan blades were structurally
tailored to meet a full set of structural design constraints while
minimizing DOC + I (direct operating cost plus interest) for a
representative aircraft. This phase was successfully completed and
was reported in reference 1 and 2. Phase 2 has recently been
completed and is the basis for this discussion. During this phase,
three tasks were accomplished: (1) a nonproprietary structural
tailoring computer code was developed; (2) a dedicated
approximate finite-element analysis was developed; and (3) an
approximate large-deflection analysis was developed to assess
local foreign object damage. Phase 3 is just beginning and is
designed to incorporate aerodynamic analyses directly into the
structural tailoring system in order to relax current geometric
constraints.

ON OPTIMAL DESIGN FOR THE BLADE-ROOT/HUB
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Final design details of a helicopter transmission that is powered by GE twin T 700 engines each rated at 1800 hp are presented. It is demonstrated that in comparison with conventional helicopter transmission arrangements the split torque design offers: weight reduction of 15%; reduction in drive train losses of 9%; and improved reliability resulting from redundant drive paths between the two engines and the main shaft. The transmission fits within the NASA LeRC 3000 hp Test Stand and accepts the existing positions for engine inputs, main shaft, connecting drive shafts, and the cradle attachment points. One necessary change to the test stand involved gear trains of different ratio in the tail drive gearbox. Progressive uprating of engine input power from 3600 to 4500 hp twin engine rating is allowed for in the design. In this way the test transmission will provide a base for several years of analytical, research, and component development effort targeted at improving the performance and reliability of helicopter transmission.

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and a concept for a spiral collector to further smooth the pressure and temperature pulses was presented as an optional component. The best performance was obtained with a single firing of the ducts so that the flow could be re-established before the next detonation was initiated. At the optimum conditions of maximum frequency of the detonation ducts, the gas turbine efficiency was found to be 45 percent while that of a corresponding pressure ratio 5 conventional gas turbine was only 26%. Comparable improvements in specific fuel consumption data were found for gas turbines operating as jet engines, turbofans, and shaft output machines. Direct use of the detonation duct output for jet propulsion proved unsatisfactory. Careful analysis of the models of the fluid flow phenomena led to the conclusion that even more elaborate calculations would not diminish the uncertainties in the analysis of the system. Feasibility of the concept to work as an engine now requires validation in an engineering laboratory experiment.

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EFFECTS OF DROPLET INTERACTIONS ON DROPLET TRANSPORT AT INTERMEDIATE REYNOLDS NUMBERS Final Contractor Report
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Effects of droplet interactions on drag, evaporation, and combustion of a planar droplet array, oriented perpendicular to the approaching flow, are studied numerically. The three-dimensional Navier-Stokes equations, with variable thermophysical properties, are solved using finite-difference techniques. Parameters investigated include the droplet spacing, droplet Reynolds number, approaching stream oxygen concentration, and fuel type. Results are obtained for the Reynolds number range of 5 to 100, droplet spacing from 2 to 24 diameters, oxygen concentrations of 0.1 and 0.2, and methanol and n-butanol fuels. The calculations show that the gasification rates of interacting droplets decrease as the droplet spacings decrease. The reduction in gasification rates is significant only at small spacings and low Reynolds numbers. For the present array orientation, the effects of interactions on the gasification rates diminish rapidly for Reynolds numbers greater than 10 and spacings greater than 6 droplet diameters. The effects of adjacent droplets on drag are shown to be small.

N87-16826*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

PARTICLE-LADEN SWIRLING FREE JETS: MEASUREMENTS AND PREDICTIONS

A theoretical and experimental investigation of single-phase and particle-laden weakly swirling jets was conducted. The jets were injected vertically downward from a 19 mm diameter tube with swirl numbers ranging from 0 to 0.33. The particle-laden jets had a single loading ratio (0.2) with particles having a SMD of 39 microns. Mean and fluctuating properties of both phases were measured using nonintrusive laser based methods while particle mass flux was measured using an isokinetic sampling probe. The continuum phase was analyzed using both a gasoline kappa-epsilon turbulence model and an extended version with modifications based on the flux Richardson number to account for effects of streamline curvature. To highlight effects of interphase transport rates and particle/turbulence interactions, effects of the particles were analyzed as follows: (1) locally homogeneous flow (LHF) analysis, where interphase transport rates are assumed to be infinitely fast; (2) deterministic separated flow (DSF) analysis, where finite interphase transport rates are considered but particle/turbulence interactions are ignored; and (3) stochastic separated flow (SSF) analysis, where both effects are considered using random-walk computations.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE VAPORIZATION BEHAVIOR OF TURBULENT POLYDISPERSE SPRAYS BY EQUIVALENT MONODISPERSE SPRAYS

The concept of using an equivalent monodisperse spray to represent the vaporization behavior of polydisperse sprays has been examined by numerically solving two turbulent vaporizing sprays. One involves the injection of Freon-11 in a still environment,
whereas the other is a methanol spray in a still but hot environment. The use of three different mean sizes, namely, Sauter mean diameter, volume median diameter, and surface-area mean diameter, has been investigated. Results indicate a good degree of correlation between the polydisperse spray and its equivalent monodisperse sprays represented by the volume median diameter and the Sauter mean diameter, the former giving slightly better results. The surface-area mean diameter does not provide as good a correlation as the other two mean diameters. Author

R87-16830*# Garrett Turbine Engine Co., Phoenix, Ariz. TRANSITION MIXING STUDY Final Report, Jul. 1984 - Sep. 1986 R. REYNOLDS and C. WHITE Oct. 1986 185 p (Contract NAS5-24340) (NASA-CR-175062; NAS 1.26:175062; GARRETT-21-5723) Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01 CSCL 21E A computer model capable of analyzing the flow field in the transition liner of small gas turbine engines is developed. A FORTRAN code has been assembled from existing codes and physical submodels and used to predict the flow in several test geometries which contain characteristics similar to transition liners, and for which experimental data was available. Comparisons between the predictions and measurements indicate that the code produces qualitative results but that the turbulence models, both K-E and algebraic Reynolds Stress, underestimate the cross-stream diffusion. The code has also been used to perform a numerical experiment to determine the effect of a variety of geometrical parameters on the mixing process in transition liners. Comparisons illustrate that geometries with significant curvature show a drift of the jet trajectory toward the convex wall and weaker wake region vortices and decreased penetration for jets located on the convex wall of the liner, when compared to jets located on concave walls. Also shown were the approximate equivalencies of angled slots and round holes and a technique by which jet mixing correlations developed for rectangular channels can be used for can geometries. Author

R87-17599*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. DESIGN OF 9.271-PRESSURE-RATIO 5-STAGE CORE COMPRESSOR AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE FOR FIRST 3 STAGES RONALD J. STEINKE May 1986 35 p (NASA-TP-2597; E-2589; NAS 1.60:2597) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 21E Overall aerodynamic design information is given for all five stages of an axial flow core compressor (74A) having a 9.271 pressure ratio and 29.710 kg/sec flow. For the inlet stage group (first three stages), detailed blade element design information and experimental overall performance are given. At rotor 1 inlet tip speed was 430.291 m/sec, and hub to tip radius ratio was 0.488. A lower number of blades per row was achieved by the use of low-aspect-ratio blading of moderate solidity. The high reaction stages have about equal energy addition. Radial energy varied to give constant total pressure at the rotor exit. The blade element profile and shock losses and the incidence and deviation angles were based on relevant experimental data. Blade shapes are mostly double circular arc. Analysis by a three-dimensional Euler code verified that the measured high flow at design speed and IGV-stator setting angles. An optimization code gave an optimal IGV-stator reset schedule for higher measured efficiency at all speeds. Author

R87-17700*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SPECTRUM-MODULATING FIBER-OPTIC SENSORS FOR AIRCRAFT CONTROL SYSTEMS GLENN BEHEIM and KLAUS FRITSCH (John Carroll Univ., Cleveland, Ohio) 1987 9 p Presented at the 1st International Military and Government Fiber-Optic and Communications Exposition, Washington, D.C., 18-19 Mar. 1987; sponsored by the Fiber-Optic Communications Association (NASA-TM-88968; E-3436; NAS 1.15:88968) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 01D A family of fiber-optic sensors for aircraft engine control systems is described. Each of these sensors uses a spectrum-modulation method to obtain an output which is largely independent of the fiber link transmissivity. A position encoder is described which uses a code plate to digitally modulate the sensor output spectrum. Also described are pressure and temperature sensors, each of which uses a Fabry-Perot cavity to modulate the sensor output spectrum as a continuous function of the measurand. A technique is described whereby a collection of these sensors may be effectively combined to perform a number of the measurements which are required by an aircraft-engine control system. Author

R87-17701*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF A TRANSLATING NOZZLE SIDEWALL RADIAL TURBINE RICHARD J. ROELKE and CASIMIR ROGO (Teledyne CAE, Toledo, Ohio) 1987 22 p Proposed for presentation at the 69th Symposium of the AGARD Propulsion and Energetics Panel on Technology for Advanced Aero Engine Components, Paris, France, 4-8 May 1987 (NASA-TM-88963; E-3419; NAS 1.15:88963) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 21E Studies have shown that reduced specific fuel consumption of rotorcraft engines can be achieved with a variable capacity engine. A key component in such an engine is a high-work, high-temperature variable geometry gas generator turbine. An optimization study indicated that a radial turbine with a translating nozzle sidewall could produce high efficiency over a wide range of engine flows but substantiating data were not available. An experimental program with Teledyne CAE, Toledo, Ohio was undertaken to evaluate the moving sidewall concept. A variety of translating nozzle sidewall turbine configurations were evaluated. The effects of nozzle leakage and coolant flows were also investigated. Testing was done in warm air (121 C). The results of the contractual program were summarized. Author

R87-20267*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. CHINESE AERONAUTICAL ESTABLISHMENT (CAE) SYMPOSIUM 1986 230 p Symposium held in Cleveland, Ohio, 23-27 Sep. 1985 (NASA-CP-2433; E-3033; NAS 1.55:2433) Avail: NTIS HC A01/MF A01 CSCL 21E Several topics relative to combustion research are discussed. A numerical study of combustion processes in afterburners; the modeling of turbulent, reactive flow; gas turbine research; modeling of dilution jet flow fields; and chemical shock tubes as tools for studying high-temperature chemical kinetics are among the topics covered.
transport are presented. One employs the second-moment closure which solves the transport equations for the scalar fluxes, while the other solves the algebraic equations for the scalar fluxes. In addition, two cases of non-premixed and one case of premixed combustion are considered. Finite-rate chemistry models are applied to non-premixed combustion. Both show promise for application in gas turbine combustors. However, finite rate chemistry models need to be examined to establish a suitable coupling of the heat release effects on turbulence field and rate constants.

Author

**SHOCK STRUCTURE MEASURED IN A TRANS sonic FAN USING LASER ANEMOMETRY**


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Shock structure measurements acquired in a low aspect ratio transonic fan rotor are presented and analyzed. The rotor aspect ratio is 1.56 and the design tip relative Mach number is 1.38. The rotor flowfield was surveyed at near maximum efficiency and near stall operating conditions. Intra-blade velocity measurements acquired with a laser fringe anemometer on blade-to-blade planes in the supersonic region from 10 to 60% span are presented. The three-dimensional shock surface determined from the velocity measurements is used to determine the shock surface normal Mach number in order to properly calculate the ideal shock jump conditions. The ideal jump conditions are calculated based upon the Mach numbers measured on a surface of revolution and based upon the normal Mach number to indicate the importance of accounting for shock three dimensionality in turbomachinery design. Comparison of the shock locations with those predicted by a 3-D Euler code showed very good agreement and indicated the usefulness of integrating computational and experimental work to enhance the understanding of the flow physics occurring in transonic turbomachinery passages.

Author

**DYNAMIC RESPONSE AND STABILITY OF A COMPOSITE PROP-FAN MODEL Final Report**

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Results are presented for blade response and stability during wind-tunnel tests of a 62.2 cm diameter model of a prop-fan, advanced turboprop, with swept graphite/epoxy composite blades. Measurements of dynamic response were made with the rotor
mounted on an isolated nacelle, with varying lift for nonuniform inflow, at flow speeds from 0.36 to 0.9 Mach number. The blade displayed no instabilities over the operating range tested, up to 0.9 Mach number and 10,000 RPM. Measurements are compared with those for other prop-fan models of both solid metal and graphite composite construction. The swept composite blade had less response than an unswept composite blade. Composite blades had more response than metal blades. Measurements are compared with theoretically based predictions. The 1-P blade response was significantly overpredicted using unimproved methods and somewhat overpredicted using improved methods. Unexpectedly high 2-P strain levels were measured and suggest the presence of nonlinear effects on blade response. Author

N87-22680*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. ANALYSIS OF AN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SUBSONIC TURBOFAN INCORPORATING REVOLUTIONARY MATERIALS GERALD KNIP, JR. May 1987 25 p (NASA-TM-89868; E-3542; NAS 1.15:89868) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 21E Successful implementation of revolutionary composite materials in an advanced turbofan offers the possibility of further improvements in engine performance and thrust-to-weight ratio relative to current metallic materials. The present analysis determines the approximate engine cycle and configuration for an early 21st century subsonic turbofan incorporating all composite materials. The advanced engine is evaluated relative to a current technology baseline engine in terms of its potential fuel savings for an intercontinental quadjet having a design range of 5500 nmi and a payload of 500 passengers. The resultant near optimum, uncooled, two-spool, advanced engine has an overall pressure ratio of 87, a bypass ratio of 18, a geared fan, and a turbine rotor inlet temperature of 3085 R. Improvements result in a 33-percent fuel saving for the specified mission. Various advanced composite materials are used throughout the engine. For example, advanced polymer composite materials are used for the fan and the low pressure compressor (LPC).

N87-22681*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SUPERSONIC THROUGH-FLOW FAN DESIGN JAMES F. SCHMIDT, ROYCE D. MOORE, JERRY R. WOOD, and RONALD J. STEINKE 1987 21 p Prepared for presentation at the 23rd Joint Propulsion Conference, San Diego, Calif., 29 Jun. - 2 Jul. 1987, sponsored in part by AIAA, SAE, ASME and ASEE (NASA-TM-86908; E-3492; NAS 1.15:86908; AIAA-87-1746) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 21E The NASA Lewis Research Center has embarked on a program to experimentally prove the concept of a supersonic through-flow fan which is to maintain supersonic velocities throughout the compression system with only weak shock-wave flow losses. The detailed design of a supersonic through-flow fan and estimated off-design performance with the use of advanced computational codes are described. A multistage compressor facility is being modified for the newly designed supersonic through-flow fan and the major aspects of this modification are briefly described.

N87-23624*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. LINER COOLING RESEARCH AT NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER WALDO A. ACOSTA (Army Aviation Research and Development Command, Cleveland, Ohio.) and ROYCE D. MOORE 1987 18 p Presented at the 23rd Joint Propulsion Conference, San Diego, Calif., 29 Jun. - 2 Jul. 1987; sponsored by AIAA, SAE, ASME and ASEE (NASA-TM-100107; E-3647; NAS 1.15:100107; AVSCOM-TR-87-C-8) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 21E Centrifugal compressors often cannot be directly scaled to very small flow sizes because of structural and manufacturing limitations. The inability to directly scale all design parameters leads to a performance loss other than that which can be associated with the lower Reynolds number. A 10-lb/sec centrifugal compressor was scaled down to 2-lb/sec where adjustments to blade and shroud thickness and fillet radii were required. The modified 2-lb/sec compressor was then directly scaled back up to 10 lb/sec so that the effect of the modifications could be determined. The performance of the two 10-lb/sec compressors is compared over a range of speed and mass flow. The effect of variations in Reynolds number, impeller tip clearance, and shroud thickness on compressor performance is also presented. Author

N87-23622*# Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Group, East Hartford, Conn. Engineering Div. LIFE PREDICTION AND CONSTITUTIVE MODELS FOR ENGINE HOT SECTION ANISOTROPIC MATERIALS Annual Status Report G. A. SWANSON, I. LINASK, D. M. NISSLEY, P. P. NORRIS, T. G. MEYER, and K. P. WALKER Apr. 1987 166 p (Contract NAS3-23939) (NASA-CR-179594; NAS 1.26:179594; PWA-5968-47; ASR-2; AD-A173875) Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01 CSCL 21E The results are presented of a program designed to develop life prediction and constitutive models for two coated single crystal alloys used in gas turbine airfoils. The two alloys are PWA 1480 and Alloy 185. The two oxidation resistant coatings are PWA 273, an aluminate coating, and PWA 286, an overlay NiCoCrAlY coating. To obtain constitutive and fatigue data, tests were conducted on uncoated and coated specimens loaded in the <100>, <110>, <111> and <123> crystallographic directions. Two constitutive models are being developed and evaluated for the single crystal materials: a micromechanic model based on crystallographic slip systems, and a macroscopic model which employs anisotropic tensors to model inelastic deformation anisotropy. Based on tests conducted on the overlay coating material, constitutive models for coatings also appear feasible and two initial models were selected. A life prediction approach proposed for coated single crystal materials, including crack initiation either in the coating or in the substrate. The coating initiated failures dominated in the tests at load levels typical of gas turbine operation. Coating life was related to coating stress/strain history which was determined from specimen data using the constitutive models.

N87-23623*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PERFORMANCE OF TWO 10-LB/SEC CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSORS WITH DIFFERENT BLADE AND SHROUD THICKNESSES OPERATING OVER A RANGE OF REYNOLDS NUMBERS GARY J. SKOCH (Army Aviation Research and Development Command, Cleveland, Ohio.) and ROYCE D. MOORE 1987 25 p Presented at the 23rd Joint Propulsion Conference, San Diego, Calif., 29 Jun. - 2 Jul. 1987; sponsored by AIAA, SAE, ASME and ASEE (NASA-TM-100115; E-3660; NAS 1.15:100115; AVSCOM-TR-87-C-21; AIAA-87-1745) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 21E Centrifugal compressors often cannot be directly scaled to very small flow sizes because of structural and manufacturing limitations. The inability to directly scale all design parameters leads to a performance loss other than that which can be associated with the lower Reynolds number. A 10-lb/sec centrifugal compressor was scaled down to 2-lb/sec where adjustments to blade and shroud thickness and fillet radii were required. The modified 2-lb/sec compressor was then directly scaled back up to 10 lb/sec so that the effect of the modifications could be determined. The performance of the two 10-lb/sec compressors is compared over a range of speed and mass flow. The effect of variations in Reynolds number, impeller tip clearance, and shroud thickness on compressor performance is also presented. Author
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METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL AERODYNAMIC FIELD OF A ROTOR-STATOR COMBINATION TO COMPRESSIBLE FLOW

Using the lifting surface theory and the acceleration potential method for the flow field of an axial turbocompressor stage, a recursive and a direct method are presented that make use of the eigenfunction solutions of the isolated rotor and stator to solve for the rotor-stator interaction problem. The net pressure distribution on the rotor and stator blades is represented by modified Birnbaum series, whose coefficients are determined using a matrix procedure and satisfying the boundary conditions on the surface of the blades. The relation between the matrix operators of the recursive and the direct methods is also shown. Expressions have been given for the blade circulation, the axial and tangential forces on the blade, the rotor power required, and the induced upwash velocity of the stage.

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THE SUPERSONIC THROUGH-FLOW TURBOFAN FOR HIGH MACH PROPULSION

A study was done to evaluate the potential improvements in aircraft turbine engine performance by incorporating unique supersonic through-flow fans. Engine performance, weight, and mission studies were carried out for conventional turbofan engines using supersonic through-flow fans. A Mach 3 commercial transport mission was considered. The advantages of the supersonic engine were evaluated in terms of mission range comparisons between the supersonic fan engines and conventional engines. The installed specific fuel consumption of the supersonic fan engines was 12 percent better than the conventional engines and the installed weight was projected to be 25 percent lighter. For a takeoff gross weight of 550,000 lbs, the aircraft powered by supersonic fan engines had a range capability of 6600 nm compared to 5500 nm (a 25% improvement) for conventional engines.

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CALCULATIONS OF INLET DISTORTION INDUCED COMPRESSOR FLOWFIELD INSTABILITY

Calculations are presented predicting the onset of flow instability for a multistage low speed axial compressor operating in circumferentially distorted inlet flow. The most important feature of the model used is that it attempts to properly account for the fluid dynamic interaction between the spoiled and unspoiled sectors of the compressor. The calculations show that there is an approximate stability criterion, the annulus averaged slope of the compressor pressure rise characteristic equal to zero, that is valid whenever the dynamics of the compressor distorted flowfield can be considered independent of the compressor environment. This approximate criterion is used to investigate the relationship between the present model and the parallel compressor model. Further calculations are performed to investigate cases of interest when the dynamics of the flowfield are coupled to the environment. Resonant cases and cases when the distortion is unsteady are studied. In particular, it is shown that rotating distortions which propagate in the rotor direction can have a greater effect on stability margin than stationary or counter-rotational ones. Finally, it is shown that the general predictions of the model are insensitive to the details of the unsteady blade row dynamics.

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HOT GAS INGESTION: FROM MODEL RESULTS TO FULL SCALE ENGINE TESTING

An overview is presented of a joint NASA Lewis McDonnell Aircraft Co. Hot Gas Ingestion (HGI) test program in NASA Lewis' 9 x 15 foot Low Speed Wind Tunnel (LSWT). Advanced short takeoff vertical landing (ASTOVL) aircraft capable of operating from remote sites, damaged runways, aircraft carriers and small air-capable ships are being pursued for deployment around the turn of the century. To achieve this goal, it is important that turbine engine performance, weight, and mission studies are carried out for conventional turbofan engines. In particular, it is shown that aircraft propulsion by incorporating unique supersonic through-flow fans. Engine performance, weight, and mission studies were carried out for conventional turbofan engines using supersonic through-flow fans. A Mach 3 commercial transport mission was considered. The advantages of the supersonic engine were evaluated in terms of mission range comparisons between the supersonic fan engines and conventional engines. The installed specific fuel consumption of the supersonic fan engines was 12 percent better than the conventional engines and the installed weight was projected to be 25 percent lighter. For a takeoff gross weight of 550,000 lbs, the aircraft powered by supersonic fan engines had a range capability of 6600 nm compared to 5500 nm (a 25% improvement) for conventional engines.

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SUPERSONIC INTAKES

Comparisons of the experimental and analytical total pressure contours at the exit of the intake exhibit good agreement. In the case of superersonic inlets, computations of the inlet flow field reveal that large secondary flow regions may be generated just inside of the intake. These strong flows may lead to separated flow regions and cause pronounced distortions upstream of the compressor.

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS OF ENGINE RESPONSE TO DISTORTED INLET CONDITIONS

A survey is presented of experimental and analytical experience of the NASA Lewis Research Center in engine response to net temperature and pressure distortions. Results of experimental investigations and analytical modeling are reviewed together with a description of the hardware and the techniques employed. Distortion devices successfully simulated inlet distortion, and knowledge was gained on compression system response to distortion for the blade circulation, the axial and tangential forces on the blade, the rotor power required, and the induced upwash velocity of the stage.

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VISCOUS ANALYSES FOR FLOW THROUGH SUBSONIC AND SUPERSONIC INTAKES

A parabolized Navier-Stokes code was used to analyze engines. Author

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different types of distortion. A list of NASA research references is included.

The Compound Cycle Engine (CCE) is a highly turbocharged, power compounded, ultra-high power density, light-weight diesel engine. The turbomachinery is similar to a moderate pressure ratio, free power turbine engine and the diesel core is high speed and a low compression ratio. This engine is considered a potential candidate for future military light helicopter applications. This executive summary presents cycle thermodynamic (STC) and engine weight analyses performed to establish general engine operating parameters and configuration. An extensive performance and weight basis of a typical two hour helicopter (+30 minute reserve) mission determined final conceptual engine design. With this mission, CCE performance was compared to that of a T-800 class gas turbine engine. The CCE had a 31% lower-fuel consumption and resulted in a 16% reduction in engine plus fuel and fuel tank weight. Design SFC of the CCE is 0.33 lb-HP-HR and installed wet weight is 0.43 Ibs/HP. The major technology advancements in the technology of ultra-high-frequency operational amplifiers, the FM oscillator requires only a single low-cost integrated circuit. Its carrier frequency is 42.6 MHz when it is used with an integrated probe and connecting cable assembly consisting of a 0.81 cm diameter engine-mounted capacitance probe and a 61 cm long hermetically sealed coaxial cable. A complete circuit analysis is given, including amplifier negative resistance characteristics. An error analysis of environmentally induced effects is also derived, and an error-correcting technique is proposed. The oscillator can be calibrated in the static mode and has a negative peak frequency deviation of 400 kHz for a rotor blade thickness of 1.2 mm. High-temperature performance tests of the probe and 13 cm of the adjacent cable show good accuracy up to 600°C, the maximum permissible seal temperature. The major source of error is the residual FM oscillator noise, which produces a clearance error of + or - 10 microns at a clearance of 0.5 mm. The oscillator electronics accommodate the high rotor speeds associated with small engines, the signals from which may have frequency components as high as 1 MHz.

The objective was to better understand the vibratory response of bladed disk assemblies that occur in jet engines or turbopumps. Two basic problems were investigated: how friction affects flutter; and how friction, mistuning, and stage aerodynamics affect resonance. Understanding these phenomena allows a better understanding of why some stages have high vibratory stresses, how best to manage those stresses, and what to do about reducing them if they are too large.

The capabilities of two stators, one with controlled-diffusion (CD) blade sections and one with double-circular-arc (DCA) blade sections, were compared. A CD stator was designed and tested that had the same chord length but half the blades of the DCA stator. The same fan rotor (tip speed, 429 m/sec; pressure ratio, 1.65) was used with each stator row. The design and analysis system is briefly described. The overall stage and rotor performances with each stator are compared, as are selected blade element data. The minimum overall efficiency decrement across the stator was approximately 1 percentage point greater with the CD blade sections than with the DCA blade sections.
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the Army/NASA Contract NAS3-23174. This contract successfully proved the viability and benefits of a Stage 1 ceramic shroud for production application. Stage 1 ceramic shrouds were proven by extensive component and engine testing. This Stage 1 ceramic shroud, plasma sprayed ceramic (ZrO2-BY203) and bond coating (NiCrAlY) onto a cast metal backing, offers significant engine performance improvement. Due to the ceramic coating, the amount of cooling air required is reduced 20% resulting in a 0.5% increase in horsepower and a 0.3% decrease in specific fuel consumption. This is accomplished with a component which is lower in cost than the current production shroud. Stage 1 ceramic shrouds will be introduced into field service in late 1987. Author

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TOWARD IMPROVED DURABILITY IN ADVANCED COMBUSTORS AND TURBINES: PROGRESS IN THE PREDICTION OF THERMOMECHANICAL LOADS

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NASA is sponsoring the Turbine Engine Hot Section Technology (HOST) Project to address the need for improved durability in advanced combustors and turbines. Analytical and experimental activities aimed at more accurate prediction of the aerothermal environment, the thermomechanical loads, the material behavior and structural responses to such loading, and life predictions for high temperature cyclic operation have been underway for several years and are showing promising results. Progress is reported in the development of advanced instrumentation and in the improvement of combustor aerothermal and turbine heat transfer models that will lead to more accurate prediction of thermomechanical loads.

Author


ADVANCED PROPFAN ENGINE TECHNOLOGY (APET) SINGLE- AND COUNTER-ROTATION GEARBOX/PICTHC CHANGE MECHANISMS Final Report

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The preliminary design of advanced technology (1992) prop-fan engines for single-rotation prop-fans, the conceptual design of the central propulsion system, and an aircraft evaluation of the resultant designs are discussed. Four engine configurations were examined. A two-spool engine with all axial compressors and a three-spool engine with axial/centrifugal compressors were selected. Integrated propulsion systems were designed in conjunction with airframe manufacturers. The design efforts resulted in 12,000 shaft horsepower engines installed in over the installations with in-line and offset gearboxes. The prop-fan powered aircraft used 21 percent less fuel and cost 10 percent less to operate than a similar aircraft powered by turbofan engines with comparable technology.

Author

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ADVANCED PROPFAN ENGINE TECHNOLOGY (APET) AND SINGLE-ROTATION GEARBOX/PICTHC CHANGE MECHANISMS

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In 1990's time period, the equivalent technology level high bypass ratio turbofan powered aircraft (at the 150 passenger size) is compared with advanced turboprop propulsion systems. Fuel burn analysis, economic analysis, and pollution (noise, emissions) estimates were made. Three different cruise Mach numbers were investigated for both the turbofan and the turboprop systems. Aerodynamic design and performance estimates were made for nacelles, inlets, and exhaust systems. Air to oil heat exchangers were investigated for oil cooling advanced gearboxes at the 12,500 SHP level. The results and conclusions are positive in that high speed turboprop aircraft will exhibit superior fuel burn characteristics and lower operating costs when compared with equivalent technology turbofan aircraft.

Author
ACOUSTICALLY TREATED EJECTOR SHROUD EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR SUPersonic TRANSPORT APPLICATION is described. Coannular, 20-chute, and ejector shroud exhaust systems were evaluated. Program results were used in a mission analysis study to determine aircraft takeoff gross weight to perform a nominal design mission, under Federal Aviation Regulation (1969), Part 36, Stage 3 noise constraints. Mission trade study results confirmed that the ejector shroud was the best of the three exhaust systems studied with a significant takeoff gross weight advantage over the 20-chute suppressor nozzle which was the second best. Author


The preliminary design of advanced technology (1992) turboprop engines for single-rotation prop-fans and conceptual designs of pitch change mechanisms for single- and counter-rotation prop-fan applications are discussed. The single-rotation gearbox is a split-path, in-line configuration. The counter-rotation gearbox is an in-line, differential planetary design. The pitch change mechanisms for both the single- and counter-rotation arrangements are rotary/hydraulic. The advanced technology single-rotation gearbox yields a 2.4 percent improvement in aircraft fuel burn and a one percent improvement in operating cost relative to a current technology gearbox. The 1992 counter-rotation gearbox is 15 percent lighter, 15 percent more reliable, 5 percent lower in cost, and 45 percent lower in maintenance cost than the 1992 single-rotation gearbox. The pitch controls are modular, accessible, and external. Author

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An uncertainty analysis was conducted to determine the bias and precision errors and total uncertainty of measured turbojet engine performance parameters. The engine tests were conducted as part of the Uniform Engine Test Program which was sponsored by the Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development (AGARD). With the same engines, support hardware, and instrumentation, performance parameters were measured twice, once during tests conducted in test cell number 3 and again during tests conducted in test cell number 4 of the NASA Lewis Propulsion Systems Laboratory. The analysis covers 15 engine parameters, including engine inlet airflow, engine net thrust, and engine specific fuel consumption measured at high rotor speed of 8875 rpm. Measurements were taken at three flight conditions defined by the following engine inlet pressure, engine inlet total temperature, and engine ram ratio: (1) 82.7 kPa, 288 K, 1.0, (2) 82.7 kPa, 288 K, 1.3, and (3) 20.7 kPa, 288 K, 1.3. In terms of bias, precision, and uncertainty magnitudes, there were no differences between most measurements made in test cells number 3 and 4. The magnitude of the errors increased for both test cells as engine pressure level decreased. Also, the level of the bias error was two to three times larger than that of the precision error. Author


Advanced Supersonic Transport jet noise may be reduced to 0.7 AIRCRAFT PROPULSION AND POWER
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TURBOFAN AFT DUCT SUPPRESSOR STUDY. CONTRACTOR'S DATA REPORT OF MODE PROBE SIGNAL DATA Final Report
(Contract NAS3-22766)
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Acoustic modal distributions were measured in a fan test model having an annular exhaust duct for comparison with theoretically predicted acoustic suppression values. This report contains the amplitude and phase data of the acoustic signals sensed by the transducers of the two mode probes employed in the measurement. Each mode probe consisted of an array of 12 transducers sensing the acoustic field at three axial positions and four radial positions. M.G.

TURBOFAN AFT DUCT SUPPRESSOR STUDY
(Contract NAS3-22766)
(NASA-CR-175067; NAS 1.26:175067; R83AE566) Avail: NTIS HC A10/MF A01 CSCL 21E
Suppressions due to acoustic treatment in the annular exhaust duct of a model fan were theoretically predicted and compared with measured suppressions. The predictions are based on the modal analysis of sound propagation in a straight annular flow duct with segmented treatment. Modal distributions of the fan noise source (fan-stator interaction only) were measured using in-duct modal probes. The flow profiles were also measured in the vicinity of the modal probes. The acoustic impedance of the single degree of freedom treatment was measured in the presence of grazing flow. The measured values of mode distribution of the fan noise source, the flow velocity profile and the acoustic impedance of the treatment in the duct were used as input to the prediction program. The predicted suppressions, under the assumption of uniform flow in the duct, compared well with the suppressions measured in the duct for all test conditions. The interaction modes generated by the rotor-stator interaction spanned a cut-off ratio range from nearly 1 to 7. Author

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Includes aircraft handling qualities; piloting; flight controls; and autopilots.

N87-11797*# Kohlman Systems Research, Inc., Lawrence, Kans.
FLIGHT TEST REPORT OF THE NASA ICING RESEARCH AIRPLANE: PERFORMANCE, STABILITY, AND CONTROL AFTER FLIGHT THROUGH NATURAL ICING CONDITIONS Final Report
(Contract NAS3-24547)
(NASA-CR-179515; NAS 1.26:179515; KSR-86-01) Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01 CSCL 01C
Flight test reports are presented documenting the effect of airframe icing on performance and stability and control of a NASA DHC-6 icing research aircraft. Kohlman System Research, Inc., provided the data acquisition system and data analysis under contract to NASA. Performance modeling methods and MMLE techniques were used to determine the effects of natural ice on the aircraft. Results showed that ice had a significant effect on the drag coefficient of the aircraft and a modest effect on the MMLE derived longitudinal stability coefficients (code version MMLE). Data is also presented on asymmetric power sign slip maneuvers showing rudder floating characteristics with and without ice on the vertical stabilizer. Author

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ADVANCED DETECTION, ISOLATION AND ACCOMMODATION OF SENSOR FAILURES: REAL-TIME EVALUATION
WALTER C. MERRILL, JOHN C. DELAAT, and WILLIAM M. BRUTON Jul. 1987 30 p
(NASA-TP-2740; E-3479; NAS 1.60:2740) Avail: US Patent and Trademark Office CSCL 01C
The objective of the Advanced Detection, Isolation, and Accommodation (ADIA) Program is to improve the overall demonstrated reliability of digital electronic control systems for turbine engines by using analytical redundancy to detect sensor failures. The results of a real time hybrid computer evaluation of the ADIA algorithm are presented. Minimum detectable levels of sensor failures for an F100 engine control system are determined. Also included are details about the microprocessor implementation of the algorithm as well as a description of the algorithm itself. Author

09 RESEARCH AND SUPPORT FACILITIES (AIR)

Includes airports, hangars and runways; aircraft repair and overhaul facilities; wind tunnels; shock tubes; and aircraft engine test stands.

A87-45203*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
FULL-SCALE THRUST REVERSER TESTING IN AN ALTITUDE FACILITY
(AIAA PAPER 87-1788)
A two-dimensional convergent-divergent exhaust nozzle designed and fabricated by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft was installed on a PW1128 turbofan engine and tested during thrust reverser operation in an altitude facility at NASA Lewis Research Center. A unique collection system was used to capture the thrust reverser exhaust gas and transport it to the primary exhaust collector. Tests were conducted at three flight conditions with varying amounts of thrust reverse at each condition. Some reverser exhaust gas spillage by the collection system was encountered but engine performance was unaffected at all flight conditions tested. Based on the results of this test program, the feasibility of altitude testing of advanced multifunction exhaust nozzle systems has been demonstrated. Author

A87-50190*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
REACTIVATION STUDY FOR NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER'S HYPERSONIC TUNNEL FACILITY
(AIAA PAPER 87-1886)
The Hypersonic Tunnel Facility (HTF) at NASA Lewis Research Center's Plum Brook Station is a blowdown, free-jet, nonvitiated propulsion facility capable of Mach 5, 6, and 7 with true temperature, altitude, and air composition simulation. The facility has been in a
deactivated status for 13 years. Discussed are the capabilities of HTF, and the results of a deactivation study recently conducted to determine the cost, schedule, and technical effort required to restore HTF to its original design operating capabilities are summarized.

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THE NASA STRAIN GAGE LABORATORY


The goal of the NASA-sponsored high-temperature high-strain gage program (which combines in-house, contract, and grant work) is to develop a gage that will measure static strains up to 2000 microstrain to within 10 percent, and at temperatures up to 1250 K (typical for combustors and turbine blades and vanes of gas turbine engines) maintained over 50-h period. The basic equipment of the NASA in-house lab is described (with special attention given to the strain-gage testing system), and some examples of recent test results are discussed. Data are presented on following tests performed on four gages: apparent strain vs temperature at different cooling rates, gage factor at various strain and temperature levels, and drift and creep tests at 133 C.

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A DISTRIBUTED DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM FOR AERONAUTICS TEST FACILITIES


The NASA Lewis Research Center is in the process of installing a new data acquisition and display system. This new system will provide small and medium sized aeronautics test facilities with a state-of-the-art real-time data acquisition and display system. The new data system will provide for the acquisition of signals from a variety of instrumentation sources. They include analog measurements of temperatures, pressures, and other steady state voltage inputs; frequency inputs to measure speed and flow; discrete I/O for significant events, and modular instrument systems such as multiplexed pressure modules or electronic instrumentation with a IEEE 488 interface. The data system is designed to acquire data, convert it to engineering units, compute test dependent data, and display the information in alphanumeric or graphical form with a cycle time of one second for the alphanumeric data. This paper describes the system configuration, its salient features, and the expected impact on testing.

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EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF WALL MACH NUMBER DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE OCTAGONAL TEST SECTION PROPOSED FOR NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER'S ALTITUDE WIND TUNNEL


Wall Mach number distributions were determined over a range of test-section free-stream Mach numbers from 0.2 to 0.92. The test section was slotted and had a nominal porosity of 11 percent. Reentry flaps located at the test-section exit were varied from 0 (fully closed) to 9 (fully open) degrees. Flow was bled through the test-section slots by means of a plenum evacuation system (PES) and varied from 0 to 3 percent of tunnel flow. Variations in reentry flap angle or PES flow rate had little or no effect on the Mach number distributions in the first 70 percent of the test section. However, in the aft region of the test section, flap angle and PES flow rate had a major impact on the Mach number distributions. Optimum PES flow rates for each flap setting were determined by the author with the flaps fully closed and less than 1 percent when the flaps were fully open. The standard deviation of the test-section wall Mach numbers at the optimum PES flow rates was 0.003 or less.

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EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF TWO TURNING VANE DESIGNS FOR FAN DRIVE CORNER OF A 0.1-SCALE MODEL OF NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER'S PROPOSED ALTITUDE WIND TUNNEL


Two turning vane designs were experimentally evaluated for corner 2 of a 0.1 scale model of the NASA Lewis Research Center's proposed Altitude Wind Tunnel (AWT). Corner 2 contained a simulated shaft fairing for a fan drive system to be located downstream of the corner. The corner was tested with a bellmouth inlet followed by a 0.1 scale model of the crossflow diffuser designed to connect corners 1 and 2 of the AWT. Vane A was a controlled-diffusion airfoil shape; vane B was a circular-arc airfoil shape. The A vanes were tested in several arrangements which included the resetting of the vane angle by -5 degrees or the removal of the outer vane. The lowest total pressure loss for vane A configuration was obtained at the negative reset angle. The loss coefficient increased slightly with the Mach number, ranging from 0.165 to 0.175 with a loss coefficient of 0.170 at the inlet design Mach number of 0.24. Removal of the outer vane did not alter the loss. Vane B loss coefficients were essentially the same as those for the reset vane A configurations. The crossflow diffuser loss coefficient was 0.018 at the inlet design Mach number of 0.33.

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Detailed flow surveys downstream of the corner turning vanes and downstream of the fan inlet guide vanes have been obtained in a 0.1-scale model of the NASA Lewis Research Center's proposed Altitude Wind Tunnel. Two turning vane designs were evaluated in both corners 1 and 2 (the corners between the test section and the drive fan). Vane A was a controlled-diffusion airfoil and vane B was a circular-arc airfoil. At given flows the turning vane wakes were surveyed to determine the vane pressure losses. For both corners the vane A turning vane configuration gave lower losses than the vane B configuration in the regions where the flow regime should be representative of two-dimensional flow. For both vane sets the vane loss coefficient increased rapidly near the walls.

An experimental investigation was conducted in the slotted test section of the 0.1-scale model of the proposed Altitude Wind Tunnel to evaluate wall interference effects at tunnel Mach numbers from 0.70 to 0.95 on bodies of revolution with blockage rates of 0.43, 3, 6, and 12 percent. The amount of flow that had to be removed from the plenum chamber (which surrounded the slotted test section) by the plenum evacuation system (PES) to eliminate wall interference effects was determined. The effectiveness of tunnel reentry flaps in removing flow from the plenum chamber was examined. The 0.43-percent blockage model was the only one free of wall interference effects with no PES flow. Surface pressures on the forward part of the other models were greater than interference-free results and were not influenced by PES flow. Interference-free results were achieved on the aft part of the 3- and 6-percent blockage models with the proper amount of PES flow. The required PES flow was substantially reduced by opening the reentry flaps.

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The Hypersonic Tunnel Facility (HTF) at NASA Lewis Research Center's Plum Brook Station is a blowdown, free-jet, nonvitiated propulsion facility capable of Mach 5, 6, and 7 with true temperature, altitude, and air composition simulation. The facility has been in a deactivated status for 13 years. Discussed are the capabilities of HTF, and the results of a deactivation study recently conducted to determine the cost, schedule, and technical effort required to restore HTF to its original design operating capabilities are summarized.
A mixed integer programming formulation of a satellite system synthesis problem is presented. Four solution strategies, branch-and-bound, Bender's decomposition, linear programming with restricted basis entry, and a switching heuristic, are used to find solutions to example synthesis problems. Computational results indicate the switching algorithm yields solutions of good quality in reasonable execution times when compared to the other solution methods. It is demonstrated that the switching algorithm can be applied to synthesis problems with the objective of minimizing the largest deviation between the satellites' prescribed and desired locations. Two mixed integer programming models for the satellite synthesis problem are presented. Four solution strategies, branch-and-bound, Bender's decomposition, linear programming with restricted basis entry, and a switching heuristic, are used to find solutions to example synthesis problems. Author

13 ASTRODYNAMICS

Includes powered and free-flight trajectories; and orbital and launching dynamics.


The need for spacecraft bus technology advances in order to develop the spacecraft for the 21st century is discussed. Consideration is given to the power and electric propulsion systems for mass-limited satellites such as LEO and GEO. The goal of spacecraft bus technology programs is to design a cost-effective spacecraft which operates well in the satellite environment. The possibility of collaboration between government and industry is examined.


In this paper, concepts for space maintainability of Orbital Transfer Vehicles engines are examined. An engine design is developed which is driven by space maintenance requirements and by a Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA). Modularity within the engine is shown to offer cost benefits and improved space maintenance capabilities. Space-operable disconnects are conceptualized for both engine change-out and for module replacement. Through FME mitigation the modules are conceptualized to contain the most often replaced engine components. A preliminary space maintenance plan is developed around a Controls and Condition Monitoring system using advanced sensors, controls, and conditioning monitoring concepts.


A mixed integer programming formulation of a satellite system synthesis problem is presented, which is referred to as the arc allotment problem (AAP). Each satellite administration is to be allotted a weighted-length segment of the geostationary orbital

R87-17752*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. LONG RANGE INHABITED SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM POWER SOURCE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF MARS (MANNED MARS MISSION) LISA KOHOUT, MARK BANYAI, and ROBERT AMICK IN NASA. Marshall Space Flight Center Manned Mars Missions. Working Group Papers, Volume 1, Section 1-4 p 397-405 May 1986 Avail: NTIS HC A22/MF A01 CSCL 22A

A hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell system is identified as a viable power source for a long-range inhabited surface transportation system for the exploration of Mars. Power system weights and power requirements are determined as a function of vehicle weight. For vehicles weighing from 2700 to 7300 kg in LEO, the total power system weight ranges from 1140 to 1860 kg, with the reactants and energy conversion hardware (fuel cells, reactant storage, and radiator) weighing 430 to 555 kg and 610 to 1110 kg, respectively. Vehicle power requirements range from 45 kW for a 2700 kg vehicle to 110 kW for a 7300 kg vehicle. Power system specific weights and power profiles for housekeeping and the operation of scientific equipment such as coring drills and power tools are also specified.

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The following satellite synthesis problem is addressed: communication satellites are to be allotted positions on the geostationary arc so that interference does not exceed a given acceptable level by enforcing conservative pairwise satellite separation. A desired location is specified for each satellite, and the objective is to minimize the sum of the deviations between the satellites' prescribed and desired locations. Two mixed integer programming models for the satellite synthesis problem are presented. Four solution strategies, branch-and-bound, Bender's decomposition, linear programming with restricted basis entry, and a switching heuristic, are used to find solutions to example synthesis problems. Computational results indicate the switching algorithm yields solutions of good quality in reasonable execution times when compared to the other solution methods. It is demonstrated that the switching algorithm can be applied to synthesis problems with the objective of minimizing the largest deviation between a prescribed location and the corresponding desired location. Furthermore, it is shown that the switching heuristic can use no conservative, location-dependent satellite separations in order to satisfy interference criteria.
arc within which its satellites may be positioned at any longitudes. The objective function maximizes the length of the unweighted arc segment allotted to every administration, subject to single-entry co-channel interference restrictions and constraints imposed by the visible arc for each administration. Useful relationships between special cases of AAP and another satellite synthesis problem are established. Solutions to two example problems are presented.

**14 GROUND SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES (SPACE)**

Includes launch complexes, research and production facilities; ground support equipment, e.g., mobile transporters; and simulators.


A multiple component load cell for measuring load is described, and its capability and reliability are evaluated by utilizing it to measure the reaction forces between the Centaur and Centaur Support Structure. The system employs 11 six-component balances in a single test rig to react a combination of loads. The vehicle and balance loads, procedures for fabricating each balance, and the assembly of the balances are discussed. The calibration and testing of the balances are examined. It is noted that the multiple component load cell system is a cost-effective method for obtaining an accurate measurement of friction effects and primary loads.

**15 LAUNCH VEHICLES AND SPACE VEHICLES**

Includes boosters; operating problems of launch/space vehicle systems; and reusable vehicles.


The Space Shuttle/Centaur Composite Adapters Damage Tolerance/Repair Test program had as its goals the determination of probable and potentially critical defects or damages on the adapters' strength and stability, as well as the adequacy of repairs on significantly damaged areas and the generation of NDT data for the upgrading of acceptance criteria. Such rational accept/reject criteria and repair methods reduce both engineering liason costs and any unnecessary parts-scraping. Successful "damage tolerant" design ensures that degradations of strength and stability due to undetected defects or damage will not be catastrophic. O.C.


The powered-phase autopilot for the Centaur upper stage rocket uses an autopilot forward loop gain scheduler that decreases the proportional gain as propellant mass is depleted. Nonlinear time response simulation studies revealed that Centaur vehicles with low-gain autopilots would have large altitude error limit cycles. These limit cycles were due to the assumed presence of Coulomb friction in the engine gimbals. This situation could be corrected through the use of an harmonic dither, programmed into the on-board digital computer and added to the engine command signal. This would introduce impending motion to the engines, allowing control of the engines even under small commands. Control authority was found to be restored when dither was used. A concern arose that the Centaur could be unacceptably excited at resonances near the dither frequency, if the dither amplitude was to be chosen on the basis of friction level present, a test was conducted to measure this level. Dither characteristics were to be based on the test results. The test results showed that the gimbal friction characteristic was actually hysteretic rather than the assumed Coulomb friction. The simulation results showed that, using this new model of gimbal friction, dither would no longer be necessary.

**N87-15996**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. **CENTAUR D1-A SYSTEMS IN A NUTSHELL** ANDREW L. GORDAN Jan. 1987 29 p (NASA-TM-88880; E-3287; NAS 1.15:88880) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 22D

This report identifies the unique aspects of the Centaur D1-A systems and subsystems. Centaur performance is described in terms of optimality (propellant usage), flexibility, and airborne
N87-22755*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. EFFECTS OF GIMBAL FRICTION MODELING TECHNIQUE ON CONTROL STABILITY AND PERFORMANCE FOR CENTAUR UPPER-STAGE RONALD E. GRAHAM 1987 10 p Prepared for presentation at the Guidance, Navigation and Control Conference, Monterey, Calif., 17-19 Aug. 1987; sponsored by AIAA (NASA-TM-89864; E-3582; NAS 1.15:89864) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 228 The powered-phase autopilot for the Centaur upper stage rocket uses an autopilot forward loop gain scheduler that decreases the proportional gain as propellant mass is depleted. Nonlinear time response simulation studies revealed that Centaur vehicles with low-gain autopilots would have large attitude error limit cycles. These limit cycles were due to the assumed presence of Coulomb friction in the engine gimbals. This situation could be corrected through the use of an harmonic dither, programmed into the on-board digital computer and added to the engine command signal. This would introduce impending motion to the engines, allowing control of the engines even under small commands. Control authority was found to be restored when dither was used. A concern arose that the Centaur could be unacceptably excited at resonances near the dither frequency, if the dither amplitude was to be chosen on the basis of friction level present, a test was conducted to measure this level. Dither characteristics were to be based on the test results. The test results showed that the gimbal friction characteristic was actually hysteretic rather than the assumed Coulomb friction. The simulation results showed that, using this new model of gimbal friction, dither would no longer be necessary. Author

N87-23874*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SPECULATIONS ON FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO EVOLVE BRAYTON POWERPLANTS ABOARD THE SPACE STATION ROBERT E. ENGLISH 1987 29 p Presented at the 4th Symposium on Space Nuclear Power Systems, Albuquerque, N. Mex., 12-16 Jan. 1987; sponsored by Sandia National Labs. (NASA-TM-89863; E-3530; NAS 1.15:89863) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 10B The Space Station provides a unique, low-risk environment in which to evolve new capabilities. In this way, the Space Station will grow in capacity, in its range of capabilities, and its economy of operation as a laboratory and as a center for space operations. Although both Rankine and Brayton cycles, two concepts for solar dynamic power generation, now compete to power the station, with some numerical data given where it may be useful. Author

A87-15880*# General Dynamics Corp., San Diego, Calif. EFFECTS OF TRANSIENT PROPELLANT DYNAMICS ON DEPLOYMENT OF LARGE LIQUID STAGES IN ZERO-GRAVITY WITH APPLICATION TO SHUTTLE/CENTAUR R. E. MARTIN (General Dynamics Corp., Space Systems Div., San Diego, CA) IAF, International Astronautical Congress, 37th, Innsbruck, Austria, Oct. 4-11, 1986. 11 p. refs (Contract NAS3-22901) (IAF PAPER 86-119) This paper describes the application of a recently developed CFD program, HYDR-3D, to the analysis of separation of the Centaur G-Prime vehicle from the Shuttle Orbiter. The typical application presented illustrates a particularly difficult design task - deployment of a large, liquid-filled, densely packaged vehicle from a manned vehicle. Since it represents a potential catastrophic hazard, a vast number of conditions and parameters must be analyzed to ensure tolerance of at least two credible failures. Validation of the HYDR-3D program against zero- and low-gravity experimental data is also presented. Using the fluid dynamics program, this approach can be used confidently to analyze and determine design requirements for a variety of OTV/space-station deployment and docking problems. Author

A87-31107*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES IN SPACECRAFT FIRE SAFETY ROBERT FRIEDMAN and KURT R. SACKSTEDER (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA, Aerospace Sciences Meeting, 25th, Reno, NV, Jan. 12-15, 1987. 29 p. Previously announced in STAR as N87-16012. refs (AIAA PAPER 87-0467) The space station, a permanently-inhabited orbiting laboratory, places new demands on spacecraft fire safety. Long-duration missions may call for more-constrained fire controls, but the accessibility of the space station to a variety of users may call for less-restrictive measures. This paper discusses fire safety issues through a review of the state of the art and a presentation of key findings from a recent NASA Lewis Research Center Workshop. The subjects covered are the fundamental science of low-gravity combustion and the technology advances in fire detection, extinguishment, materials assessment, and atmosphere selection. Key concerns are for the adoption of a fire-safe atmosphere and the substitution for the effective but toxic extinguishant, halon 1301. The fire safety studies and reviews provide several recommendations for further action. One is the expanded research in combustion, sensors, and materials in the low-gravity environment of space. Another is the development of generalized fire-safety standards for spacecraft through cooperative endeavors with aerospace and outside Government and industry sources. Author

A87-31104*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SPACE TRANSPORTATION Includes passenger and cargo space transportation, e.g., shuttle operations; and space rescue techniques.
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A87-33897*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
THE EFFECT OF NONLINEARITIES ON THE DYNAMIC RESPONSE OF A LARGE SHUTTLE PAYLOAD
The STS Centaur was designed to be a high energy upper stage for use with the Space Shuttle. Two versions were designed and under development when the program was cancelled. The first version, designated G-prime, was designed for planetary missions. The second version, designated G, was designed to place spacecraft in geosynchronous orbit. As a part of the STS Centaur finite-element model verification effort, test articles of both versions were subjected to a series of static tests. In addition the Centaur G-prime test article was subjected to a series of dynamic tests including a modal survey. Both the static and dynamic tests showed that nonlinearities existed in the Centaur and its support system. The support system included flight-like latches. The nonlinearities were particularly apparent in tests that loaded the forward support structure of the Centaur. These test results were used to aid in the development of two improved finite-element models. The first was a linear model, while the second contained nonlinear elements at the boundaries. Results from both models were compared with the transient response obtained from a step-relaxation or twang test. The linear model was able to accurately match the low frequency response found in the test data. However, only the nonlinear model was able to match higher frequency response that was present in some of the test data. In addition the nonlinear model was able to predict other nonlinear behavior such as the dynamic 'jump' that occurs in systems with nonlinear stiffness.

A87-48573*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
NUMERICAL MODELLING OF OH-ORBIT PROPULLENT MOTION RESULTING FROM AN IMPULSIVE ACCELERATION
JOHN C. AYDELOTT (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), RAYMOND C. MJOLNESS, MARTIN D. TORREY (Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM), and JOHN I. HOCHSTEIN (Washington University, St. Louis, MO) AIAA, SAE, ASME, and ASEE, Joint Propulsion Conference, 23rd, San Diego, CA, June 29-July 2, 1987, 23 p. Previously announced in STAR as N87-22757. refs (AIAA PAPER 87-1766)
In-space docking and separation maneuvers of spacecraft that have large fluid mass fractions may cause undesirable spacecraft motion in response to the impulsive-acceleration-induced fluid motion. An example of this potential low fluid gravity management problem arose during the development of the shuttle/Centaur vehicle. Experimentally verified numerical modeling techniques were developed to establish the propellant dynamics, and subsequent vehicle motion, associated with the separation of the Centaur vehicle from the shuttle orbiter cargo bay. Although the shuttle/Centaur development activity was suspended, the numerical modeling techniques are available to predict on-orbit liquid motion resulting from impulsive accelerations for other missions and spacecraft.

A87-16012*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES IN SPACECRAFT FIRE SAFETY
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A87-41161*# Rockwell International Corp., Canoga Park, Calif.
CONCEPTS FOR SPACE MAINTENANCE OF OTV ENGINES
Contract NAS3-23773
Concepts for space maintainability of OTV engines are examined. The advanced efforts are based on work recently completed for NASA Lewis Research Center Space Propulsion Technology Division. An engine design is developed which is driven by space maintenance requirements and by a failure modes and effects analysis. Modularity in the engine is shown to offer cost benefits and improved space maintenance capabilities. Space-operable disconnects are conceptualized for both engine change-out and for module replacement. Through FME mitigation the modules are conceptualized to contain the most often replaced engine components. A preliminary space maintenance plan is developed around a controls and condition monitoring system using advanced sensors, controls, and conditioning monitoring concepts.

A87-20342*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS IN SPACE OPERATIONS
ROBERT FRIEDMAN 1987 13 p. Prepared for presentation at the Joint Army-Navy-NASA-Air Force (JANNAF) Safety and Environmental Protection Subcommittee Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, 4-7 May 1987 (NASA-TM-89848; E-3511; NAS 1.15:89848) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 22A
This paper reviews the state-of-the-art in fire control techniques and identifies important issues for continuing research, technology, and standards. For the future permanent orbiting facility, the space station, fire prevention and control calls for not only more stringent fire safety due to the long-term and complex missions, but also for simplified and flexible safety rules to accommodate the variety of users. Future research must address a better understanding of the microgravity space environment as it influences fire propagation and extinction and the application of the technology of fire
fire safety should also consider the adaptation of methods and concepts derived from aircraft and undersea experience. Author detection, extinguishment, and material assessment. Spacecraft radiation effects on fiber-optics. O.C. fiber-optic gyros for space applications, integrated acoustooptic fields of satellite communications technology, optical subsystems, vehicle motion, associated with the separation of the Centaur Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 22A by AIAA, SAE, ASME, and ASEE TORREY, and JOHN I. HOCHSTEIN (Washington Univ., St. Louis, MO) 1987 24 p Prepared for the 23rd Joint Propulsion Conference, San Diego, Calif., 29 Jun. - 2 Jul. 1987; cosponsored by AIAA, SAE, ASME, and ASEE (NASA-TM-89873; E-3547; NAS 1.15:89873; AIAA-87-1766) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 22A In-space docking and separation maneuvers of spacecraft that have large fluid mass fractions may cause undesirable spacecraft motion in response to the impulsive-acceleration-induced fluid motion. An example of this potential low gravity fluid management problem arose during the development of the shuttle/Centaur vehicle. Experimentally verified numerical modeling techniques were developed to establish the propellant dynamics, and subsequent vehicle motion, associated with the separation of the Centaur vehicle from the shuttle orbiter cargo bay. Although the shuttle/Centaur development activity was suspended, the numerical modeling techniques are available to predict on-orbit liquid motion resulting from impulsive accelerations for other missions and spacecraft. Author

### SPACE COMM., SPACECRAFT COMM., COMMAND & TRACKING

Includes telemetry; space communications networks; astronavigation and guidance; and radio blackout.

### OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMMUNICATION SATELLITE APPLICATIONS; PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING, LOS ANGELES, CA, JAN. 21, 22, 1986


(ASPIE-616)

The present conference considers topics encompassing the fields of satellite communications technology, optical subsystems, transmitters and receivers, subsystems for pointing and tracking, onboard processing- and component-related technologies, fiber-optic distribution networks, and reliability-related considerations. Attention is given to lightweight technology in microwave systems, the status of CO2 laser technology and homodyne receiver concepts for communication satellite optical links, laser Doppler measurement techniques for spacecraft, fiber-optic gyros for space applications, integrated acoustooptic device modules for communication, signal processing and computing, radiation-hardened optoelectronic components, and radiation effects on fiber-optics. O.C.

### SPACECRAFT DESIGN, TESTING AND PERFORMANCE

Includes satellites; space platforms; space stations; spacecraft systems and components such as thermal and environmental controls; and attitude controls.

### SPACECRAFT POWER DEVELOPMENT IMPACT ON TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS


The paper is concerned with the selection of a specific spacecraft power technology and the identification of technology development to meet system requirements. Requirements which influence the selection of a given technology include the power level required, whether the load is constant or transient in nature, and in the case of transient loads, the time required to recover the power, and overall system safety. Various power technologies, such as solar voltaic power, solar dynamic power, nuclear power systems, and electrochemical energy storage, are briefly described.

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solar cell technologies, will be sequentially subjected to bias voltages in steps ranging from minus 626 V to plus 313 V. Appropriate measurements will be made at each voltage to characterize arcing and parasitic losses. Corresponding measurements of the plasma environment (plasma density, electron temperature and neutral density) will also be made. Data will be recorded on an on-board tape recorder for subsequent data reduction and analysis. Author

The Liquid Droplet Radiator is one of several radiator systems currently under investigation by NASA Lewis Research Center. It involves the direct exposure of the radiator working fluid to the space environment. An area of concern is the potential harmful effects of the low-Earth-orbit atomic oxygen environment on the radiator working fluid. To address this issue, seven candidate fluids were exposed to an oxygen plasma environment in a laboratory plasma asher. The fluids studied included Dow Corning 705 Diffusion Pump Fluid, polyethylene glycol, and polyethylene glycol 1500. The fluids were characterized by noting changes in visual appearance, physical state, mass, and infrared spectra. Of the fluids tested, the Fomblin and the three Krytoxes were the least affected by the oxygen plasma. The only effect noted was a change in mass, which was most likely due to an oxygen-catalyzed depolymerization of the fluid molecule. Author

Large conducting space structures in low earth orbit will have a nonnegligible motionally induced potential across their structures. The induced current flow through the body and the ionosphere causes the radiation of Alfven and lower hybrid waves. This current flow is taken to be ac and the radiated power is studied as a function of the ac frequency. The current may be ac due to: (a) inductive coupling from the power system on the structure or by active modulation. Space Station-like structures and tether systems are studied. For the Space Station structure the radiation impedance is particularly high for frequencies in the tens of kilohertz range, which suggests that the Space Station may be a very good source of lower hybrid waves. The tether is also shown to be a generator of VLF waves up to space frequencies in the megahertz range. The implications for these two structures are discussed. Author

Electrodynamic tethers are wires deployed across the earth's geomagnetic field through which a current is flowing. The radiation impedance of a tether with end connectors is presented. The simulation model is computed from classical antenna theory. This simulates the use of a tether on a space structure. It is shown that the radiation pattern at the tether connector is critical to determining the overall radiation impedance. If the tether makes direct electrical contact with the ionosphere then radiation impedances of the order of several thousand Ohms can be expected. If the only electrical contact is through the end connectors then the impedance is only a few Ohms for an ac current rising to several tens of Ohms for an ac current with frequencies in the whistler range. Author

A87-43095*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. LIQUID DROPLET RADIATOR DEVELOPMENT STATUS K. ALAN WHITE, III (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA, Thermophysics Conference, 22nd, Honolulu, HI, June 8-10, 1987. 21 p. Previously announced in STAR as N87-20353. (AIAA PAPER 87-1537)
Development of the Liquid Droplet Radiator (LDR) is described. Significant published results of previous investigators are presented, and work currently in progress is discussed. Several proposed LDR configurations are described, and the rectangular and triangular configurations currently of most interest are examined. Development of the droplet generator, collector, and auxiliary components are discussed. Radiative performance of a droplet sheet is considered, and experimental results are seen to be in very good agreement with analytical predictions. The collision of droplets in the droplet sheet, the charging of droplets by the plasma, and the effect of atmospheric drag on the droplet sheet are shown to be of little consequence, or can be minimized by proper design. The LDR is seen to be less susceptible than conventional technology to the effects of micrometeoroids or hostile thrusters. The identification of working fluids which are stable in the LDR is also made. Methods for reducing spacecraft contamination from an LDR to an acceptable level are discussed. Preliminary results of microgravity testing of the droplet generator are presented. Possible future NASA and Air Force missions enhanced or enabled by a LDR are also discussed. System studies indicate that the LDR is potentially less massive than heat pipe radiators. Planned microgravity testing aboard the Shuttle or space station is seen to be a logical next step in LDR development. Author
and spun shelf of approx. 400 V and current of 12 A resulted in coupling into a spacecraft. A differential voltage between antenna and communications group (Space) technique was applied to generic spin and 3-axis stabilized spacecraft models. It involved the NASCAP modeling and test data, thereby ensuring that the model would provide satisfactory predictions for future missions and/or vehicles. Finally, the thermal model predictions were correlated with the test data, which are most vulnerable. A compilation of the transients would couple into the Spacecraft System and review was performed on 15 years of available data from ground points. It shows that the transients would couple into the Spacecraft System through ground points, which are most vulnerable. A compilation of the available data from the electron and ion current collection phenomena. Empirical models were developed to match data and compared with flight data of Pix-1 and Pix-2 mission. It was found that large space power systems would float negative and discharge if operated at or above 300 V. Several recommendations are given to improve the models and to apply them to large space systems.

The Thermal Protection System (TPS) for the Shuttle/Centaur had to provide fail-safe thermal protection during prelaunch, launch ascent, and on-orbit operations as well as during potential abort where the Shuttle and Centaur would return to earth. The TPS selected used a helium-purged polyimide foam beneath three radiation shields for the liquid hydrogen (LH2) tank and radiation shields only for the liquid oxygen (LO2) tank (three shields on the tank sidewall and four on the aft bulkhead). An evacuated common intermediate bulkhead separated the two tanks. The LH2 tank had one 1.9-cm thick layer of foam on the forward bulkhead and two layers on the larger area side-wall. Full scale tests of the flight vehicle in a simulated Shuttle cargo bay, that was purged with gaseous nitrogen, gave total prelaunch heating rates of 25.9 kW and 12.9 kW for LH2 and LO2 tanks, respectively. Calorimeter tests on a representative LH2 tank sidewall TPS sample indicated that the measured unit heating rate would rapidly decrease from the prelaunch rate of 300 W/sq m to a desired rate of less than 4 W/sq m once on-orbit.

The Shuttle/Centaur high energy upper stage vehicle thermal environments were more severe than previous Centaur vehicle thermal environments, creating need for a new hydrazine fuel line thermal control technique. Constant power heaters did not satisfy power dissipation requirements, because the power required to maintain fuel line thermal control during cold conditions exceeded the maximum power allowable during hot conditions. Therefore, a Raychem Thermodim self-regulating heater was selected for this application, and was attached to the hydrazine fuel line with Kapton and aluminum foil tapes. Fuel line/heater thermal modeling and subsequent thermal vacuum chamber testing simulated heater thermal performance during all worst-case Shuttle/Centaur thermal environmental conditions. Fuel line temperatures were maintained between the 4C to 71C limits during all analytical and test cases. Finally, the thermal model predictions were correlated with the test data, thereby ensuring that the model would provide satisfactory predictions for future missions and/or vehicles.

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The problem of satellite synthesis can be described as optimally allotting locations and sometimes frequencies and polarizations, to communication satellites so that interference from unwanted satellite signals does not exceed a specified threshold. In this report, mathematical programming models and optimization methods are used to solve satellite synthesis problems. A nonlinear programming formulation which is solved using Zoutendijk's method and a gradient search method is described. Nine mixed integer programming models are considered. Results of computer runs with these nine models and five geographically compatible scenarios are presented and evaluated. A heuristic solution procedure is also used to solve two of the models studied. Heuristic solutions to three large synthesis problems are presented. The results of our analysis show that the heuristic performs very well, both in terms of solution quality and solution time, on the last models to which it was applied. It is concluded that the heuristic procedure is the best of the methods considered for solving satellite synthesis problems.

Author

N87-26449*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. ELECTRODYNAMIC TETHER MICHAEL PATTERSON In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 343 Jun. 1967 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCI 22B

Electrodynamic tethers hold promise for a variety of space applications. Electrodynamic tethers depend upon the interactions between a moving insulated conductor and the Earth's magnetic field. An electric field is generated along the tether as a conductor moving in the magnetic field of a generator. If the circuit is closed to the ambient space plasma via a plasma gun or other equivalent device, a current is enabled to flow in the tether, and electric power is generated at the expense of orbital mechanical energy. The net effect is a decrease in the altitude of the orbiting tethered system. The situation can be reversed by driving current against the electric field via an external power supply such as a photovoltaic array.

Author

N87-26946*# Alabama Univ., Huntsville. Dept. of Physics. ELECTRON BEAM EXPERIMENTS AT HIGH ALTITUDES R. C. OLSEN In AGARD, The Aerospace Environment at High Altitudes and its Implications for Spacecraft Charging and Communications 8 p May 1987 (Contract NAG3-020) Avail: NTIS HC A13/MF A01 CSCI 22B

Experiments with the electron gun on the SCATHA satellite produced evidence of beam-plasma interactions, and heating of the low energy electrons around the satellite. These experiments were conducted near geosynchronous orbit, in the dusk bulge, and plasma sheet, with one short operation in the lobe regions, providing a range of ambient plasma densities. The electron gun was operated at 50 eV, with beam currents of 1, 10, and 100 micro-A. Data from electrostatic analyzers and the DC electric field experiment show that the satellite charged to near the beam energy in sunlight, if the beam current was sufficient. Higher ambient densities required higher beam currents. The electrostatic analyzers showed distribution functions which had peaks, or plateaus, at energies greater than the satellite potential. These measurements indicate heating of the ambient plasma at several Debye lengths from the satellite, with the heated plasma then accelerated into the satellite. It is likely that the ambient plasma is in fact the photoelectron sheath generated by the satellite.

Author

N87-26950*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SECONDARY ELECTRON GENERATION, EMISSION AND TRANSPORT: EFFECTS ON SPACECRAFT CHARGING AND NASHAP MODELS IRA KATZ, MYRON MANDELL (Systems Science and Software, La Jolla, Calif.), JAMES C. ROCHE, and CAROLYN PURVIS In AGARD, The Aerospace Environment at High Altitudes and its Implications for Spacecraft Charging and Communications 12 p May 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A13/MF A01 CSCI 22B

Secondary electrons control a spacecraft's response to a plasma environment. To accurately simulate spacecraft charging, the NASA Charging Analyzer Program (NASCAP) has mathematical models of the generation, emission and transport of secondary electrons. The importance of each of the processes and the physical basis for each of the NASCAP models are discussed. Calculations are presented which show that the NASCAP formulations are in good agreement with both laboratory and space experiments.

Author


For satellites to remain a vital part of future national and international communications, system concepts that use their inherent advantages to the fullest must be created. Network architectures that take maximum advantage of satellites equipped with onboard processing are explored. Satellite generations must accommodate various services for which satellites constitute the preferred vehicle of delivery. Such services tend to be those that are widely dispersed and present thin to medium loads to the system. Typical systems considered are thin and medium route telephony, maritime, land and aeronautical radio, VSAT data, low bit rate video teleconferencing, and high bit rate broadcast of high definition video. Delivery of services by TDM and FDM multiplexing techniques and combinations of the two for individual and mixed service types are studied. The possibilities offered by onboard circuit switched and packet switched architectures are examined and the results strongly support a preference for the latter. A detailed design architecture encompassing the onboard processor and its control, the related demand assigned TDM and TDM burst structures, and destination packet protocols for routing traffic are presented. Fundamental onboard hardware requirements comprising speed, memory size, chip count, and power are estimated. The study concludes with identification of key enabling technologies and identifies a plan to develop a POC model.

Author


The market for telecommunications services needs to be segmented into user classes having similar transmission requirements and hence similar network architectures. Use of the following transmission architecture was considered: satellite switched TDM; TDM up, TDM down; scanning (hopping) beam TDM; FDMA up, TDM down; satellite switched MFTDMA; and switching Hub earth stations with double hop transmission. A candidate network architecture will be selected that comprises
multiple access subnetworks optimized for each user; interconnects the subnetworks by means of a baseband processor; and optimizes the marriage of interconnection and access techniques. An overall network control architecture will be provided that will serve the needs of the baseband and satellite switched RF interconnected subnetworks. The results of the studies shall be used to identify elements of network architecture and control that require the greatest degree of technology development to realize an operational system. This will be specified in terms of requirements of the enabling technology; difference from the current available technology; and estimate of the development requirements needed to achieve an operational system. The results obtained for each of these tasks are presented. B.G.

N87-29915* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. STATUS OF SPACE STATION POWER SYSTEM COSMO R. BARONA and DEAN W. SHEIBLEY In its Space Electrochemical Research and Technology (SERT) p 1-8 Sep. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 22B

The major requirements and guidelines that affect the manned space station configuration and the power systems are explained. The evolution of the space station power system from the NASA program development feasibility phase through the current preliminary design phase is described. Several early station concepts are described and linked to the present concept. The recently completed phase B tradeoff study selections of photovoltaic system technologies are described. The present solar dynamic and power management and distribution systems are also summarized for completeness. Author

SPACECRAFT PROPULSION AND POWER

Includes main propulsion systems and components, e.g., rocket engines; and spacecraft auxiliary power sources.

A87-14976* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. VACUUM CHAMBER PRESSURE EFFECTS ON THRUST MEASUREMENTS OF LOW REYNOLDS NUMBER NOZZLES J. S. SOVEY, P. F. PENKO, S. P. GRISNIK, and M. V. WHALEN (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Propulsion and Power (ISSN 0748-4658), vol. 2, Sept.-Oct. 1986, p. 385-389. Previously announced in STAR as N85-21259. ref's Tests were conducted to investigate the effect of vacuum facility pressure on the performance of small thruster nozzles. Thrust measurements of two converging-diverging nozzles with an area ratio of 140 and an orifice plate flowing unheated nitrogen and hydrogen were taken over a wide range of vacuum facility pressures and nozzle throat Reynolds numbers. In the Reynolds number range of 2200 to 12,000 there was no discernable viscous effect on thrust below an ambient to total pressure ratio of 1000. In nearly all cases, flow separation occurred at a pressure ratio of about 1000. This was the upper limit for obtaining an accurate thrust measurement for a conical nozzle with an area ratio of 140. Author

A87-15900* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SPACE POWER - EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES H. W. BRANDHORST (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) IAF, International Astronautical Congress, 37th, Innsbruck, Austria, Oct. 4-11, 1986. 8 p. (IAF PAPER 86-152)

NASA programs directed towards the development of technologies to meet the cost-effective energy needs of future space missions are described. Consideration is given to the space photovoltaic program, which was developed along two paths: one leading to high-performance ultralight weight solar arrays, the other to high output arrays. The space power materials and energy storage technology are discussed, together with the developmental aspects of an advanced solar dynamic power system and its subsystems. Special attention is given to the NASA SP-100 Advanced Technology Project and the free-piston Stirling engine technology for nuclear power application. I.S.


The Space Station Electrical Power System presents many interesting challenges. It will be much larger than previous space power systems, and it must be designed for on-orbit maintenance and replacement, along with having a growth capability. The power generation, energy storage, and power management and distribution (PMAD) subsystems comprise the primary elements of the overall system. Each was analyzed by NASA Lewis Research Center and its two contractors Rocketdyne and TRW - in the definition studies of the program to determine the optimum approach to minimize initial costs and life cycle costs. For the PMAD subsystem, a ring bus architecture operating at 440 V, 20 kHz, single phase, was selected. Photovoltaic and solar dynamic power generation subsystems were both studied. Major tradeoffs were made for each subsystem and for the overall system, and a hybrid system (both photovoltaic and solar dynamic) was selected. Author

A87-16929* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. POWER IS THE KEYSTONE R. L. THOMAS (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Aerospace America (ISSN 0740-722X), vol. 24, Sept. 1986, p. 36-40, 43-44.

An evaluation is made of the various technologies that have been considered for incorporation into the NASA Space Station's solar power system. A major feature of the system is noted to be the use of both 25 kW capacity of photovoltaic power and two 25-kW turbine-driven generators based on the heating of a working fluid by a mirror concentrator dish. Fuel cells will be used to store excess electrical energy, together with nickel-cadmium batteries. The selection of this manned Space Station power system was arrived at through a comparison of six different configurations. O.C.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RING-CUSP THRUSTERS WITH XENON PROPELLANT


The performance characteristics and operating envelope of several 30-cm ring-cusp ion thrusters with xenon propellant were investigated. Results indicate a strong performance dependence on the discharge chamber boundary magnetic fields and resultant distribution of electron currents. Significant improvements in discharge performance over J-series divergent-field thrusters were achieved for large throttling ranges, which translate into reduced cathode emission currents and reduced power dissipation which should be of significant benefit for operation at thruster power levels in excess of 10 kW. Mass spectrometer of the ion beam was documented for both the ring-cusp and J-series thrusters with xenon propellant for determination of overall thruster efficiency, and lifetime. Baseline Ion Beam Flow Centerline values of doubly charged ions in the ion beam and the lower operating discharge voltage, the screen grid erosion rate of the ring-cusp thruster is expected to be lower than the divergent-field J-series thruster by a factor of 2.

A87-17994*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE NONCAVITATING PERFORMANCE AND LIFE OF A SMALL VANE-TYPE POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT PUMP IN LIQUID HYDROGEN


The low flow rate and high head rise requirements of hydrogen/oxygen auxiliary propulsion systems make the application of centrifugal pumps difficult. Positive displacement pumps are well-suited for these flow conditions, but little is known about their performance and life characteristics in liquid hydrogen. An experimental and analytical investigation was conducted to determine the performance and life characteristics of a vane-type, positive displacement pump. In the experimental part of this effort, mass flow rate and shaft torque were determined as functions of shaft speed and pump pressure rise. Since liquid hydrogen offers little lubrication in a rubbing situation, pump life is an issue. During the life test series, the pump was operated intermittently for 10 hr at the speed. Pump performance was monitored during the life test series and the results indicated no loss in performance. Material loss from the vanes was recorded and wear of the other components was documented. In the analytical part of this effort, a comprehensive pump performance analysis computer code, developed in-house, was used to predict pump performance. The results of the experimental investigation are presented and compared with the results of the analysis. Results of the life test are also presented.

A87-17994*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

PARAMETRIC AND CYCLE TESTS OF A 40-AH BIPOLAR NICKEL-HYDROGEN BATTERY


The performance of a 12 V, 40 ampere-hour bipolar battery during various charge current, discharge current, temperature, and pressure operating conditions is investigated. The results of the experimental investigation are presented and the results indicated no loss in performance. Material loss from the vanes was documented and wear of the other components was determined. In the analytical part of this effort, a comprehensive pump performance analysis computer code, developed in-house, was used to predict pump performance. The results of the experimental investigation are presented and compared with the results of the analysis. Results of the life test are also presented.

A87-18093*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

ACCELERATED CYCLE LIFE TEST


A cycle life test of nickel-hydrogen (Ni/H2) cells containing electrolytes of various KOH concentrations and a sintered-type nickel electrode were carried out at 23 C using a 45-min accelerated low earth orbit (LEO) cycle regime at 80 percent depth of discharge. Ten cells containing 21 to 36 percent KOH were tested. Since this accelerated test regime accelerated the cycle life roughly twice as fast as a typical LEO regime, the results indicate that the cells with 26 percent KOH may last over 5 years in an 80 percent depth-of-discharge cycling in an LEO regime. Cells with lower KOH concentrations (21 to 23.5 percent) also showed longer cycle life than those with KOH concentrations of 31 percent or higher, although the life was shorter than those with 26 percent KOH.

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ALKALINE WATER ELECTROLYSIS TECHNOLOGY FOR SPACE STATION REGENERATIVE FUEL CELL ENERGY STORAGE


The regenerative fuel cell system (RFCS), designed for application to the Space Station energy storage system, is based on state-of-the-art alkaline electrolyte technology and incorporates a dedicated fuel cell system (FCS) and water electrolysis subsystem (WES). Tests of the prototype RFCS were performed on the WES portion of the RFCS. To ensure RFCS availability for the Space Station, the RFCS Space Station Prototype design was undertaken which included a 46-cell 0.93 cu m static feed water electrolysis module and three integrated mechanical components.
A FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR REACTOR POWER SYSTEM CONCEPTS FOR THE NASA GROWTH SPACE STATION


A preliminary feasibility assessment of the integration of reactor power system concepts with a projected growth Space Station architecture was conducted to address a variety of installation, operational, and disposal issues. A previous NASA sponsored study, which showed the advantages of Space Station-attached concepts, served as the basis for this study. A study methodology was defined and implemented to assess compatible combinations of reactor power installation concepts, disposal destinations, and propulsion methods. Three installation concepts that met a set of integration criteria were characterized from a configuration and operational viewpoint, with end-of-life disposal mass identified. Disposal destinations that met current aerospace nuclear safety criteria were identified and characterized from an operational and energy requirements viewpoint, with delta-V energy requirement as a key parameter. Chemical propulsion methods that met current and near-term application criteria were identified and payload mass and delta-V capabilities were characterized. These capabilities were matched against concept disposal mass and destination delta-V requirements to provide a feasibility of each combination. Author

SOLAR DYNAMIC SPACE POWER SYSTEM HEAT REJECTION


A radiator system concept is described that meets the heat rejection requirements of the NASA Space Station solar dynamic power modules. The heat pipe radiator is a high-reliability, high-performance approach that is capable of retraction in space and is maintainable on orbit. Results are present of trade studies that compare the radiator system area and weight estimates for candidate advanced high performance heat pipes. The results indicate the advantages of the dual-slot heat pipe radiator for high temperature applications as well as its weight-reduction potential over the range of temperatures to be encountered in the solar dynamic heat rejection systems. Author

ADVANCED SOLAR THERMAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY


The paper considers the present status of solar thermal dynamic power technologies and projects the various attributes of these systems for the future, i.e., 2000 through the year 2020. By the year 2000, collector weights should decrease from 1.25 kg/sq m (1985 value) to about 1.0 kg/sq m. The specific weight is also expected to decrease from 6.0 kg/kw. By the year 2010, slight improvements in the free piston Stirling energy conversion system are postulated with efficiencies reaching 32 percent. In addition, advanced concentrator concepts should be operational. K.K.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF NEW POWER SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY ON THE DESIGN OF A MANNED SPACE STATION


Larger, more complex spacecraft of the future such as the manned Space Station will require electric power systems of 100 kW and more, orders of magnitude greater than the present state of the art. Power systems at this level will have a significant impact on the spacecraft design. Historically, long-lived spacecraft have relied on silicon solar cell arrays, a nickel-cadmium storage battery and operation at 28 V dc. These technologies lead to large array areas and heavy batteries for a Space Station application. This, in turn, presents orbit altitude maintenance, attitude control, energy management, and launch weight and volume constraints. Size (area) and weight of such a power system can be reduced if new higher efficiency conversion and lighter weight storage technologies are used. Several promising technology options including concentrator solar photovoltaic arrays, solar thermal dynamic and ultimately nuclear dynamic systems to reduce area are discussed. Also, higher energy storage systems such as nickel-hydrogen and the regenerative fuel cell (RFC) and higher voltage power distribution which add system flexibility, simplicity and reduce weight are examined. Emphasis placed on the attributes and development status of emerging technologies that are sufficiently developed so that they could be available for flight use in the early to mid 1990's. Author

PROTECTION OF SOLAR ARRAY BLANKETS FROM ATTACK BY LOW EARTH ORBITAL ATOMIC OXYGEN


The ram impact of low earth orbital atomic oxygen causes oxidation of spacecraft materials including polymers such as polyimides. The rate of oxidation is sufficiently high to potentially compromise the long term durability of Kapton solar array blankets. Ion beam sputter deposited atomic oxygen protective coatings of aluminum oxide, silicon dioxide, and codeposited silicon dioxide with small amounts of polytetrafluoroethylene were evaluated both in RF plasma asher tests and in low earth orbit. Deposition techniques, mechanical properties, and atomic oxygen protection performance are presented. Author

SPACECRAFT PROPULSION AND POWER

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SOLAR DYNAMIC SPACE POWER SYSTEM ISSUES


A number of attractive options are available for the Space Station Power System. These include a photovoltaic system or solar dynamic system for power generation, batteries or fuel cells for energy storage and ac or dc for power management and distribution. These options are being explored during the present preliminary design and definition phase of the Space Station Program. Final selections are presently targeted for January 1986. Author
The ORBITAL TRANSFER VEHICLE (OTV) propulsion system will be required to meet the needs of space missions beyond the year 2000. Some 300 kW are needed for missions and housekeeping power for a 12 to 18 person Station crew. Several in-house investigations on Growth Space Station missions and candidate nuclear/solar power systems are discussed, including shielding requirements and power transmission schemes. Advantages of reactor power include a greatly simplified Station orientation procedure, greatly reduced occultation of views of the earth and deep space, near elimination of energy storage requirements, and significantly reduced station-keeping propellant mass due to very low drag of the reactor power system. The in-house studies of viable alternative Growth Space Station power systems showed that at 300 kW a rigid silicon solar cell array with NiCd batteries had the highest specific mass at 275 kg/kWe, with solar Stirling the lowest at 40 kg/kWe. Space Station power systems showed that at 300 kW a rigid silicon solar cell array with NiCd batteries had the highest specific mass at 275 kg/kWe, with solar Stirling the lowest at 40 kg/kWe.

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As a part of the electrothermal propulsion plume research program at NASA's Lewis Research Center, efforts have been initiated to analytically and experimentally investigate the plumes of resistojet thrusters. The method of Simons for the prediction of rocket exhaust plumes is developed for the resistojet. Modifications are made to the source flow equations to account for the increased effects of the relatively large nozzle boundary layer. Additionally, preliminary mass flux measurements of a laboratory resistojet using CO₂ propellant at 298 K have been obtained with a cryogenically cooled quartz crystal microbalance (QCM). There is qualitative agreement between analysis and experiment, at least in terms of the overall number density shape functions in the forward flux region.
**FREE FLYING PLATFORMS**

Joint Army-Navy-NASA-Air Force Interagency Propulsion through micrometeoroid/space debris impact once on-orbit is of concern. The durability of these coating/mirror systems after pinhole defects have been induced is of the utmost importance. Studies of the effect of an oxygen plasma environment on protected mirror surfaces with intentionally induced pinhole defects have been conducted at NASA Lewis and are reviewed. On-orbit discharge chambers will further enhance performance. O.C. The microwave electrothermal thruster presented uses an internally tuned, single-mode cylindrical cavity applicator to focus and match microwave energy into an electrodeless, high pressure flowing gas discharge that is located within a quartz discharge chamber. Experimental measurements of microwave coupling efficiency, thruster energy efficiency, and specific impulse, are obtained for N and He discharges; the efficiency of microwave energy transfer to the discharge is found to be of the order of 95 percent. Higher temperature nozzle materials and more efficient discharge chambers will further enhance performance. O.C.

**MICROWAVE ELECTROTHermal THRUSTER PERFORMANCE IN HELIUM GAS**

S. WHITEHAIR, J. ASMUSSEN (Michigan State University, East Lansing), and S. NAKANISHI (Analex Corp., Cleveland, OH) Journal of Propulsion and Power (ISSN 0748-4658), vol. 3, Mar.-Apr. 1987, p. 136-144. refs (Contract NAG3-305) The microwave electrothermal thruster presented uses an internally tuned, single-mode cylindrical cavity applicator to focus and match microwave energy into an electrodeless, high pressure flowing gas discharge that is located within a quartz discharge chamber. Experimental measurements of microwave coupling efficiency, thruster energy efficiency, and specific impulse, are obtained for N and He discharges; the efficiency of microwave energy transfer to the discharge is found to be of the order of 95 percent. Higher temperature nozzle materials and more efficient discharge chambers will further enhance performance. O.C.

**THE SURVIVABILITY OF LARGE SPACE-BORNE REFLECTORS UNDER ATOMIC OXYGEN AND MICROMETEOROID IMPACT**

DANIEL A. GULINO (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA, Aerospace Sciences Meeting, 25th, Reno, NV, Jan. 12-15, 1987. 9 p. Previously announced in STAR as N87-14423. refs (AIAA PAPER 87-0341) Solar dynamic power system mirrors for use on Space Station and other spacecraft flown in low earth orbit (LEO) are exposed to the harshness of the LEO environment. Both atomic oxygen and micrometeoroids/space debris can degrade the performance of such mirrors. Protective coatings will be required to protect oxidizable reflecting media, such as silver and aluminum, from atomic oxygen attack. Several protective coating materials have been identified as good candidates for use in this application. The durability of these coating/mirror systems after pinhole defects have been inflicted during their fabrication and deployment or through micrometeoroid/space debris impact once on-orbit is of concern. Studies of the effect of an oxygen plasma environment on protected mirror surfaces with intentionally induced pinhole defects have been conducted at NASA Lewis and are reviewed. It has been found that oxidation of the reflective layer and/or the substrate in areas adjacent to a pinhole defect, but not directly exposed by the pinhole, can occur. Author

**SPACE STATION PROPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPACE STATION FREE FLYING PLATFORMS**

L. R. REDD and L. J. ROSE (Martin Marietta Corp., Denver, CO) Joint Army-Navy-NASA-Air Force Interagency Propulsion Committee, Propulsion Conference, New Orleans, LA, Aug. 27, 1986, Paper. 24 p. (Contract NAS3-23983) Propulsion system candidates have been defined for Space Station free flying platforms for the purpose of comparison and to understand the impact of the various mission requirements on the candidate designs. Consideration of the platform mission requirements and comparisons of the conceptual propulsion system design candidates has led to a fairly clear set of recommendations for propulsion for each of the various platforms. Author

**SPACE STATION 20-KHZ POWER MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

IRVING G. HANSEN and GALE R. SUNDBERG (NASA Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio) IN: PESC '86; Annual Power Electronics Specialists Conference, 17th, Vancouver, Canada, June 22-27, 1986. Record New York, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., 1986, p. 676-683. Previously announced in STAR as N86-24747. refs During the conceptual design phase a 20-kHz power distribution system was selected as the reference for the Space Station. The system is single-phase 400 VRMS, with a sinusoidal wave form. The initial user power level will be 75 kW with growth to 300 kW. The high-frequency system selection was based upon considerations of efficiency, weight, safety, ease of control, interface with computers, and ease of paralleling for growth. Each of these aspects will be discussed as well as the associated trade-offs involved. An advanced development program has been instituted to accelerate the maturation of the high-frequency system. Some technical aspects of the advanced development will be discussed. Author

**MICROWAVE-PLASMA ELECTROTHERMAL ROCKET**

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thrust. In the MWPETR, no electrodes are in contact with the working fluid, the energy is transferred into the working fluid by nonthermal mechanisms, and the main requirement for the materials of construction is that the walls of the plasma chamber be insulating and transparent to microwave radiation at operating conditions. In this survey of work on the MWPETR, several experimental configurations are described and compared. Diagnostic methods used in the study are described and compared, including titration, spectroscopy, calorimetry, electric field measurements, gas-dynamic methods, and thrust measurements. Measured and estimated performance efficiencies are reported. Results of computer modeling of the plasma and of the gas flowing from the plasma are summarized. Author

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A COMPUTER MODEL FOR THE RECOMBINATION ZONE OF A MICROWAVE-PLASMA ELECTROTHERMAL ROCKET
(AIAA PAPER 87-1014)

As part of a study of the microwave-plasma electrothermal rocket, a computer model of the flow regime below the plasma has been developed. A second-order model, including axial dispersion of energy and material and boundary conditions at infinite length, was developed to partially reproduce the absence of mass-flow rate dependence that was seen in experimental temperature profiles. To solve the equations of the model, a search technique was developed to find the initial derivatives. On integrating with a trial set of initial derivatives, the values and their derivatives were checked to judge whether the values were likely to attain values outside the practical regime, and hence, the boundary conditions at infinity were likely to be violated. Results are presented and directions for further development are suggested. Author

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EXPERIMENTS ON A REPETITIVELY PULSED ELECTROTHERMAL THRUSTER
(AIAA PAPER 87-1043)

This paper presents experimental results from an investigation of a pulsed electrothermal (PET) thruster using water propellant. The PET thruster is operated on a calibrated thrust stand, and produces a thrust-to-mass ratio of T/P = 0.97 + or - 0.01 N/kW. The discharge conditions are inferred from a numerical model which predicts pressure and temperature levels of 300-500 atm and 20,000 K, respectively. These values in turn correctly predict the measured values of impulse bit and discharge resistance. The inferred ideal exhaust velocity from these conditions is 17 km/sec, but the injection of water propellant produces a test tank background pressure of 10-20 Torr, which reduces the exhaust velocity to 14 km/sec. This value corresponds to a thrust efficiency of 54 + or - 7 percent when all experimental errors are taken into account. Author

A87-39534*# Rocket Research Corp., Redmond, Wash.
PERFORMANCE CHARACTERIZATION OF A LOW POWER HYDRAZINE ARCJET

Experiments on pulsed hydrazine arcjets, which offer substantial performance advantages over alternatives in geosynchronous satellite stationkeeping applications, have undergone startup, materials compatibility, lifetime, and power conditioning unit design issues. Devices in the 1000-3000 W output range have been characterized for several different electrode configurations. Constrictor length and diameter, electrode gap setting, and vortex strength have been parametrically studied in order to ascertain the influence of each on specific impulse and efficiency; specific impulse levels greater than 700 sec have been achieved. O.C.

A87-39535*# Rocket Research Corp., Redmond, Wash.
LOW POWER ARCJET LIFE ISSUES

The present evaluation of the results of arcjet engine lifetime testing attempts to deepen understanding of the electrode erosion process, with a view to its minimization. Attention is given to the compatibility of materials with N2H4, the dependence of electrode erosion on geometry and flow field, and the erosive effects associated with the arcjet power supply. Results are presented for thrusters employing either decomposed N2H4 or cold mixed gases, over a power range of 900 to 2000 W. O.C.

A87-39808*# Rockwell International Corp., Canoga Park, Calif.
SMALL CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS FOR LOW-THRUST ROCKETS

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THE VOLTAGE THRESHOLD FOR ARcing FOR SOLAR CELLS IN LEO - FLIGHT AND GROUND TEST RESULTS

Ground and flight results of solar cell arcing in low earth orbit (LEO) conditions are compared and interpreted. It is shown that an apparent voltage threshold for arcing may be produced by a storage power law dependence of arc rate on voltage, combined with a limited observation time. The change in this apparent threshold with plasma density is a reflection of the density dependence of the arc rate. A nearly linear dependence of arc rate on density is inferred from the data. A real voltage threshold for arcing for 2 by 2 cm solar cells may exist however, independent of plasma density, near -230 V relative to the plasma. Here, arc rates may change by more than an order of magnitude for a change of only 30 V in array potential. For 5.9 by 5.9 solar cells, the voltage dependence of the arc rate is steeper, and the data are insufficient to indicate the existence of an arcing increased by an atomic oxygen plasma, as is found in LEO, and by arcing from the backs of welded-through substrates. Author

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High-performance electrothermal thrusters operate in a low nozzle-throat Reynolds number regime. Under these conditions, the flow boundary layer occupies a large volume inside the nozzle, contributing to large viscous losses. Four nozzles (conical, bell, trumpet, and modified trumpet) and a sharp-edged orifice were evaluated over a Reynolds number range of 500 to 9000 with unheated nitrogen and hydrogen. The nozzles showed significant decreases in specific impulse efficiency with decreasing Reynolds number. At Reynolds numbers less than 1000, all four nozzles were probably limited by a large boundary layer. The discharge coefficient decreased with Reynolds number in the same manner as the specific impulse efficiency. The bell and modified trumpet nozzles had discharge coefficients 4 to 6 percent higher than those of the cone or trumpet nozzles. The Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) nozzle analysis computer program was used to predict nozzle performance. The results were then compared to the experimental results in order to determine the accuracy of the program within this flow regime. Author

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This paper discusses the basic approach to developing a comprehensive electromagnetic model for a microwave electrothermal discharge. The discharge and surrounding region are modeled as a section of waveguide loaded with a uniform, cold, lossy plasma. A characteristic equation has been derived describing all possible system modes. In particular the TM(01) mode is numerically solved. Propagation and attenuation constants for both TM(01) modes are found numerically for a given range of electron-neutral collision frequencies and plasma densities. Results are used to interpret a number of experimental observations in helium. Specifically, they are used to explain high coupling efficiencies and ease of cavity tuning at high pressures. Author

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A low power, dc arcjet thruster was tested for starting reliability using hydrogen-nitrogen mixtures simulating the decomposition products of hydrazine. More than 300 starts were accumulated in phases with extended burn-in periods interfaced. A high degree of flow stabilization was built into the arcjet and the power supply incorporated both rapid current regulation and a high voltage, pulsed starting circuit. A nominal current level of 10 A was maintained throughout the test. Photomicrographs of the cathode tip showed a rapid recession to a steady-state operating geometry. A target of 300 starts was selected, as this represents significantly more than anticipated (150 to 240), in missions of 10 yr or less. Weighings showed no apparent mass loss. Some anode erosion was observed, particularly at the entrance to the constrictor. This was attributed to the brief period during startup the arc mode attachment point spends in the high pressure region upstream of the nozzle. Based on the results obtained, startup does not appear to be performance or life limiting for the number of starts typical of operational satellite applications. Author

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An arcjet starting reliability test was performed to investigate one feasibility issue in the use of arcjets on board a satellite for north-south stationkeeping. A 1 kW arcjet was run on hydrogen/nitrogen gas mixtures simulating decomposed hydrazine. A pulse width modulated power supply with an integral high voltage starting pulser was used for arc ignition and steady-state operation. The test was performed in four phases in order to determine if starting characteristics changed as a result of long term thruster operation. More than 300 successful starts were accumulated over an operating time of 16 hr. Overall results indicate that there is a link between starting characteristics and long term thruster operation; however, the large number of starts had no effect on steady-state performance. Author

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The paper describes a technique for computing volume-averaged plasma properties within electron-bombardment ion thrusters, using spatially varying Langmuir-probe measurements.
The purpose of this report is to calibrate the JANNAF procedure nozzle analysis is the Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) Program. One of the reference programs for TAMARA A. SMITH, ALBERT J. PAVLI, and KENNETH J. (AIAA PAPER 87-2069) SAE, ASME, and ASEE, Joint Propulsion Conference, 23rd, San Diego, CA, June 29-July 2, 1987. 22 p. refs


The resistojet propulsion module is designed as a simple, long life, low risk system offering operational flexibility to the space station program. It can dispose of a wide variety of typical space station waste fluids by using them as propellants for orbital maintenance. A high temperature mode offers relatively high specific impulse and local skin friction coefficient. Other compared quantities include characteristic velocity, thrust coefficient, thrust decrement, boundary layer displacement thickness, momentum thickness, and heat loss rate to the wall. Effects of wall temperature profile used as an input to the programs was investigated by running three wall temperature profiles. It was found that this change greatly affected the boundary layer displacement thickness and heat loss to the wall. The other quantities, however, were not drastically affected by the wall temperature profile change. Author


The Joint Army, Navy, NASA, Air Force (JANNAF) rocket-engine performance-prediction procedure is based on the use of various reference computer programs. One of the reference programs for nozzle analysis is the Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) Program. The purpose of this report is to calibrate the JANNAF procedure that has been incorporated into the December 1984 version of the TDK program for the high-area-ratio rocket-engine regime. The correlation was accomplished by modeling the performance of a 1030:1 rocket nozzle tested at NASA Lewis. A detailed description of the test conditions and TDK input parameters is given. The results indicate that the computer code predicts delivered vacuum specific impulse to within 0.12 to 1.9 percent of the experimental data. Vacuum thrust coefficient predictions were within + or - 1.3 percent of experimental results. Predictions of wall static pressure were within approximately + or - 5 percent of the measured values. Author


Two nozzle performance prediction procedures which are based on the standardized JANNAF methodology are presented and compared for four rocket-engine nozzles. The first procedure required operator intercedence to transfer data between the individual performance programs. The second procedure is more automated in that all necessary programs are collected into a single computer code, thereby eliminating the need for data reformatting. Results from both procedures show similar trends but quantitative differences. Agreement was best in the predictions of specific impulse and local skin friction coefficient. Other compared quantities include characteristic velocity, thrust coefficient, thrust decrement, boundary layer displacement thickness, momentum thickness, and heat loss rate to the wall. The other quantities, however, were not drastically affected by the wall temperature profile change. Author


The heat exchanger concept is discussed together with its role in rocket engine operation in idle modes. Two heat exchanger designs (low and high heat transfer) utilizing different approaches to achieve stable oxygen vaporization are presented as well as their performance test results. It is concluded that compact and lightweight heat exchangers can be used in a stable manner under the 'idle' operating conditions with the RL10 rocket engine. K.K.


The technological readiness of a long-life multipropellant resistojet for space station auxiliary propulsion is demonstrated. A laboratory model resistojet made from grain-stabilized platinum
served as a test bed to evaluate the design characteristics, fabrication methods, and operating strategies for an engineering model multipropellant resistojet developed under contract by the Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International and Technion Incorporated. The laboratory model thruster was subjected to a 2000-hr, 2400-thermal-cycle endurance test using carbon dioxide propellant. Maximum thruster temperatures were approximately 1400 C. The post-test analyses of the laboratory model thruster included an investigation of component microstructures. Significant observations from the laboratory model thruster are discussed as they relate to the design of the engineering model thruster. 

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THE NASA ELECTRIC PROPULSION PROGRAM 

The NASA OAST Propulsion, Power and Energy Division supports electric propulsion for a broad class of missions. Concepts with potential to significantly benefit or enable space exploration and exploitation are identified and advanced toward applications in the near to far term. Recent program progress in mission/system analyses and in electrothermal, on, and electromagnetic technologies are summarized. 

Author 

A87-47003*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 
AN EVALUATION OF METALLIZED PROPELLANTS BASED ON VEHICLE PERFORMANCE 

An analytical study was conducted to determine the improvements in vehicle performance possible by burning metals with conventional liquid bipropellants. These metallized propellants theoretically offer higher specific impulse, increased propellant density and improved vehicle performance compared with conventional liquid bipropellants. Metals considered were beryllium, lithium, aluminum and iron. Liquid bipropellants were H2/O2, N2H4/N2O4, RP-1/O2 and H2/F2. A mission with a delta V = 4267.2 m/sec (14,000 ft/sec) and vehicle with propellant volume fixed at 56.3 cu m (2000 cu ft) and dry mass fixed at 2761.6 kg (6000 lb) was used, roughly representing the transfer of a chemically propelled upper-stage vehicle from a low-Earth orbit to a geosynchronous orbit. The results of thermochemical calculations and mission analysis calculations for bipropellants metallized with beryllium, lithium, aluminum and iron are presented. Technology issues pertinent to metallized propellants are discussed. 

Author

A87-48575*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 
LOW POWER DC ARCJET OPERATION WITH HYDROGEN/NITROGEN/AMMONIA MIXTURES 

The effect of gas composition and ambient pressure on arcjet operation was determined. Arcjet operation in different facilities was also compared to determine the validity of tests in small facilities. Volt-ampere characteristics were determined for an arcjet using hydrogen/nitrogen mixtures (simulating both ammonia and hydrizing), hydrogen/nitrogen/ammonia mixtures, and pure ammonia as propellants at various flow rates. The arcjet had a typical performance of 450 sec specific impulse at 1 kW with hydrogen/nitrogen mixtures. It was determined that the amount of ammonia present in the gas stream had a significant effect on the arcjet volt-ampere characteristics. Also, hydrogen/nitrogen mixtures simulating ammonia gave arc characteristics approximately the same as those of pure ammonia. Finally, no differences in arc volt-ampere characteristics were seen between low and high ambient pressure operation in the same facility. A 3 to 5 V difference was seen when different facilities were compared, but this difference was probably due to differences in the voltage drops across the current connections, and not due to arcjet operational differences in the two facilities. 

Author

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STATUS OF XENON ION PROPULSION TECHNOLOGY 

This paper describes a working-model xenon ion propulsion subsystem (XIPS) designed for north-south stationkeeping (NNSK) of 2500-kg-class geosynchronous communication satellites. The XIPS consists of a 25-cm-diameter laboratory-model thruster, a breadboard-model power supply, and a flight-prototype pressure regulator (the critical component of the pressure-regulated xenon feed system). With a thrust of 63.5 mN, specific impulse of 2800 sec, and thruster efficiency of 65 percent, the XIPS performance is believed to be the highest ever reported for an ion thruster operated at 1.3-kW input power. The XIPS power supply accepts an input power of about 1.4 kW from a 28- to 35-V bus and converts it into the seven outputs required for startup and operation of the thruster. The simplified power supply contains only about 500 parts and has demonstrated an unprecedented efficiency of 90 percent and a specific mass of about 8 kg/kW. The results of a highly successful wear-mechanism test in which the working-model XIPS was operated for 4350 hours and 3850 ON/OFF cycles are presented. These hours and cycles are equivalent to over ten years of NNSK on large communication satellites. 

Author

A87-50191*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 
NUCLEAR POWERED MARS CARGO TRANSPORT MISSION UTILIZING ADVANCED ION PROPULSION 

Nuclear-powered ion propulsion technology was combined with detailed trajectory analysis to determine propulsion system and trajectory options for an unmanned cargo mission to Mars in support of manned Mars missions. A total of 96 mission scenarios were identified by combining two power levels, two propellants, four values of specific impulse per propellant, three starting altitudes, and two starting velocities. Sixty of these scenarios were selected for a detailed trajectory analysis; a complete propulsion system study was then conducted for 20 of these trajectories. Trip times ranged from 344 days for a xenon propulsion system operating at 300 kW total power and starting from lunar orbit with escape velocity to 770 days for an argon propulsion system operating at 300 kW total power and starting from nuclear start orbit with circular velocity. Trip times for the 3 MW cases studied ranged from 356 kW to 413 days. Payload masses ranged from 5700 to 12,300 kg for the 300 kW power level, and from 72,200 to 81,500 kg for the 3 MW power level. 

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Direct current arcs have the potential to provide specific impulses greater than 500 sec with storable propellants, and greater than 1000 sec with hydrogen. This level of performance can provide significant benefits with such applications as orbit transfer, station keeping, orbit change, and maneuvering. The simplicity of the arcjet system and its elements of commonality with state-of-the-art resistojet systems offer a relatively low risk transition to these enhanced levels of performance for low power (0.5 to 1.5 kW) station keeping applications. Arcjets at power levels of 10 to 30 kW are potentially applicable to orbit transfer missions. Furthermore, with the anticipated development of space nuclear power systems, arcjets at greater than 100 kW may become attractive. This paper describes the ongoing NASA/USAF program and describes major recent accomplishments. 

Electrostatic (Langmuir) probes of both spherical and cylindrical geometry have been used to obtain electron number density and temperature in the exhaust of a laboratory arcjet. The arcjet thruster operated on nitrogen and hydrogen mixtures to simulate fully decomposed hydrazine in a vacuum environment with background pressures less than 0.05 Pa. The exhaust appears to be only slightly ionized (less than 1 percent) with local plasma potentials near facility ground. The current-voltage characteristics of the probes indicate a Maxwellian temperature distribution. Plume data are presented as a function of arcjet operating conditions and also position in the exhaust. 

An investigation of the pulse ignition characteristics of a 1 kW class arcjet using an inductive energy storage pulse generator with a pulse width modulated power converter identified several thruster and pulse generator parameters that influence breakdown voltage including pulse generator rate of voltage rise. This work was conducted with an arcjet tested on hydrogen-nitrogen gas mixtures to simulate fully decomposed hydrazine. Over all ranges of thruster and pulse parameters investigated, the mean breakdown voltages varied from 1.4 to 2.7 kV. Ignition tests at elevated thruster temperatures under certain conditions revealed occasional breakdowns to thruster voltages higher than the power converter output voltage. These post breakdown discharges sometimes failed to transition to the lower voltage arc discharge mode and the thruster would not ignite. Under the same conditions, a transition to the arc mode would occur for a subsequent pulse and the thruster would ignite. An automated 11 600 cycle starting and transition to steady state test demonstrated ignition on the first pulse and required application of a second pulse only two times to initiate breakdown.
Elevated catalyst bed temperatures in the periods before steady state operation was found to be responsible for this phenomenon.

A87-52247* # Washington Univ., St. Louis, Mo.
TEMPERATURE FIELDS DUE TO JET INDUCED MIXING IN A TYPICAL OTV TANK
J. I. HOCHSTEIN, HYUN-CHUL JI (Washington University, Saint Louis, MO), and J. C. AYDELOTT (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA, SAE, ASME, and ASEE, Joint Propulsion Conference, 23rd, San Diego, CA, June 29-July 2, 1987. 11 p. refs
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The Eclipse Code is being developed as a general tool for analysis of cryogenic propellant behavior in spacecraft tankage. The focus of the work being reported is on prediction of temperature fields due to introduction of a cold jet along the centerline of a typical Orbit Transfer Vehicle tank. A brief description of the formulations used for modeling heat transfer and turbulent flow is presented. Code performance is verified through comparison to experimental data for mixing in small scale tanks. An unexpected difficulty in computing long duration flows is reviewed. Preliminary results for a partially filled full scale tank are obtained by approximating the free surface by a spherical solid boundary.

A87-52249* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF HEAT TRANSFER ON A 1030:1 AREA RATIO ROCKET NOZZLE
(AIAA PAPER 87-2070)

A 1030:1 carbon steel, heat-sink nozzle was tested. The test conditions included a nominal chamber pressure of 2413 kN/sq m and a mixture ratio of 2.78 to 5.49. The propellants were gaseous oxygen and gaseous hydrogen. Outer wall temperature measurements were used to calculate the inner wall temperature and the heat flux and heat rate to the nozzle at specified axial locations. The experimental heat fluxes were compared to those predicted by the Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) computer model analysis program. When laminar boundary layer flow was assumed in the analysis, the predicted values were within 15 percent of the experimental values for the area ratios of 20 to 375. However, when turbulent boundary layer conditions were assumed, the predicted values were approximately 120 percent higher than the experimental values. A study was performed to determine if the conditions within the nozzle could sustain a laminar boundary layer. Using the flow properties predicted by TDK, the momentum-thickness Reynolds number was calculated, and the point of transition to turbulent flow was predicted. The predicted transition point was within 0.5 inches of the nozzle throat. Calculations of the acceleration parameter were then made to determine if the flow conditions could produce relaminarization of the boundary layer. It was determined that if the boundary layer flow was inclined to transition to turbulent, the acceleration conditions within the nozzle would tend to suppress turbulence and keep the flow laminar-like.

A87-52250* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
ANALYSIS OF QUASI-HYBRID SOLID ROCKET BOOSTER CONCEPTS FOR ADVANCED EARTH-TO-ORBIT VEHICLES
(AIAA PAPER 87-2082)

A study was conducted to assess the feasibility of quasi-hybrid solid rocket boosters for advanced earth-to-orbit vehicles. Thermochemical calculations were conducted to determine the effect of liquid hydrogen addition, solids composition change plus liquid hydrogen addition, and the addition of an aluminum/liquid hydrogen slurry on the theoretical performance of a PBAN solid propellant rocket. The Space Shuttle solid rocket booster was used as a reference point. All three quasi-hybrid systems theoretically offer higher specific impulse when compared with the Space Shuttle solid rocket boosters. However, based on operational and safety considerations, the quasi-hybrid rocket is not a practical choice for near-term earth-to-orbit booster applications. Safety and technology issues pertinent to quasi-hybrid rocket systems are discussed.

A87-52252* # Akron Univ., Ohio.
EFFECT OF NOZZLE GEOMETRY ON THE RESISTOJET EXHAUST PLUMES
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(AIAA PAPER 87-2121)

Five nozzle configurations were used to study the effect of geometry on the plume structure of a resistojet exhausting into a vacuum. Mass flux data in the forward and back flux regions were obtained with a cryogenically cooled quartz crystal microbalances. The propellant used was CO2 at 300 K and a mass flow rate of 0.2 g/s. The data reveal that the percent of mass flow contained within half angles of 10, 30, and 40 deg varied by less than 12 percent from a standard 20 deg half-angle cone nozzle. K.K.

N87-10174* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
COAXIAL TUBE TETHER/TRANSMISSION LINE FOR MAHNNED NUCLEAR SPACE POWER Patent Application
D. J. BENTS, inventor (to NASA) 18 Aug. 1986 15 p

A spacecraft comprising a platform, a power system and a power transmission line adapted to transmitting high voltage electrical power in a space environment is disclosed. The transmission power line tethers the suborbiting platform to the power system located in a superorbital position relative to the platform.

N87-10175* # Rockwell International Corp., Canoga Park, Calif.
ROCKETDYNE DIV.
COMPOSITE LOAD SPECTRA FOR SELECT SPACE PROPULSION STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS Annual Report
J. F. NEWELL, R. E. KURTH, and H. HO Mar. 1986 365 p
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(NASA-CR-179486; NA C 126:179486; RI/RD86-123; AR-1) Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 21H

A multiyear program is performed with the objective to develop generic load models with multiple levels of progressive sophistication to simulate the composite (combined) load spectra that are induced in space propulsion system components, representative of Space Shuttle Main Engines (SSME), such as transfer ducts, turbine blades, and liquid oxygen (LOX) posts. Progress of the first year's effort includes completion of a sufficient
portion of each task -- probabilistic models, code development, validation, and an initial operational code. This code has from its inception an expert system philosophy that could be added to throughout the program and in the future. The initial operational code is only applicable to turbine blade type loadings. The probabilistic model included in the operational code has fitting routines for loads that utilize a modified Discrete Probabilistic Distribution approach, RASCAL, a barrier crossing method and a Monte Carlo method. An initial load model was developed by Battelle that is currently used for the slowly varying duty cycle type loading. The intent is to use the model and related codes essentially in the current form for all loads that are based on measured or calculated data that have followed a slowly varying profile.

N87-10759* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. STATUS OF ADVANCED PROPULSION FOR SPACE BASED ORBITAL TRANSFER VEHICLE L. P. COOPER and D. D. SCHEER 1986 32 p Presented at the 37th Congress of the International Astronautical Federation, Innsbruck, Austria, 4-11 Oct. 1986 (NASA-TM-88884; E-3239; NAS 1.15:88884; IAF-86-183) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 10B

A new Orbital Transfer Vehicle (OTV) propulsion system will be required to meet the needs of space missions beyond the mid-1990's. As envisioned, the advanced OTV will be used in conjunction with Earth-to-orbit vehicles, Space Station, and Orbit Maneuvering Vehicle. The OTV will transfer men, large space structures, and conventional payloads between low Earth and higher energy orbits. Space probes carried by the OTV will continue the exploration of the solar system. When lunar bases are established, the OTV will be their transportation link to Earth. NASA is currently funding the development of technology for advanced propulsion concepts for future Orbit Transfer Vehicles. Progress in key areas during 1986 is presented.


Reflective surfaces for space station power generation systems are required to withstand the atomic oxygen-dominated environment of near Earth orbit. Thin films of platinum and rhodium, which are corrosion resistant reflective metals, have been deposited by ion beam sputter deposition onto various substrate materials. Solar reflectances were then measured as a function of time in an environment of near Earth orbit. Reflectance measurements and scanning electron microscopy. The results indicated that oxidative damage to the silver reflecting layer continues beyond that of the erosively exposed silver. Oxidative undercutting of the silver layer and graphite-epoxy substrate continues in undamaged areas through adjacent, particle damaged defect sites. This may have implications for the use of such mirrors in a space station solar dynamic power system.


Silver mirror samples with protective coatings were subjected to a stream of 27 micron alumina particles to induce pinhole defects. The protective coating consisted of a layer of aluminum oxide over silver followed by a layer of silicon dioxide over the alumina. Samples were prepared on both graphite-epoxy composite and fused quartz substrates. After exposure to the hard particle stream, the samples were exposed to an oxygen plasma environment in a laboratory plasma asher. The effects of both the hard particles and the oxygen plasma were documented by both reflectance measurements and scanning electron microscopy. The results indicated that oxidative damage to the silver reflecting layer continues beyond that of the erosively exposed silver. Oxidative undercutting of the silver layer and graphite-epoxy substrate continues in undamaged areas through adjacent, particle damaged defect sites. This may have implications for the use of such mirrors in a space station solar dynamic power system.


Projected NASA, Civil, Commercial, and Military missions will require space power systems of increased versatility and power levels. The Advanced Solar Dynamic (ASD) Power systems offer the potential for efficient, lightweight, survivable, relatively compact, long-lived space power systems applicable to a wide range of power levels (3 to 300 kW), and a wide variety of orbits. The successful development of these systems could satisfy the power needs for a wide variety of these projected missions. Thus, the NASA Lewis Research Center has embarked upon an aggressive ASD research project under the direction of NASA's Office of Aeronautics and Space Technology (DAST). The project is being implemented through a combination of in-house and contracted efforts. Key elements of this project are missions analysis to determine the power systems requirements, systems analysis to identify the most attractive ASD power systems to meet these requirements, and to guide the technology development efforts, and technology development of key components.


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Analytical and experimental studies are being conducted for NASA sponsored research to evaluate the combustion performance characteristics and service life of a liquid rocket combustor. This effort is being conducted in conjunction with other tasks to develop technologies for an advanced, expander cycle, oxygen/hydrogen engine planned for upper stage propulsion applications. Increased heat extraction, needed to raise available turbine drive energy for higher chamber pressure, is derived from combustion chamber hot gas wall ribs
that increase the heat transfer surface area. Life improvement is obtained through channel designs that enhance cooling and maintain the wall temperature at an acceptable level. Laboratory test programs were conducted to evaluate the heat transfer characteristics of hot gas rib and coolant channel geometries selected through an analytical screening process. Detailed velocity profile maps, previously unavailable for rib and channel geometries, were obtained for the candidate designs using a cold flow laser velocimeter facility. Boundary layer behavior and heat transfer were obtained for the candidate designs using a cold flow laser for further evaluation. Analyzed biowaste design types were: (1) an electrically conductive ceramic heater-exchanger of zirconia; (2) a truss heater of platinum in cross flow; (3) an immersed bicoil tubular heater-exchanger; and (4) a nonexposed, refractory metal, radiant heater in a central cavity within a heat exchanger case. Concepts 2 and 3 are designed to have an efficient, stainless steel outer pressure case. The hydrazine design types are: (5) an immersed bicoil heater exchanger and (6) a nonexposed radiant heater now with a refractory metal case. The ceramic biowaste resistojets have the highest specific impulse growth potential at 2000 K of 192.5 (CO2) and 269 s (H2O). The bicoil produces the highest augmenter temperature of 1924 K for a 2073 K heater giving 317 s at .73 overall efficiency. Detailed temperature profiles of each of the designs are shown. The scaled layout drawings of each are presented with recommended materials and fabrication methods. Analyzes were performed to characterize and compare electric propulsion systems for use on a space flight demonstration of the SP-100 nuclear power system. The component masses of resistojet, arcjet, and ion thruster systems were calculated using consistent assumptions and the maximum total impulse, velocity increment, and thrusting time were determined, subject to the constraint of the lift capability of a single Space Shuttle launch. From the study it was found that for most systems the propulsion system dry mass was less than 20 percent of the available mass for the propulsion system. The maximum velocity increment was found to be up to 2890 m/sec for resistojet, 3760 m/sec for arcjet, and 23 000 m/sec for ion thruster systems. The maximum thrust time was found to be 19, 47, and 853 days for resistojet, arcjet, and ion thruster systems, respectively.

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Solar dynamic power system mirrors for use on space station and other spacecraft flown in low Earth orbit (LEO) are exposed to the harshness of the LEO environment. Both atomic oxygen and micrometeoroids/space debris can degrade the performance of such mirrors. Protective coatings will be required to protect oxidizable reflecting media, such as silver and aluminum, from atomic oxygen attack. Several protective coating materials have been identified as good candidates for use in this application. The durability of these coating/mirror systems after pinhole defects have been inflicted during their fabrication and deployment or through micrometeoroid/space debris impact once on-orbit is of concern. Studies of the effect of an oxygen plasma environment on protected mirror surfaces with intentionally induced pinhole defects have been conducted at NASA Lewis and are reviewed. It has been found that oxidation of the reflective layer and/or the substrate in areas adjacent to a pinhole defect, but not directly exposed by the pinhole, can occur.

Reference:

A generalized modeling program was adapted in BASIC on a personal computer to compare the performance of four types of biowaste resistojets and two types of hydrazine augmenters. Analyzed biowaste design types were: (1) an electrically conductive ceramic heater-exchanger of zirconia; (2) a truss heater of platinum in cross flow; (3) an immersed bicoil tubular heater-exchanger; and (4) a nonexposed, refractory metal, radiant heater in a central cavity within a heat exchanger case. Concepts 2 and 3 are designed to have an efficient, stainless steel outer pressure case. The hydrazine design types are: (5) an immersed bicoil heater exchanger and (6) a nonexposed radiant heater now with a refractory metal case. The ceramic biowaste resistojets have the highest specific impulse growth potential at 2000 K of 192.5 (CO2) and 269 s (H2O). The bicoil produces the highest augmenter temperature of 1924 K for a 2073 K heater giving 317 s at .73 overall efficiency. Detailed temperature profiles of each of the designs are shown. The scaled layout drawings of each are presented with recommended materials and fabrication methods.

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An experimental program using liquid oxygen (LOX) and RP-1 as the propellants and supercritical LOX as the coolant was conducted at 4.14, 8.27, and 13.79 MN/sq m (600, 1200, and 2000 psia) chamber pressure. The objectives of this program were to evaluate the cooling characteristics of LOX with the LOX/RP-1 propellants, the buildup of the soot on the hot-gas-side chamber wall, and the effect of an internal LOX leak on the structural integrity of the combustor. Five thrust chambers with throat diameters of 6.6 cm (2.5 in.) were tested successfully. The first three were tested at 4.14 MN/sq m (600 psia) chamber pressure over a mixture ratio range of 2.25 to 2.92. One of these three was tested for over 22 cyclic tests after the first through crack from the coolant channel to the combustion zone was observed with no apparent metal burning or distress. The fourth chamber was tested at 8.27 MN/sq m (1200 psia) chamber pressure pressure over a mixture range of 1.93 to 2.98. The fourth and fifth chambers were tested at 13.79 MN/sq m (2000 psia) chamber pressure over a mixture ratio range of 1.79 to 2.68.

Reference:

The purpose of the Advanced Development program was to investigate propulsion options for the space station. Two options were investigated in detail: a high-thrust system consisting of 25 to 50 lbf gaseous oxygen/hydrogen rockets, and a low-thrust system of 0.1 lbf multipropellant resistojets. An effort is also being conducted to determine the life capability of hydrazine-fueled thrusters. During the course of this program, studies clearly identified the benefits of utilizing waste water and other fluids as propellant sources. The results of the H/O thruster test programs are presented and the plan to determine the life of hydrazine thrusters is discussed. The background required to establish a
long-life resistojet is presented and the first design model is shown in detail.

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AN ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF RESISTOJET PLUMES

As a part of the electrothermal propulsion plume research program at the NASA Lewis Research Center, efforts have been initiated to analytically and experimentally investigate the plumes of resistojet thrusters. The method of G.A. Simons for the prediction of rocket exhaust plumes is developed for the resistojet. Modifications are made to the source flow equations to account for the increased effects of the relatively large nozzle boundary layer. Additionally, preliminary mass flux measurements of a laboratory resistojet using CO2 propellant at 298 K have been obtained with a cryogenically cooled quartz crystal microbalance (QCM). There is qualitative agreement between analysis and experiment, at least in terms of the overall number density shape functions in the forward flux region.

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ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM DESIGN FOR THE US SPACE STATION

The multipurpose, manned, permanent space station will be our next step toward utilization of space. A multikilowatt electrical power system will be critical to its success. The power systems for the space station manned core and platforms that have been selected in definition studies are described. The system selected for the platforms uses silicon arrays and Ni-H2 batteries. The power system for the manned core is a hybrid employing arrays and batteries identical to those on the platform along with solar dynamic modules using either Brayton or organic Rankine engines. The power system requirements, candidate technologies, and configurations that were considered, and the basis for selection, are discussed.

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BREADBOARD RL10-11B LOW THRUST OPERATING MODE Final Test Report, 24-29 Feb. 1984

Cryogenic space engines require a cooling process to condition engine hardware to operating temperature before start. This can be accomplished most efficiently by burning propellants that would otherwise be dumped overboard after cooling the engine. The resultant low thrust operating modes are called Tank Head Idle and Pumped Idle. During February 1984, Pratt & Whitney conducted a series of tests demonstrating operation of the RL10 rocket engines at low thrust levels using a previously untried hydrogen/oxygen heat exchanger. The initial testing of the RL10-11B Breadboard Low Thrust Engine is described. The testing demonstrated operation at both tank head idle and pumped idle modes.

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SPACE STATION EXPERIMENT DEFINITION: ADVANCED POWER SYSTEM TEST BED Final Report

A conceptual design for an advanced photovoltaic power system test bed was provided and the requirements for advanced photovoltaic power system experiments better defined. Results of this study will be used in the design efforts conducted in phase B and phase C/D of the space station program so that the test bed capabilities will be responsive to user needs. Critical PV and energy storage technologies were identified and inputs were received from the industry (government and commercial, U.S. and international) which identified experimental requirements. These inputs were used to develop a number of different conceptual designs. Pros and cons of each were discussed and a strawman candidate identified. A preliminary evolutionary plan, which included necessary precursor activities, was established and cost estimates presented which would allow for a successful implementation to the space station in the 1994 time frame.

Author


The RL10-IIB engine, a derivative of the RLIO, is capable of multi-mode thrust operation. This engine operates at two low thrust levels: tank head idle (THI), which is approximately 1 to 2 percent of full thrust, and pumped idle (PI), which is 10 percent of full thrust. Operation at THI provides vehicle propellant settling thrust and efficient engine thermal conditioning; PI operation provides vehicle tank pre-pressurization and maneuver thrust for log-g deployment. Stable combustion of the RL10-IIB engine at THI and PI thrust levels can be accomplished by providing gaseous oxygen at the propellant injector. Using gaseous hydrogen from the thrust chamber jacket as an energy source, a heat exchanger can be used to vaporize liquid oxygen without creating flow instability. This report summarizes the design and analysis of a United Aircraft Products (UAP) low-rate heat transfer heat exchanger concept for the RL10-IIB rocket engine. The design represents a second iteration of the RL10-IIB heat exchanger investigation program. The design and analysis of the first heat exchanger effort is presented in more detail in NASA CR-174857. Testing of the previous design is detailed in NASA CR-179487.

Author
alpha joint, pointing errors caused by transient loads on the space station can be minimized. This would allow pointing controls to operate in bandwidths near system structural frequencies. The integration of the fine pointing control system into the solar dynamic module is fairly straightforward for the three strut concentrator support structure. However, results of structural analyses indicate that this three strut support is not optimum. Incorporation of a vernier pointing system into the proposed six strut support structure is being studied. Author

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**POTENTIAL PROPELLANT STORAGE AND FEED SYSTEMS FOR SPACE STATION RESISTOJET PROPULSION OPTIONS**

Final Report

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The resistojet system has been defined as part of the baseline propulsion system for the initial Operating Capability Space Station. The resistojet propulsion module will perform a reboost function using a wide variety of fluids as propellants. There are many optional propellants and propellant combinations for use in the resistojet including (but not limited to): hydrazine, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, water, carbon dioxide, and methanol. Many different types of propulsion systems have flown or have been conceptualized that may have application for use with resistojets. This paper describes and compares representative examples of these systems that may provide a basis for space station resistojet system design. Author

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**SPACE STATION AUXILIARY THRUST CHAMBER TECHNOLOGY** Final Report

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A program to design, fabricate and test a 50 lb sub f (222 N) thruster was undertaken (Contract NAS 3-24656) to demonstrate the applicability of the reverse flow concept as an item of auxiliary propulsion for the space station. The thruster was to operate at a mixture ratio (O/F) of 4, be capable of operating for 2 million Ibf- seconds at various power supply currents. Thruster to power ratio is typically T/P = .07 N/kW. Tank background pressure precludes direct measurement of exhaust velocity which is inferred from calculated pressure and temperature in the discharge to be about 14 km/sec. Efficiency, based on this velocity and measured T/P is 70% or - .07. Thruster ablation is zero at the thruster becomes measurable further upstream, indicating that radiative ablation is occurring late in the pulse. Author

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**HEAT EXCHANGER FOR ELECTROTHERMAL DEVICES Patent**

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An improved electrothermal device is disclosed. An electrothermal thruster utilizes a generally cylindrical heat exchanger chamber to convert electricity to heat which raises the propellant temperature. A textured, high emissivity heat element radiatively transfers heat to the inner wall of this chamber that is ion beam morphologically controlled for high absorptivity. This, in turn, raises the temperature of a porous heat exchanger material in an annular chamber surrounding the cylindrical chamber. Propellant gas flows through the annular chamber and is heated by the heat exchanger material. This paper describes and compares representative examples of these systems that may provide a basis for space station resistojet system design. Author
liquid-metal fast reactor. The power system consists of the reactor, reactor shielding, power conditioning subsystems, and heat rejection subsystems. It is capable of providing a maximum of 9.5 megawatts of electrical power of which 6 megawatts is needed for the thruster system, leaving 1.5 megawatts available for in-flight mission applications.

The high impulse of electric propulsion makes it an attractive option for manned interplanetary missions such as a manned mission to Mars. This option, however, depends on the availability of high energy sources for propulsive power in addition to that required for the manned interplanetary transit vehicle. Two power system technologies are presented: nuclear and solar. The ion thruster technology for the interplanetary transit vehicle is described for a typical mission. The power management and distribution system components required for such a mission must be further developed beyond today's technology status. High voltage/high current technology advancements must be achieved. These advancements are described. In addition, large amounts of waste heat must be rejected to the space environment by the thermal management system. Advanced concepts such as the liquid droplet radiator are discussed and possible candidates for the manned Mars mission. These thermal management technologies have great potential for significant weight reductions over the more conventional systems.

Two nozzle performance prediction procedures which are based on the standardized JANNAF methodology are presented and compared for four rocket engine nozzles. The first procedure required operator intercedence to transfer data between the individual programs. The second procedure is more automated in that all necessary programs are collected into a single computer code, thereby eliminating the need for data reformating. Results from both procedures show similar trends but quantitative differences. Agreement was best in the predictions of specific impulse and local skin friction coefficient. Other compared quantities include characteristic velocity, thrust coefficient, thrust decrement, boundary layer displacement thickness, momentum thickness, and heat loss rate to the wall. Effects of wall temperature profile used as an input to the programs was investigated by running three wall temperature profiles. It was found that this change greatly affected the boundary layer displacement thickness and heat loss to the wall. The other quantities, however, were not drastically affected by the wall temperature profile change.

An experimental investigation was conducted to determine the thrust performance attainable from high-area-ratio rocket nozzles. A modified Rao-contoured nozzle with an expansion area of 1030 was test fired with hydrogen-oxygen propellants at altitude conditions. The nozzle was also tested as a truncated nozzle, at an expansion area ratio of 426. Thrust coefficient and thrust coefficient efficiency values are presented for each configuration at various propellant mixture ratios (oxygen/fuel). Several procedural techniques were developed permitting improved measurement of nozzle performance. The more significant of these
were correcting the thrust for the aneroid effects, determining the effective chamber pressure, and referencing differential pressure transducers to a vacuum reference tank. Author

**MULTISTART TEST**


A low power, dc arcjet thruster was tested for starting reliability using hydrogen-nitrogen mixtures simulating the decomposition products of hydrazine. More than 300 starts were accumulated in phases with extended burn-in periods interfaced. A high degree of flow stabilization was built into the arcjet and the power supply incorporated both rapid current regulation and a high voltage, pulsed starting circuit. A nominal current level of 10 A was maintained throughout the test. Photomicrographs of the cathode tip showed a rapid recession to a steady-state operating geometry. A target of 300 starts was selected, as this represents significantly more than anticipated (150 to 240), in missions of 10 yr or less duration. Weighings showed no apparent mass loss. Some anode erosion was observed, particularly at the entrance to the constrictor. This was attributed to the brief period during startup the arc mode attachment point spends in the high pressure region upstream of the nozzle. Based on the results obtained, startup does not appear to be performance or life limiting for the number of starts typical of operational satellite applications. Author

**MULTISTART TEST ON HYDROGEN/NITROGEN MIXTURES**


An arcjet starting reliability test was performed to investigate one feasibility issue in the use of arcjets onboard a satellite for north-south stationkeeping. A 1 kW arcjet was run on hydrogen/nitrogen gas mixtures simulating decomposed hydrazine. A pulse width modulated power supply with an integral high voltage starting pulser was used for arc ignition and steady-state operation. The test was performed in four phases in order to determine if starting characteristics changed as a result of long term thruster operation. More than 300 successful starts were accumulated over an operating time of 18 hrs. Overall results indicate that there is a link between starting characteristics and long term thruster operation; however, the large number of starts had no effect on steady-state performance. Author

**EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF LOW REYNOLDS NUMBER NOZZLES**


High-performance electrothermal thrusters operate in a low nozzle-throat Reynolds number regime. Under these conditions, the flow boundary layer occupies a large volume inside the nozzle, contributing to large viscous losses. Four nozzles (conical, bell, trumpet, and modified trumpet) and a sharp-edged orifice were evaluated over a Reynolds number range of 500 to 9000 with unheated nitrogen and hydrogen. The nozzles showed significant decreases in specific impulse efficiency with decreasing Reynolds number. At Reynolds numbers less than 1000, all four nozzles were probably filled with a large boundary layer. The discharge coefficient decreased with Reynolds number in the same manner as the specific impulse efficiency. The bell and modified trumpet nozzles had discharge coefficients 4 to 8 percent higher than those of the cone or trumpet nozzles. The Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) nozzle analysis computer program was used to predict nozzle performance. The results were then compared to the experimental results in order to determine the accuracy of the program within this flow regime. Author

**EFFECT OF AN OXYGEN PLASMA ON UNCOATED THIN ALUMINUM REFLECTING FILMS**

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Thin aluminum films were considered for use as a reflective surface for solar collectors on orbiting solar dynamic power systems. A matter of concern is the durability of such reflective coatings against oxidative attack by highly reactive neutral atomic oxygen, which is the predominant chemical species in low Earth orbit. Research to date was aimed at evaluating the protective merit of thin dielectric coatings over the aluminum or other reflective metals. However, an uncoated aluminum reflector may self-protect by virtue of the oxide formed from its exposure surface, which constitutes a physical barrier to further oxidation. This possibility was investigated, and an attempt was made to characterize the effects of atomic oxygen on thin Al films using photomicrographs, scanning electron microscopy, spectrophotometry, Auger analysis, and mass measurements. Data collected in a parallel effort is discussed for its comparative value. The results of the investigation of uncoated aluminum supported the self-protection hypothesis, and importantly, it was found that long term specular reflectance for uncoated aluminum exceeded that of Al and Ag reflectors with dielectric coatings. Author
**SPACE STATION ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN**


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An overview of the conceptual definition and design of the space station Electric Power System (EPS) is given. Responsibilities for the design and development of the EPS are defined. The EPS requirements are listed and discussed, including average and peak power requirements, contingency requirements, and fault tolerance. The most significant Phase B trade study results are summarized, and the design selections and rationale are given. Finally, the power management and distribution system architecture is presented.

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Author


COMPOSITE LOAD SPECTRA FOR SELECT SPACE PROPULSION STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS

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The objective of this program is to develop generic load models to simulate the composite load spectra (CLS) that are induced in space propulsion system components representative of the space shuttle main engines (SSME). These models are being developed through describing individual component loads with an appropriate mix of deterministic and state-of-the-art probabilistic models that are related to key generic variables. Combinations of the individual loads are used to synthesize the composite loads spectra. A second approach for developing the composite loads spectra load model simulation, the option portion of the contract will develop coupled models which combine the individual load models. Statistically varying coefficients of the physical models will be used to obtain the composite load spectra.

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STRUCTURAL TAILORING USING THE SSME/STAEBL CODE

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Space Shuttle Main Engine/Structural Tailoring of Engine Blades (SSME/STAEBL) was developed by systematically modifying and enhancing the STAEBL code developed by Pratt and Whitney under contract to NASA Lewis Research Center. STAEBL was designed for application to gas turbine blade design. Typical design variables include blade thickness distribution and root chord. Typical constraints include resonance margins, root stress, and root to chord ratios. In this program, the blade is loaded by centrifugal forces only. Additions and modifications of STAEBL included in SSME/STAEBL include (1) thermal stress analysis; (2) gas dynamic (pressure) loads; (3) temperature dependent material and thermal properties; (4) forced vibrations; (5) lip displacement constraints; (6) single crystal material analysis; (7) blade cross section stacking offsets; and (8) direct time integration algorithm for transient dynamic response. Capabilities are also included which permit data transfer from finite element models and stand-alone analysis.

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SSME BLADE DAMPER TECHNOLOGY

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Before 1975 turbine blade damper designs were based on experience and very simple mathematical models. Failure of the dampers to perform as expected showed the need to gain a better understanding of the physical mechanism of friction dampers. Over the last 10 years research on friction dampers for aeronautical propulsion systems has resulted in methods to optimize damper designs. The first-stage turbine blades on the Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) high-pressure oxygen pump have experienced cracking problems due to excessive vibration. A solution is to incorporate a well-designed friction damper to attenuate blade vibration. The subject study, a cooperative effort between NASA Lewis and Carnegie-Mellon University, represents an application of recently developed friction damper technology to the SSME high-pressure oxygen turbopump. The major emphasis was the contractor's design known as the two-piece damper. Dampering occurs at the frictional interface between the top half of the damper and the underside of the platforms of the adjacent blades. The lower half of the damper is an air seal to retard airflow in the volume between blade necks.

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IMPACT OF THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE PROPERTIES ON SOLAR DYNAMIC SPACE POWER CONVERSION SYSTEM MASS


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A 16 parameter solar concentrator/heat receiver mass model is used in conjunction with Stirling and Brayton Power Conversion System (PCS) performance and mass computer codes to determine the effect of thermal energy storage (TES) material property changes on overall PCS mass as a function of steady state electrical power output. Included in the PCS mass model are component masses as a function of thermal power for: concentrator, heat receiver, heat exchangers (source unless integral with heat receiver, heat sink, regenerator), heat engine units with optional parallel redundancy, power conditioning and control (PC and C), PC and C radiator, main radiator, and structure. Critical TES properties are: melting temperature, heat of fusion, density of the liquid phase, and the ratio of solid-to-liquid density. Preliminary results indicate that even though overall system efficiency increases with TES melting temperature up to 1400 K for concentrator surface accuracies of 1 mrad or better, reductions in the overall system mass beyond that achievable with lithium fluoride (LiF) can be accomplished only if the heat of fusion is at least 800 kJ/kg and the liquid density is comparable to that of LiF (1880 kg/cu m).

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The RL10-2B engine, a derivative of the RL10, is capable of multimode thrust operation. This engine operates at two low thrust levels: tank head idle (THI), which is approximately 1 to 2% of full thrust, and pumped idle (PI), which is 10% of full thrust. Operation at THI provides vehicle propellant settling thrust and efficient engine thermal conditioning; PI operation provides vehicle tank pre-pressurization and maneuver thrust for low-g deployment. Stable combustion of the RL10-2B engine during the low thrust operating modes can be accomplished by using a heat exchanger to supply gaseous oxygen to the propellant injector. The oxidizer heat exchanger (OHE) vaporizes the liquid oxygen using hydrogen as the energy source. The design, concept verification testing and analysis for such a heat exchanger is discussed. The design presented uses a high efficiency compact core to vaporize the oxygen, and in the self-contained unit, attenuates any pressure and flow oscillations which result from unstable boiling in the core. This approach is referred to as the high heat transfer design. An alternative approach which prevents unstable boiling of the oxygen by limiting the heat transfer is referred to as the low heat transfer design and is reported in Pratt & Whitney report FR-19135-2.

Author
LOW POWER DC ARCJET OPERATION WITH HYDROGEN/NITROGEN/AMMONIA MIXTURES
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The effect of gas composition and ambient pressure on arcjet operation was determined. Arcjet operation in different facilities was also compared to determine the validity of tests in small facilities. Volt-ampere characteristics were determined for an arcjet using hydrogen/nitrogen mixtures (mixing both ammonia and hydrazine), hydrogen/nitrogen/ammonia mixtures, and pure ammonia as propellants at various flow rates. The arcjet had a typical performance of 450 sec specific impulse at 1 kW with hydrogen/nitrogen mixtures. It was determined that the amount of ammonia present in the gas stream had a significant effect on the arcjet volt-ampere characteristics. Also, hydrogen/nitrogen mixtures simulating ammonia gave arc characteristics approximately the same as those of pure ammonia. Finally, no differences in arc volt-ampere characteristics were seen between low and high ambient pressure operation in the same facility. A 3 to 5 V difference was seen when different facilities were compared, but this difference was probably due to differences in the voltage drops across the current connections, and not due to arcjet operational differences in the two facilities.

An investigation of the pulse ignition characteristics of a 1 kW class arcjet using an inductive energy storage pulse generator was conducted. The generator was capable of delivering a 100 kW pulse to the arcjet. The arcjet was operated on nitrogen and hydrogen mixtures to simulate fully decomposed hydrazine in a vacuum environment with background pressures less than 0.05 Pa. The exhaust appears to be only slightly ionized (less than 1 percent) with local plasma potentials near facility ground. The current-voltage characteristics of the probes indicate a Maxwellian temperature distribution. Flume data are presented as a function of arcjet operating conditions and also position in the exhaust.

LAMMOURI PROBE SURVEYS OF AN ARCJET EXHAUST LYNNETTE M. ZANA 1987 30 p
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Electrostatic (Langmuir) probes of both spherical and cylindrical geometry have been used to obtain electron number density and temperature in the exhaust of a laboratory arcjet. The arcjet thruster operated on nitrogen and hydrogen mixtures to simulate fully decomposed hydrazine in a vacuum environment with background pressures less than 0.05 Pa. The exhaust appears to be only slightly ionized (less than 1 percent) with local plasma potentials near facility ground. The current-voltage characteristics of the probes indicate a Maxwellian temperature distribution. Flume data are presented as a function of arcjet operating conditions and also position in the exhaust.

CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS FOR HIGH FREQUENCY, RESONANT, POWER PROCESSING EQUIPMENT USED IN LARGE SYSTEMS J. W. MILDICE, K. E. SCHREINER, and F. WOLFF 1987 8 p
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Addressed is a class of resonant power processing equipment designed to be used in an integrated high frequency (20 KHz domain), utility power system for large, multi-user spacecraft and other aerospace vehicles. It describes a hardware approach, which has been the basis for parametric and physical data used to justify the selection of high frequency ac as the PMAD baseline for the space station. This paper is part of a larger effort undertaken by NASA and General Dynamics to be sure that all potential space station contractors and other aerospace power system designers understand and can comfortably use this technology, which is now widely used in the commercial sector. In this paper, we will examine control requirements, stability, and operational modes; and their hardware impacts from an integrated system point of view. The current space station PMAD system will provide the overall requirements model to develop an understanding of the performance of this type of system with regard to: (1) regulation; (2) power bus stability and voltage control; (3) source impedance; (4) transient response; (5) power factor effects, and (6) limits and overloads.

AN EVALUATION OF METALLIZED PROPELLANTS BASED ON VEHICLE PERFORMANCE ROBERT L. ZURAWSKI and JAMES M. GREEN (Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.) 1987 27 p
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An analytical study was conducted to determine the improvements in vehicle performance possible by burning metals with conventional liquid bipropellants. These metallized propellants theoretically offer higher specific impulse, increased propellant density and improved vehicle performance compared with conventional liquid bipropellants. Metals considered were beryllium, lithium, aluminum and iron. Liquid bipropellants were H2/O2, N2H4/N2O4, RP-1/O2 and H2/F2. A mission with a delta V = 4257.2 m/sec (14,000 ft/sec) and vehicle with propellant volume fixed at 56.63 cu m (2000 cu ft) and dry mass fixed at 2781.6 kg (6000 lb) was used, roughly representing the transfer of a chemically propelled upper-stage vehicle from a low-Earth orbit to a geosynchronous orbit. The results of thermochemical calculations and mission analysis calculations for bipropellants metallized with beryllium, lithium, aluminum and iron are presented. Technology issues pertinent to metallized propellants are discussed.

LOW POWER ARCJET THRUSTER PULSE IGNITION CHARLES J. SARMIENTO and ROBERT P. GRUBER 1987 29 p
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An investigation of the pulse ignition characteristics of a 1 kW class arcjet using an inductive energy storage pulse generator with a pulse width modulated power converter identified several thruster and pulse generator parameters that influence breakdown voltage including pulse generator rate of voltage rise. This work
was conducted with an arcjet tested on hydrogen-nitrogen gas mixtures to simulate fully decomposed hydrazine. Over all ranges of operating conditions and parameter combinations, the mean breakdown voltages varied from 1.4 to 2.7 kV. Ignition tests at elevated thruster voltages under certain conditions revealed occasional breakdowns to thruster voltages higher than the power converter output voltage. These post breakdown discharges sometimes failed to transition to the lower voltage arc discharge mode and the thruster would not ignite. Under the same conditions, a transition to the arc mode would occur for a subsequent pulse and the thruster would ignite. An automated 11 600 cycle starting and transition to steady state test demonstrated ignition on the first pulse and required application of a second pulse only two times to initiate breakdown.

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**NUCLEAR POWERED MARS CARGO TRANSPORT MISSION UTILIZING ADVANCED ION PROPULSION**

Nuclear-powered ion propulsion technology was combined with detailed trajectory analysis to determine propulsion system and trajectory options for an unmanned cargo mission to Mars in support of manned Mars missions. A total of 96 mission scenarios were identified by combining two power levels, two propellants, four values of specific impulse per propellant, three starting altitudes, and two starting velocities. Sixty of these scenarios were selected for a detailed trajectory analysis; a complete propulsion system study was then conducted for 20 of these trajectories. Trip times ranged from 344 days for a xenon propulsion system operating at 300 kW total power and starting from lunar orbit with escape velocity, to 770 days for an argon propulsion system operating at 300 kW total power and starting from nuclear start orbit with circular velocity. Trip times for the 3 MW cases studied ranged from 356 to 413 days. Payload masses ranged from 5700 to 12,300 kg for the 300 kW power level, and from 72,200 to 81,500 kg for the 3 MW power level.

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**IN-SITU ANALYSIS OF HYDRAZINE DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS**

A gas analyzer utilizing a nondispersive infrared (NDIR) detection system was used to monitor the ammonia and water vapor content of the products of a previously unused hydrazine gas generator. This provided an in-situ measurement of the generator's efficiency difficult to obtain by other means. The analyzer was easily installed in both the calibration and hydrazine systems, required no maintenance other than periodic zero adjustments, and performed well for extended periods in the operating range tested. The catalyst bed operated smoothly and repeatedly during the 28 hr. of testing. No major transients were observed on startup or during steady state operation. The amount of ammonia in the output stream of the gas generator was found to be a strong function of temperature at catalyst bed temperatures below 450°C. At temperatures above this, the efficiency ratio was nearly constant. On startup the gas generation efficiency was found to decrease with time until a steady state value was attained. Elevated catalyst bed temperatures in the periods before steady state operation was found to be responsible for this phenomenon.

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**SPACE STATION WP-04 POWER SYSTEM. VOLUME 1:**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Final Study Report

Major study activities and results of the phase B study contract for the preliminary design of the space station Electrical Power System (EPS) are summarized. The areas addressed include: the general system design, man-tended option, automation and robotics, evolutionary growth, software development environment, advanced development, customer accommodations, operations planning, product assurance, and design and development phase planning. The EPS consists of a combination photovoltaic and solar dynamic power generation subsystem and a power management and distribution (PMAD) subsystem. System trade studies and costing activities are also summarized.

**M.G.**

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**SPACE STATION WP-04 POWER SYSTEM. VOLUME 2:**
STUDY RESULTS Final Study Report

Results of the phase B study contract for the definition of the space station Electric Power System (EPS) are presented in detail along with backup information and supporting data. Systems analysis and trades, preliminary design, advanced development, customer accommodations, operations planning, product assurance, and design and development phase planning are addressed. The station design is a hybrid approach which provides user power of 25 kWe from the photovoltaic subsystem and 50 kWe from the solar dynamic subsystem. The electric power is distributed to users as a utility service; single phase at a frequency of 20 kHz and voltage of 440VAC. The solar array NiH2 batteries of the photovoltaic subsystem are based on commonality to those used on the co-orbiting and solar platforms.

**M.G.**

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**EXPERIMENTAL THRUST PERFORMANCE OF A HIGH AREA-RATIO ROCKET NOZZLE**
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An experimental investigation was conducted to determine the thrust performance attainable from high-area-ratio rocket nozzles. A modified Rao-contoured nozzle with an expansion area of 1030 was test fired with hydrogen-oxygen propellants at altitude conditions. The nozzle was also tested as a truncated nozzle, at an expansion area ratio of 428. Thrust coefficient and thrust coefficient efficiency values are presented for each configuration at various propellant mixture ratios (oxygen/hydrogen). Several procedural techniques were developed permitting improved measurement of nozzle performance. The more significant of these were correcting the thrust for the aneroid effects, determining the effective chamber pressure, and referencing differential pressure transducers to a vacuum reference tank.

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20 SPACECRAFT PROPULSION AND POWER

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THE NASA/USAF ARCJET RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
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Components were examined that will be needed for high frequency rectenna devices. The majority of the effort was spent on measuring the directivity and efficiency of the half-wave dipole antenna. It is felt that the antenna and diode should be roughly optimized before they are combined into a rectenna structure. An integrated low pass filter had to be added to the antenna structure in order to facilitate the field pattern measurements. A calculation was also made of the power density of the Earth's radiant energy as seen by satellites in Earth orbit. Finally, the feasibility of using a Metal-Oxide-Metal (MOM) diode for rectification of the received power was assessed.

B.G.

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DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADVANCED PHOTOVOLTAIC CONCENTRATOR SYSTEM FOR SPACE APPLICATIONS
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Recent studies indicate that significant increases in system performance (increased efficiency and reduced system mass) are possible for high power space based systems by incorporating technological developments with photovoltaic power systems. The Advanced Photovoltaic Concentrator Program is an effort to take advantage of recent advancements in refractive optical elements. By using a domed Fresnel lens concentrator and a prismatic cell cover, to eliminate metatilization losses, dramatic reductions in the required area and mass over current space photovoltaic systems are possible. The advanced concentrator concept also has significant advantages when compared to solar dynamic Organic Rankine Cycle power systems in Low Earth Orbit applications where environmental effects are a concern. The program is currently involved in the selection of a material for the optical element that will survive the space environment and a demonstration of the system performance of the panel design.

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RESISTOJET PLUME AND INDUCED ENVIRONMENT ANALYSIS
M.S. Thesis - Case Western Reserve Univ.
DAVID J. HOFFMAN May 1987 60 p (NASA-TM-88957; E-3410; NAS 1.15:88957) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 21H

The source flow method developed by G.A. Simons for calculating the far field plume density produced by high thrust rocket nozzles is modified and applied to low thrust resistojet nozzles with Reynolds numbers on the order of 4000 to 7000. Simons' original method and the modified analysis are compared to mass flux measurements taken by Chirivella in a JPL vacuum tank facility. Results of the comparison show the modified analysis produces a more accurately predicted the mass flux at large angles from the nozzle centerline than Simons' original method. The modified Simons analysis is then used to calculate the plume structure and two contamination parameters, number column density and back flow, for five nozzle geometries representative of Space Station resistojets.

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TECHNOLOGY FOR SATELLITE POWER CONVERSION Final Technical Report
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The joint Army, Navy, NASA, Air Force (JANNAF) rocket engine performance prediction procedure is based on the use of various reference computer programs. One of the reference programs for nozzle analysis is the Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) Program. The purpose of this report is to calibrate the JANNAF procedure incorporated into the December 1984 version of the TDK program for the high-area-ratio rocket engine regime. The calibration was accomplished by modeling the performance of a 1030:1 nozzle rocket tested at NASA Lewis Research Center. A detailed description of the experimental test conditions and TDK input parameters is given. The results show that the computer code predicts delivered vacuum specific impulse to within 0.12 to 1.9 percent of the experimental data. Vacuum thrust coefficient predictions were within + 0.13 percent of experimental results. Predictions of wall static pressure were within approximately + or - 5 percent of the measured values. An experimental value for inviscid thrust was obtained for the nozzle extension between area ratios of 427.5 and 1030 by using an integration of the measured wall static pressures. Subtracting the measured thrust gain produced by the nozzle between area ratios of 427.5 and 1030 from the inviscid thrust gain yielded experimental drag decrements.
technology issues pertinent to quasi-hybrid rocket systems are for near-term Earth-to-orbit booster applications. Safety and considerations, the quasi-hybrid rocket is not a practical choice offer higher specific impulse when compared with the space shuttle as a reference point. All three quasi-hybrid systems theoretically solid rocket boosters. However, based on operational and safety Thermochemical calculations were conducted to determine the propellant rocket. The space shuttle solid rocket booster was used solid rocket boosters for advanced Earth-to-orbit vehicles. A 1030:1 carbon steel, heat-sink nozzle was tested. The test conditions included a nominal chamber pressure of 2413 kN/sq m and a mixture ratio range of 2.78 to 5.49. The propellants were gaseous oxygen and gaseous hydrogen. Outer wall temperature measurements were used to calculate the inner wall temperature and the heat flux and heat rate to the nozzle at specified axial locations. The experimental heat fluxes were compared to those predicted by the Two-Dimensional Kinetics (TDK) computer model analysis program. When laminar boundary layer flow was assumed in the analysis, the predicted values were within 15% of the experimental values for the area ratios of 20 to 975. However, when turbulent boundary layer conditions were assumed, the predicted values were approximately 120% higher than the experimental values. A study was performed to determine if the conditions within the nozzle could sustain a laminar boundary layer. Using the flow properties predicted by TDK, the momentum-thickness Reynolds number was calculated, and the point of transition to turbulent flow was predicted. The predicted transition point was within 0.5 inches of the nozzle throat. Calculations of the acceleration parameter were then made to determine if the flow conditions could produce reattachment of the boundary layer. It was determined that if the boundary layer flow was inclined to transition to turbulent, the acceleration conditions within the nozzle would tend to suppress turbulence and keep the flow laminar-like. Most of the testing was performed at the 2nd Joint Propulsion Conference, San Diego, Calif. 29 Jun. - 2 Jul. 1987; sponsored by AIAA, SAE, ASME and ASEE (NASA-TP-7276; E-3558; NAS 1.60:2726; AIAA-87-2070) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 21H

A study was conducted to assess the feasibility of quasi-hybrid solid rocket boosters for advanced Earth-to-orbit vehicles. Thermochromal calculations were conducted to determine the effect of liquid hydrogen addition, solids composition change plus liquid hydrogen addition, and the addition of an aluminum/liquid hydrogen slurry on the theoretical performance of a PBAN solid propellant rocket. The space shuttle solid rocket booster was used as a reference point. All three quasi-hybrid systems theoretically offer higher specific impulse when compared with the space shuttle solid rocket boosters. However, based on operational and safety considerations, the quasi-hybrid rocket is not a practical choice for near-term Earth-to-orbit booster applications. Safety and technology issues pertinent to quasi-hybrid rocket systems are discussed.

An experimental study of low Reynolds number nozzle flow was performed. A brief comparison was made between some of the experimental performance data and performance predicted by a viscous flow code. The performance of 15, 20, and 25 deg conical nozzles, bell nozzles, and trumpet nozzles was evaluated with unheated nitrogen and hydrogen. The numerical analysis was applied to the conical nozzles only, using an existing viscous flow code that was based on a slender-channel approximation. Although the trumpet and 25 deg conical nozzles had slightly better performance at lower Reynolds numbers, it is unclear which nozzle is superior as all fell within the experimental error band. The numerical results were found to agree with experimental results for nitrogen and for some of the hydrogen data. Some code modification is recommended to improve confidence in the performance prediction.

Concepts for space maintainability of the Orbital Transfer Vehicle (OTV) engines are examined. An engine design is developed which is driven by space maintenance requirements and by a failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA). Modularity within the engine is shown to offer cost benefits and improved space maintenance capabilities. Space-operable disconnects are conceptualized for both engine change-out and for module replacement. A preliminary space maintenance plan is developed around a controls and condition monitoring system using advanced sensors, controls, and condition monitoring concepts.

In previous tests of liquid oxygen cooling of hydrocarbon fueled rocket engines, small oxygen leaks developed at the throat of the thrust chamber and film cooled the hot gas side of the chamber wall without resulting in catastrophic failure. However, more testing is necessary to demonstrate that a catastrophic failure would not occur if cracks developed further upstream between the injector and the throat, where the boundary layer has not been established. Since under normal conditions cracks are expected to form in the throat region of the thrust chamber, cracks must be initiated artificially in order to control their location. Several methods of crack initiation are discussed here.

Propulsion system candidates have been defined for Space Station free flying platforms for the purpose of comparison and to
understand the impact of the various mission requirements on the
candidate designs. Recommendations for propulsion for each of
the various platforms are given. 

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**PROVEN, LONG-LIFE HYDROGEN/OXYGEN THRUST CHAMBERS FOR SPACE STATION PROPULSION**

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A 25 lb sub f hydrogen/oxygen thruster has been developed and
proven as a viable candidate to meet the needs of the Space Station Program. Likewise, a 50 lb sub f hydrogen/oxygen thrust chamber has been developed and has demonstrated reliable, long-life expectancy at anticipated Space Station operating conditions. Both these thrust chambers were based on design criteria developed in previous thruster programs. Extensive thermal analysis and models were used to design the thrusters to achieve total impulse goals of 2 million lb sub f sec. Test data from each thruster are compared to the analytical predictions for the performance and heat transfer characteristics. Also, the results of thrust chamber life verification tests are presented.

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**WATER-PROPELLANT RESISTOJETS FOR MAN-TENDED PLATFORMS**

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_The selection of a propulsion system for a man-tended platform has been influenced by the planned use of resistojets for drag
dragup on the man-tended space station. For that application a resistojet has been designed that is capable of operation with a wide variety of propellants, including water. The reasons for the selection of water as the propellant and the performance of water as a propellant are discussed. The man-tended platform and its mission requirements are described._

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**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIUM PHOSPHIDE SPACE SOLAR CELL RESEARCH**

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_Recent developments and progress in indium phosphide solar cell research for space application are reviewed. Indium phosphide homojunction cells were fabricated in both the n+p and p+n configurations with total area efficiencies of 17.9 and 15.9% (air mass 0 and 25 C) respectively. Orgonometalllic chemical vapor deposition, liquid phase epitaxy, ion implantation and diffusion techniques were employed in InP cell fabrication. A theoretical model of a radiation tolerant, high efficiency homojunction cell was developed. A realistically attainable AMO efficiency of 20.5% was calculated using this model with emitter and base doping of 6 x 10 to the 17th power and 5 x 10 the the 16th power/cu cm respectively. Cells of both configurations were irradiated with 1 MeV electrons and 37 MeV protons. For both proton and electron irradiation, the n+p cells are more radiation resistant at higher
fluences than the p+n cells. The first flight module of four InP cells was assembled for the Living Plume Shield III satellite._

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**SPACE STATION ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM**

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_The purpose of this paper is to describe the design of the Space Station Electrical Power System. This includes the Photovoltaic and Solar Dynamic Power Modules as well as the Power Management and Distribution System (PMAD). In addition, two programmatic options for developing the Electrical Power System will be presented. One approach is defined as the Enhanced Configuration and represents the results of the Phase B studies conducted by the NASA Lewis Research Center over the last two years. Another option, the Phased Program, represents a more measured approach to reaching about the same capability as the Enhanced Configuration._

Author
presented. Verification of the uncertainty analysis model was performed by comparison with results from the experimental program's data reduction code. Final results include an uncertainty for specific impulse of 1.30 percent. The largest contributors to this uncertainty were calibration errors from the test capsule pressure and thrust measurement devices. 


SPACE STATION PROPULSION-ECLSS INTERACTION STUDY

Final Report

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The benefits of the utilization of effluents of the Space Station Environmental Control and Life Support (ECLSS) system are examined. Various ECLSS-propulsion system interaction options are evaluated and compared on the basis of weight, volume, and power requirements. Annual propulsive impulse to maintain station altitude during a complete solar cycle of eleven years and the effect on station resupply are considered.

23 CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS (GENERAL)

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EFFECT OF HARD PARTICLE IMPACTS ON THE ATOMIC OXYGEN SURVIVABILITY OF REFLECTOR SURFACES WITH TRANSPARENT PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS


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Silver mirror samples with protective coatings were subjected to a stream of 27 microns alumina particles to induce pinhole defects. The protective coating consisted of a layer of aluminum dioxide over silver followed by a layer of silicon dioxide over the alumina. Samples were prepared on both graphite-epoxy composite and fused quartz substrates. After exposure to the hard particle stream, the samples were exposed to an oxygen plasma and fused quartz substrates. After exposure to the hard particle stream, the samples were exposed to an oxygen plasma environment in a laboratory plasma asher. The effects of both the hard particles and the oxygen plasma were documented by both reflectance measurements and scanning electron microscopy. The results indicated that oxidative damage to the silver reflecting layer continues beyond that of the erosively exposed silver. Oxidative undercutting of the silver layer and graphite-epoxy substrate continues in undamaged areas through adjacent, particle damaged defect sites. This may have implications for the use of such mirrors in a space station solar dynamic power system.

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MATERIALS RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS AT NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER


The facilities and instruments of the Lewis Research Center specialized for materials research are discussed. The main objectives of the Center are to provide R & D relevant to main propulsion plants and auxiliary power systems for aeronautics, space, and energy conversion applications. The Center is concerned with microstructure-property relations and their effect on processing; intermetallic compounds and high temperature metal matrix composites; ceramics with improved reliability for use in heat engines; polymer matrix composites for aerospace applications; understanding the high temperature corrosive attack in the hostile environments of aircraft, rockets, and other heat engines; high temperature lubrication and wear; and microgravity materials research. The various types of schemes and techniques, provided by the Center, for analyzing data are described.

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QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF PMR-15 POLYIMIDE RESIN BY HPLC


The concentration of individual components and of total solids of 50 wt pct PMR-15 resin solutions was determined using reverse-phase HPLC to within + or - 8 percent accuracy. Acid impurities, the major source of impurities in 3,3', 4,4'-benzophenonetetracarboxylic acid (BTDE), were eliminated by recrystallizing the BTDE prior to esterification. Triester formation was not a problem because of the high rate of esterification of the anhydride relative to that of the carboxylic acid. Aging of PMR-15 resin solutions resulted in gradual formation of the mononamide and bisnadmide of 4,4'-methylendianiline, with the BTDE concentration remaining constant. Similar chemical reactions occurred at a reduced rate in dried films of PMR-15 resin.

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UP CLOSE - MATERIALS DIVISION OF NASA-LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER


The eight branches of the Materials Division of NASA-Lewis Research Center are described. The composition and capabilities of the Microgravity Materials Science Laboratory are discussed. Consideration is given to the objectives of the ceramic branch, the advanced metallic branch, the metal science branch, and the polymer branch. Also discussed are the research and development efforts of the surface science branch, the environmental durability branch, and the analytic science branch.

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IPTYCENES - EXTENDED TRIPTYCENES

HAROLD HART, ABDOLLAH BASHIR-HASHEMI, JIHMEI LUO, and MARY ANN MEADOR (Michigan State University, East Lansing) Tetrahedron (ISSN 0040-4020), vol. 42, no. 6, 1986, p. 1641-1654. refs

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In addition, improved syntheses of pentiptycenes and triptycene, itself a useful iptycene synthon, are presented. Verification of the uncertainty analysis model was presented. In addition, improved syntheses of pentiptycenes and heptiptycene are described.

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TRIPTYCENE - A DG3H C(62) HYDROCARBON WITH THREE U-SHAPED CAVITIES


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A synthesis of the diamine is accomplished by the similar reaction to the conversion of (2) to its corresponding cyclic dianhydride. The conversion of (1) is accomplished by the condensation reaction of an aryltrifluoromethyl ketone with a dialkylfluoroethanes. The synthesis of (1) is accomplished by the condensation of 1,1-bis(dialkylaryl)-1 aryl-2,2,2-trialkylaryl compound. The synthesis of (2) is accomplished by oxidation of (1). The synthesis diamine is accomplished by the similar reaction of an aryltrifluoromethyl ketone with aniline or alkyl substituted or disubstituted anilines. Also, other derivatives of the above are formed by nucleophilic displacement reactions.


The invention relates to a condensation polyimide containing a 1,1,1-triaryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethane structure and other related condensation polyimides. The process for their preparation, which comprises polymerization of a cyclic dianhydride with a diamine is also covered.

BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMISTRY: A REFERENCE

This work is intended as a reference of black-and-white photographic chemistry. Included is a basic history of the photographic processes and a complete description of all chemicals used, formulas for the development and fixation process, and associated equipment such as cleaners, hardeners, and toners. The work contains a complete glossary of photographic terms, a trouble-shooting section listing causes and effects regarding photographic film and papers, and various conversion charts.

SIWLAUTEOMOUS ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY AND MASS UPTAKE MEASUREMENTS IN BROMINE INTERCALATED FIBERS

Changes in mass and electrical resistivity of several types of pitch-based and vapor-grown graphite fibers were monitored during reaction with bromine. The observed threshold pressure dependent reaction suggested that the fibers were intercalated. In the fully brominated compound, the mass was increased by 44 percent and the resistivity was improved by a factor of 17. In the residue compound, the mass was increased by 22 percent and the resistivity was improved by a factor of 5. Fibers possessing different degrees of graphitization had surprisingly similar changes in both mass and resistivity.

SUBSTITUTED 1,1,1-TRIARYL-2,2,2-TRIFLUOROEHTANES AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR SYNTHESIS Patent Application

Synthetic procedures are described for tetraalkyls, tetraacids and dianhydrides substituted 1,1,1-triaryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanes which comprises: (1) 1,1-bis(dialkylaryl)-1 aryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethane; (2) 1,1-bis(carboxyaryl)-1 aryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethane; or (3) cyclic dianhydride or dianile of 1,1-bis(dialkylaryl)-1 aryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanes. The synthesis of (1) is accomplished by the condensation reaction of an aryltrifluoromethyl ketone with a dialkylaryl compound. The synthesis of (2) is accomplished by oxidation of (1). The synthesis diamide of (3) is accomplished by the conversion of (2) to its corresponding cyclic dianhydride. The synthesis of the diamine is accomplished by the similar reaction of an aryltrifluoromethyl ketone with aniline or alkyl substituted or disubstituted anilines. Also, other derivatives of the above are formed by nucleophilic displacement reactions.

A MECHANISTIC STUDY OF POLYIMIDE FORMATION FROM DIESTER-DIACIDS

Previous work has noted the presence of anhydride during the imidization step of polyimide polymer processing from diester-diacids and diamines. Comparison of the relative rates of reactions among model compounds demonstrates the intermediacy of anhydride in the imidization reaction. IR and NMR observations of mixtures of monomers confirm the production of anhydride as a necessary intermediate in the imidization reaction. Author

NEW CONDENSATION POLYIMIDES CONTAINING 1,1,1-TRIARYL-2,2,2-TRIFLUOROEHTANE STRUCTURES Patent Application

The synthesis and characterization of a polycyclohexasilane is reported. Because of its cyclic structure, it is anticipated that this polymer might serve as a precursor to SiC having a high char yield with little rearrangement to form small, volatile cyclic silanes, and, as such, would be of interest as a precursor to SiC composite matrices and fibers, or as a binder in ceramic processing. Several approaches to the synthesis of a bifunctional cyclic monomer were attempted; the most successful of these was metal coupling of PhMeSiCl2 and Me2SiCl2. The procedure gives six-membered ring compounds with all degrees of phenyl substitution, from none to hexaphenyl. The compounds with from 0-2 groups were isolated and characterized. The fraction with degree of phenyl substitution equal to 2, a mixture of cis and trans 1,2; 1,3; and 1,4 isomers, was isolated in 32 percent yield. Pure 1,4 diphenyldecamethylcyclohexasilanes were dephenylnated to dichlorodecamethylcyclohexasilanes by treating with H2SO4.NH4Cl in benzene. The latter were purified and polymerized by reacting with sodium in toluene. The polymers were characterized by HP/GPC, elemental analysis, proton NMR, and IR. Thermogravimetric analyses were carried out on the polymers. As the yield of residual SiC was low, polymers were heat treated to increase the residual char yield. As high as 51.5 percent residual char yield was obtained in one case.

OIL FILM THICKNESS MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS FOR AN ANGULAR CONTACT BALL BEARING OPERATING IN PARCHED ELASTOHYDRODYNAMIC LUBRICATION Thesis. Final Report

The capacitance method is used to estimate the oil film thickness in an angular contact ball bearing operating in parched elastohydrodynamic lubrication regime characterized by a transient film thickness and basic speed ratio (ball spin rate over combined race speed) and the formation of a friction polymer. The experimental apparatus tests 40 mm, 108 H ball bearings in the counter rotating race mode at loads of 200 and 300 lb, a film parameter of 1.6 and nominal inner and outer race speeds of 38
and 26 rps, respectively. Experimental results are presented for the capacitance, thickness, and conductance of the oil film as functions of elapsed time and for the basic speed ratios as a function of elapsed time, load, and amount of lubricant applied to the test bearing. Results indicate that a friction polymer formed from the initial lubricant has an effect on the capacitance and basic speed ratio measurements. 

Author


The photochemistry of 2,5-dibenzoxy(DBX) and 2,5-diacetyl-1,4-dimethylbenzene (DAX) has been investigated. Both compounds readily undergo photoenolization similar to 0-alkylphenyl ketones. However, unlike 0-alkylphenyl ketones DAX and DBX are each capable of undergoing two tandem photoenolizations. Photoenols derived form o-alkylphenyl ketones have been successfully trapped with Diels-Alder dienophiles to provide a convenient synthesis of substituted tetrafurans. Similarly, Diels-Alder trapping of DBX photoenols afforded substituted tetra- and octahydro anthracenes. Further manipulation of these photoducts provided the corresponding anthracenes in good yield. The photochemistry of DAX and DBX will be discussed, in particular their use in the synthesis of substituted anthracenes.

Author


Tribology, the study of friction and wear of materials, has achieved a new interest because of the need for energy conservation. Fundamental understanding of this field is very complex and requires a knowledge of solid-state physics, material science, chemistry, and mechanical engineering. This paper is meant to be didactic in nature and outlines some of the considerations necessary for a tribology research program. The approach is first to present a simple model, a field emission tip in contact with a flat surface, in order to elucidate important considerations, such as contact area, mechanical deformations, and interfacial bonding. Then examples from illustrative experiments are presented. Finally, the current status of physical theories concerning interfacial bonding are presented.

Author

24 COMPOSITE MATERIALS

Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of laminates and other composite materials.


Fiber reinforcements are being explored as a means to increasing the performance of superalloys past 800 C. Fiber-reinforced superalloys (FRS) particularly tungsten FRS (TFRS) are candidate materials for rocket-engine turbopump blades for advanced Shuttle engines and in airbreathing and other rocket engines. Refractory metal wires are the reinforcement of choice due to tolerance to fiber/matrix interactions. W alloy fibers have a maximum tensile strength of 2165 MPa at 1095 C and a 100 hr creep rupture strength at stresses up to 1400 MPa. A TFRS has the potential of a percent temperature 110 C over the strongest superalloy. Manufacturing processes being evaluated to realize the FRS components are summarized, together with design features which will be introduced in turbine blades to take advantage of the FRS materials and to extend their surface life.

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A87-13145* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SPECIMEN GEOMETRY EFFECTS ON GRAPHITE/PbTi-OXIDATIVE AGING K. J. BOWLES (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) and A. MEYERS (Ohio, Medical College, Toledo) IN: International SAMPE Symposium and Exhibition, 31st, Los Angeles, CA, April 7-10, 1986, Proceedings. Covina, CA, Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering. 1986, p. 1265-1299. Previously announced in STAR as N86-17477. 

ref. Studies were conducted to establish the effects of specimen geometry on the thermo-oxidative stability and the mechanical properties retention of unidirectional Cylon 12000 graphite fiber reinforced PMR-15 polyimide composites. Weight loss, flexural strength and interlaminar shear strength were measured as a function of aging times as long as 1639 hr at a temperature of 316 C for three different specimen geometries. It is found that the three different types of specimen surfaces exhibit different values of weight loss/unit area. The mechanical properties retention is also found to be dependent on geometry for these composites. The interlaminar shear strength decreases significantly over the complete range of aging times. The flexural strength retention starts showing geometric dependency after about 1000 hr of aging at 316 C. Weight loss fluxes, associated with the three different types of exposed surfaces, are calculated and used to develop an empirical mathematical model for predicting the weight loss behavior of unidirectional composites of arbitrary geometries. Data are presented comparing experimentally determined weight loss with weight loss values predicted using the empirical model.

Author


refs Advanced aircraft engine research within NASA Lewis is being focused on propulsion systems for subsonic, supersonic, and hypersonic aircraft. Each of these flight regimes requires different types of engines, but all require advanced materials to meet their goals of performance, thrust-to-weight ratio, and fuel efficiency. The high strength/weight and stiffness/weight properties of advanced metal, and ceramic matrix composites will play an increasingly important role in meeting these performance requirements. At NASA Lewis, research is ongoing to apply graphite/polyimide composites to engine components and to develop polymer matrices with higher operating temperature capabilities. Metal matrix composites, using magnesium, aluminum, titanium, and superalloy matrices, are being developed for application to static and rotating engine components, as well as for space applications, over a broad temperature range. Ceramic matrix composites are also being examined in order to increase the toughness and reliability of ceramics for application to high-temperature engine structures and components.
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**ASSESSMENT OF SIMPLIFIED COMPOSITE MICROMECHANICS USING THREE-DIMENSIONAL FINITE-ELEMENT ANALYSIS**

J. J. CARUSO and C. C. CHAMIS (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Composites Technology and Research (ISSN 0885-6804), vol. 8, Fall 1986, p. 77-83. refs

Three-dimensional finite-element analyses are used to assess the accuracy of simplified composite micromechanics equations (SME) for hygral, thermal, and mechanical properties of unidirectional composites with orthotropic fibers. The properties predicted by the SME are in reasonably good agreement with those predicted by the three-dimensional finite-element analyses. This correlation demonstrates that the SME can be used with confidence in predicting the hygral, thermal, and mechanical behavior of unidirectional fiber composites.

Author

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**FABRICATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESSES FOR SUPERHYBRID COMPOSITE FAN BLADES**

R. F. LARK and C. C. CHAMIS (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Composites Technology and Research (ISSN 0885-6804), vol. 8, Fall 1986, p. 98-102. Previously announced in STAR as N85-14862. refs

The feasibility of fabricating full-scale fan blades from superhybrid composites (SHC) for use in large, commercial gas turbine engines was evaluated. The type of blade construction selected was a metal-spar/SHC-shell configuration, in which the outer shell was adhesively bonded to a short, internal, titanium spar. Various aspects of blade fabrication, inspection, and quality assurance procedures developed in the investigation are described. It is concluded that the SHC concept is feasible for the fabrication of prototype, full-scale, metal-spar/SHC-shell fan blades that have good structural properties and meet dimensional requirements.

R.S.F.

A87-20090*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**SIMPLIFIED COMPOSITE MICROMECHANICS FOR PREDICTING MICROSTRESSES**


A unified set of composite micromechanics equations is summarized and described. This unified set is for predicting the ply microstresses when the ply stresses are known. The set consists of equations of simple form for predicting three-dimensional stresses (six each) in the matrix, fiber, and interface. Several numerical examples are included to illustrate use and computational effectiveness of the equations in this unified set. Numerical results from these examples are discussed with respect to their significance on microcrack formation and, therefore, damage initiation in fiber composites.

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A87-33677# University of Southern Illinois, Carbondale.

**THE SENSITIVITY OF MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF TFRS COMPOSITES TO VARIATIONS IN REACTION ZONE SIZE AND PROPERTIES**


The properties of tungsten fiber reinforced superalloys (TFRS) composites are calculated using a 3-component micromechanical model. The properties and size of the reaction zone are varied and the effect of these variations on the composite properties are studied. Results are presented in graphical and tabular form. Post-matrix yield behavior is examined in terms of the tangent modulus of the composite and measures of the effective strength of the lamina.

A87-38610* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**COMPOSITE SPACE ANTENNA STRUCTURES - PROPERTIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**


The thermal behavior of composite spacecraft antenna reflectors has been investigated with the integrated Composites Analyzer (ICAN) computer code. Parametric studies have been conducted on the face sheets and honeycomb core which constitute the sandwich-type structures. Selected thermal and mechanical properties of the composite faces and sandwich structures are presented graphically as functions of varying fiber volume ratio, temperature, and moisture content. The coefficients of thermal expansion are discussed in detail since these are the critical design parameters. In addition, existing experimental data are presented and compared to the ICAN predictions.

Author

A87-38615* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

**THERMAL EXPANSION BEHAVIOR OF GRAPHITE/GLASS AND GRAPHITE/MAGNESIUM**


The thermal expansion behavior of n (+/- 8)s graphite fiber reinforced magnesium laminate and four graphite reinforced glass-matrix laminates (a unidirectional laminate, a quasi-isotropic laminate, a symmetric low angle-ply laminate, and a random chopped-fiber mat laminate) was determined, and was found, in all cases, to not be significantly affected by thermal cycling. Specimens were cycled up to 100 times between -200 F and 100 F, and the thermal expansion coefficients determined for each material as a function of temperature were found to be low. Some dimensional changes as a function of thermal cycling, and some thermal-strain hysteresis, were observed.

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A87-42564# Energy Research Corp., Danbury, Conn.

**CORROSION OF GRAPHITE COMPOSITES IN PHOSPHORIC ACID FUEL CELLS**


Polymers, polymer-graphite composites and different carbon materials are being considered for many of the fuel cell stack components. Exposure to concentrated phosphoric acid in the fuel cell environment and to high anodic potential results in corrosion. Relative corrosion rates of these materials, failure modes, plausible mechanisms of corrosion and methods for improvement of these materials are investigated.

Author

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A87-49799* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF GRAPHITE FIBER-EPOXY COMPOSITES MADE FROM PRISTINE AND BROMINE INTERCALATED FIBERS DONALD A. JAWORSKE, RAYMOND D. VANNucci (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and REZA ZINOLABEDINI (Cleveland State University, OH) Journal of Composite Materials (ISSN 0021-9983), vol. 21, June 1987, p. 580-592. refs The mechanical and electrical properties of pristine and bromine intercalated graphite fiber-epoxy composites were compared. The two types of composite were similar in terms of tensile modulus, tensile strength, and Poisson's Ratio. However, the interlaminar shear strength of the brominated composite was 18 percent greater than its pristine counterpart. Only slight differences were observed in flexural properties. A five-fold decrease was observed in the electrical resistivity of the brominated composite parallel to the axis of the fibers, resulting in a unidirectional resistivity of about 90 microOmega/cm. Transverse resistivity was unaffected. Both types of composite were subjected to a simulated lightning strike of 10 KJ (at a peak current of 150 kA), and the composite with the intercalated graphite exhibited less damage. Author

A87-50094* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SiC FIBER-REINFORCED REACTION-BONDED Si3N4 COMPOSITES RAMAKRISHNA T. BHATT (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) IN: Tailoring multiphase and composite ceramics; Proceedings of the Twenty-first University Conference on Ceramic Science, University Park, PA, July 17-19, 1985. New York, Plenum Press, 1986, p. 675-686. Previously announced in STAR as N85-34223. refs The room temperature mechanical and physical properties of silicon carbide fiber reinforced reaction-bonded silicon nitride composites (SiC/RBSN) have been evaluated. The composites contained 23 and 40 volume fraction of aligned 140 microm diameter chemically vapor deposited SiC fibers. Preliminary results for composite tensile and bend strengths and fracture strain indicate that the composites displayed excellent properties when compared with unreinforced RBSN of comparable porosity. Fiber volume fraction showed little influence on matrix first cracking strain but did influence the stressed required for matrix first cracking and for ultimate composite fracture strength. It is suggested that by reducing matrix porosity and by increasing the volume fraction of the large diameter SiC fiber, it should be possible to further improve the composite stress at which the matrix first cracks. Author

N87-13491* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. COMPOSITE INTERLAMINAR FRACTURE TOUGHNESS: THREE-DIMENSIONAL FINITE ELEMENT MODELING FOR MIXED MODE 1, 2 AND 3 FRACTURE P. L. N. MURTHY (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio) and C. C. CHAMIS 1986 27 p Presented at the 8th Symposium on Composite Materials Testing and Design, Charleston, S. Car., 28-30 Apr. 1986; sponsored by the American Society for Testing and Materials (NASA-TM-88872; E-3278; NAS 1.15:88872) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11D A computational method/procedure is described which can be used to simulate individual and mixed mode interlaminar fracture progression in fiber composite laminates. Different combinations of Modes 1, 2, and 3 fracture are simulated by varying the crack location through the specimen thickness and by selecting appropriate unsymmetric laminate configurations. The contribution of each fracture mode to strain energy release rate is determined by the local crack closure methods while the mixed mode is determined by global variables. The strain energy release rates are plotted versus extending crack length, where slow crack growth, stable crack growth, and rapid crack growth regions are easily identified. Graphical results are presented to illustrate the effectiveness and versatility of the computational simulation for:

1. evaluating mixed-mode interlaminar fracture, (2) for identifying respective dominant parameters, and (3) for selecting possible simple test methods. Author

N87-16071* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PMR POLYIMIDE COMPOSITIONS FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE AT 371 DEG C RAYMOND D. VANNucci 1987 13 p Prepared for presentation at the 32nd International SAMPE Symposium and Exhibition, Anaheim, Calif., 6-9 Apr. 1987 (NASA-TM-88894; E-3390; NAS 1.15:88894) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11D Studies were conducted to identify matrix resins which have potential for use at 371 C (700 F). Utilizing PMR methodology, neat resin moldings were prepared with various monomer reactants and screened for thermo-oxidative stability at 371 C (700 F) under both ambient and a four-atmosphere air pressure. The results of the resin screening studies indicate that high molecular weight (HMW) formulated resins of first (PMR-15) and second (PMR-II) generation PMR materials exhibit lower levels of weight loss at 371 C (700 F) than PMR-15 and PMR-II resins. The resin systems which exhibited the best overall balance of processability, Tg and thermo-oxidative stability at 371 C were used to prepare unidirectional Celion 6000 and T-40R graphite fiber laminates. Laminates were evaluated for thermo-oxidative stability and 371 C mechanical properties. Results of the laminate evaluation studies indicate that two of the resin compositions have potential for use in 371 C applications. The most promising resin composition provided laminates which exhibited no drop in 371 C mechanical properties and only 11 percent weight loss after 200 hr exposure to 4 atmospheres of air at 371 C. Author

N87-16880* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. COMPOSITE SPACE ANTENNA STRUCTURES: PROPERTIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS CAROL A. GINTY and NED M. ENDRES (Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio) 1986 22 p Presented at the 18th International SAMPE Technical Conference, Seattle, Wash., 7-9 Oct. 1986 (NASA-TM-88859; E-3225; NAS 1.15:88859) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11D The thermal behavior of composite spacecraft antenna reflectors has been investigated with the integrated Composites Analyzer (ICAN) computer code. Parametric studies have been conducted on the face sheets and honeycomb core which constitute the sandwich-type structures. Selected thermal and mechanical properties of the composite faces and sandwich structures are presented graphically as functions of varying fiber volume ratio, temperature, and moisture content. The coefficients of thermal expansion are discussed in detail since these are the critical design parameters. In addition, existing experimental data are presented and compared to the ICAN predictions. Author

N87-17861* Gougeon Bros., Inc., Bay City, Mich. DESIGN OF AN ADVANCED WOOD COMPOSITE ROTOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOOD COMPOSITE BLADE TECHNOLOGY Final Report THOMAS STROEBEL, CURTIS DECHOW, and MICHAEL ZUTECK Dec. 1984 195 p (Contract DEN3-260; DE-A101-79ET-20320) (NASA-CR-174713; DOE/NASA/0260-1; NAS 1.26:174713; GBI-ER-11) Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01 CSCL 11D In support of a program to advance wood composite wind turbine blade technology, a design was completed for a prototype, 90-foot diameter, two-bladed, one-piece rotor, with all wood/epoxy composite structure. The rotor was sized for compatibility with a generator having a maximum power rating of 4000 kilowatts. Innovative features of the rotor include: a teetering hub to minimize the effects of gust loads, un twisted blades to promote rotor power control through stall, joining of blades to the hub structure via an adhesive bonded structural joint, and a blade structural design.
which was simplified relative to earlier efforts. The prototype rotor was designed to allow flexibility for configuring the rotor upwind or downwind of the tower, for evaluating various types of teeter dampers and/or elastomeric stops, and with variable delta-three angle settings of the teeter shaft axis. The prototype rotor was also designed with provisions for installing pressure tap and angle of attack instrumentation in one blade. A production version rotor cost analysis was conducted. Included in the program were efforts directed at developing advanced load take-off stud designs for subsequent evaluation testing by NASA, development of aerodynamic tip brake concepts, exploratory testing of a wood/epoxy/graphite concept, and compression testing of wood/epoxy laminate, with scarf-jointed plies. Author

**N87-18614** # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 

**COMPUTATIONAL COMPOSITE MECHANICS FOR AEROSPACE PROPULSION STRUCTURES**


Sensitivity methods are presented for the computational simulation of specific composite behavior. These methods encompass all aspects of composite mechanics, impact, progressive damage, composite fracture, and component specific simulation. Some of these methods are structured to computationally simulate, in parallel, the composite behavior and history from the initial fabrication through several missions and even to fracture. Select methods and typical results obtained from such simulations are described in detail in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of computationally simulating: (1) complex composite structural behavior in general, and (2) specific aerospace propulsion structural components in particular. Author

**N87-18615** # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 

**CERAMIC MATRIX AND RESIN MATRIX COMPOSITES: A COMPARISON**


The underlying theory of continuous fiber reinforcement of ceramic matrix and resin matrix composites, their fabrication, microstructure, physical and mechanical properties are contrasted. The growing use of organometallic polymers as precursors to ceramic matrices is discussed as a means of providing low temperature processing capability without the fiber degradation encountered with more conventional ceramic processing techniques. Examples of ceramic matrix composites derived from particulate-filled, high char yield polymers and silsesquioxane precursors are provided. Author

**N87-20387** # Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, Conn. Engineering Div. 

**ADVANCED COMPOSITE CONSTRUCTION STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS PROGRAM Final Report**


An analytical study was conducted to assess the feasibility of and benefits derived from the use of high temperature composite materials in advanced aircraft turbine engine combustor liners. The study included a survey and screening of the properties of three candidate composite materials including tungsten reinforced superalloys, carbon-carbon and silicon carbide (SiC) fibers reinforcing a ceramic matrix of lithium aluminosilicate (LAS). The SIG-LAS material was selected as offering the greatest near term potential primarily on the basis of high temperature capability. A limited experimental investigation was conducted to quantify some of the more critical mechanical properties of the SIG-LAS composite having a multidirection 0/45/45/90 deg fiber orientation favored for the combustor linear application. Rigorous cyclic thermal tests demonstrated that SIG-LAS was extremely resistant to the thermal fatigue mechanisms that usually limit the life of metallic combustor liners. A thermal design study led to the definition of a composite liner concept that incorporated film cooled SIG-LAS shingles mounted on a Hastelloy X shell. With coolant fluxes consistent with the most advanced metallic liner technology, the calculated hot surface temperatures of the shingles were within the apparent near term capability of the material. Structural analyses indicated that the stresses in the composite panels were low, primarily because of the low coefficient of expansion of the material and it was concluded that the dominant failure mode of the liner would be an as yet unidentified deterioration of the composite from prolonged exposure to high temperature. An economic study, based on a medium thrust size commercial aircraft engine, indicated that the SIG-LAS combustor liner would weigh 22.8N (11.27 lb) less and cost less to manufacture than advanced metalic liner concepts intended for use in the late 1980's. Author

**N87-20389** # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 

**STRAIN ENERGY RELEASE RATES OF COMPOSITE INTERLAMINAR END-NOTCH AND MIXED-MODE FRACTURE: A SUBLAMINATE/PLY LEVEL ANALYSIS AND A COMPUTER CODE**


A computer code is presented for the sublaminate/ply level analysis of composite structures. This code is useful for obtaining stresses in regions affected by delaminations, transverse cracks, and discontinuities related to inherent fabrication anomalies, geometric configurations, and loading conditions. Particular attention is focussed on those layers or groups of layers (sublaminates) which are immediately affected by the inherent flaws. These layers are analyzed as homogeneous bodies in equilibrium and in isolation from the rest of the laminate. The theoretical model used to analyze the individual layers allows the relevant stresses and displacements near discontinuities to be represented in the form of pure exponential-type functions which are selected to eliminate the exponential-precision-related difficulties in sublamine/ply level analysis. Thus, sublamine analysis can be conducted without any restriction on the maximum number of layers, delaminations, transverse cracks, or other types of discontinuities. In conjunction with the strain energy release rate (SERF) concept and composite micromechanics, this computational procedure is used to model select cases of end-notch and mixed-mode fracture specimens. The computed stresses are in good agreement with those from a three-dimensional finite element analysis. Also, SERRs compare well with limited available experimental data. Author

**N87-21043** # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 

**STYRENE-TERMINATED POLYSULFONE OLGOMERS AS MATRIX MATERIAL FOR GRAPHITE REINFORCED COMPOSITES: AN INITIAL STUDY**


Styrene terminated polysulfone oligomers are part of an oligomeric class of compounds with end groups capable of thermal polymerization. These materials can be used as matrices for graphite reinforced composites. The initial evaluation of styrene terminated polysulfone oligomer based composites are summarized...
in terms of fabrication methods, and mechanical and environmental properties. In addition, a description and evaluation is provided of the NASA/Industry Fellowship Program for Technology Transfer.

N87-22611*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
FIBER REINFORCED SUPERALLOYS

Improved performance of heat engines is largely dependent upon maximum cycle temperatures. Tungsten fiber reinforced superalloys (TFRS) are the first of a family of high temperature composites that offer the potential for significantly raising hot component operating temperatures and thus leading to improved heat engine performance. This status review of TFRS research emphasizes the promising property data developed to date, the status of TFRS composite airfoil fabrication technology, and the areas requiring more attention to assure their applicability to hot section components of aircraft gas turbine engines.

N87-25432*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
SILSESQUIOXANES AS PRECURSORS TO CERAMIC COMPOSITES

Silsesquioxanes having the general structure RSiO sub 1.5, where R = methyl, propyl, or phenyl, melt flow at 70 to 100 C. Above 100 C, free -OH groups condense. At 225 C further crosslinking occurs, and the materials form thermosets. Pyrolysis, with accompanying loss of volatiles, takes place at nominally 525 C. At higher temperatures, the R group serves as an internal carbon source for carbothermal reduction to SiG accompanied by the evolution of CO. By blending silsesquioxanes with varying R groups, both the melt rheology and composition of the fired ceramic can be controlled. Fibers can be spun from the melt which are stable in argon in 1400 C. The silsesquioxanes also were used as matrix precursors for Nicalon and alpha-SiC platelet reinforced composites.

N87-28611*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
DYNAMIC DELAMINATION BUCKLING IN COMPOSITE LAMINATES UNDER IMPACT LOADING: COMPUTATIONAL SIMULATION

A unique dynamic delamination buckling and delamination propagation analysis capability has been developed and incorporated into a finite element computer program. This capability consists of the following: (1) a modification of the direct time integration solution sequence which provides a new analysis algorithm that can be used to predict delamination buckling in a laminate subjected to dynamic loading, and (2) a new method of modeling the composite laminate using plate bending elements and multipoint constraints. This computer program is used to predict both impact induced buckling in composite laminates with initial delaminations and the strain energy release rate due to extension of the delamination. It is shown that delaminations near the outer surface of a laminate are susceptible to local buckling and buckling-induced delamination propagation when the laminate is subjected to transverse impact loading. The capability now exists to predict the time at which the onset of dynamic delamination buckling occurs, the dynamic buckling mode shape, and the dynamic delamination strain energy release rate.

N87-28612*# Dayton Univ., Ohio.

In support of the design of wind turbine generator airfoils/blades utilizing Douglas Fir/West System Epoxy laminated composite material, a program was undertaken to define pertinent material properties utilizing small scale test specimens. Task 1 was the development of suitable monotonic tension, compression, short beam shear and full reversed cyclic specimen designs and the companion grips and testing procedures. Task 2 was the generation of the material properties at two environmental conditions using the specimens and procedures developed in Task 1. The monotonic specimens and procedures generated results which compare favorably with other investigators while the cyclic results appear somewhat conservative. Adding moisture and heat or scarf joints degraded the monotonic performance but had a more nebulous effect with cyclic loading.

N87-12598* Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park.
SHOCK-TUBE PYROLYSIS OF ACETYLENE - SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF THE REACTION MECHANISM FOR Soot FORMATION
M. FRENKLACH (Pennsylvania State University, University Park), D. W. CLARY (Louisiana State University; Ethyl Corp., Baton Rouge, LA), W. C. GARDINER, JR. (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; Texas, University, Austin), and S. E. STEIN (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; NBS, Chemical Kinetics Div., Washington, DC) IN: Shock waves and shock tubes; Proceedings of the Fifteenth International Symposium, Berkeley, CA, July 25-August 2, 1985. Stanford, CA, Stanford University Press, 1986, p. 295-301. Research supported by the Robert A. Welch Foundation. refs (Contract NAG3-477; NASA ORDER C-60000-E)

The impact of thermodynamic parameters on the sensitivity of model predictions of soot formation by shock-tube pyrolysis of acetylene were assessed analytically. The pyrolysis process was treated as having three components: initiation, the initial pyrolysis stages; cyclization, formation of larger molecules and radicals and small aromatic molecules; and polymerization, further growth of aromatic rings. Rate equations are reviewed for each component. Thermodynamic effects were assessed by varying the C2H-H bond energies and the C2H (2) group additivity value. Any change in the C2H-H bond energy had a significant impact on the temperature and the maximum amount of the soot yield. The findings underscore the necessity of using accurate thermodynamic data for modeling high-temperature chemical kinetics.

25 INORGANIC AND PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Includes chemical analysis, e.g., chromatography; combustion theory; electrochemistry; and photochemistry.

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flammability range of methane-air mixtures. In the smaller (5-cm-diam) tube, steady laminar flames with a nearly hemispherical shape were observed, with the upward moving flames propagating faster than the downward moving flames. In the larger (10-cm-diam) tube, the upward propagating flames in both lean and rich mixtures were faster than the downward ones, with the upward propagating flames being roughly hemispherical and the downward propagating flames nearly flat, often with a cellular structure.

**A87-20223** Pittsburgh Univ., Pa.

**REACTIONS OCCURRING DURING THE SULFATION OF SODIUM CHLORIDE DEPOSITED ON ALUMINA SUBSTRATES**


The reaction between solid NaCl and air containing 1 pct SO2 has been studied between 500 and 700 C. The reaction product, Na2SO4, forms not only on the surface of the NaCl but also on surrounding areas of the substrate due to the volatility of the NaCl at these temperatures. At the higher temperatures, the vapor pressure of NaCl is so high that the majority of the reaction product is distributed on the substrate. Above 625 C, the reaction product is a liquid solution of NaCl and Na2SO4 that exists only so long as NaCl is supplied from the original crystal source. Eventually, the solidified layer by constitutional solidification as the NaCl is converted to Na2SO4. While it exists, the liquid NaCl-Na2SO4 solution is shown to be highly corrosive to Al2O3 and, on a scale of Al2O3 growing on alloy HOS 875, particularly attacks the grain boundaries of the scale at preferred sites where chromium and iron oxides and sulfides rapidly develop. This is proposed as one mechanism by which NaCl deposition contributes to the initiation of low temperature hot corrosion.


**MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION OF PHOSPHORIC ACID FUEL CELL SYSTEM**


The component materials used in the fabrication of phosphoric acid fuel cells (PAFC) must have mechanical, chemical, and electrochemical stability to withstand the moderately high temperature (200 C) and pressure (500 kPa) and highly oxidizing nature of phosphoric acid. This study discusses the chemical and structural stability, performance and corrosion data on certain catalysts, catalyst supports, and electrode support materials used in PAFC applications.

**A87-27165** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**CORROSION PITTING OF SiC BY MOLTEN SALTS**


The corrosion of SiC by thin films of Na2CO3 and Na2SO4 at 1000 C is characterized by a severe pitting attack of the SiC substrate. A range of different Si and SiC substrates were examined to isolate the factors critical to pitting. Two types of pitting attack are identified: attack at structural discontinuities and a crater-like attack. The crater-like pits are correlated with bubble formation during oxidation of the SiC. It appears that bubbles create the initiation of low temperature hot corrosion.

**A87-12599** Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge.

**EMPIRICAL MODELING OF SOOT FORMATION IN SHOCK-TUBE PYROLYSIS OF AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS**


A method for empirical modeling of soot formation during shock-tube pyrolysis of aromatic hydrocarbons is developed. The method is demonstrated using data obtained in pyrolysis of argon-diluted mixtures of toluene behind reflected shock waves. The developed model is in good agreement with experiment.

**A87-12602** Technion - Israel Inst. of Techn., Haifa.

**IGNITION DELAY TIMES OF CYCLOPENTENE OXYGEN ARGON MIXTURES**


The oxidation of cyclopentene was studied experimentally to expand the database on pyrolysis and the reaction products of five carbon unsaturated ring compounds. Pyrolysis was carried out in a single-pulse shock tube. Data were gathered on the shock speed, wall pressure, and reflected shock temperatures. Four different mixtures of C5H8, O2 and Ar, ranging from 0.25-1 percent cyclopentene and 1.75-7 percent O2, were examined in 76 different trials. The data showed a shock temperature range of 1323-1816 K and a pressure range of 1.67-7.36 atmospheres. A student-t test analysis of the results led to definition of an ignition delay equation accurate to the 2-sigma level.

**A87-14116** California Univ., Los Angeles.

**THE FLAME STRUCTURE AND VORTICITY GENERATED BY A CHEMICALLY REACTING TRANSVERSE JET**

A. R. KARAGOZIAN (California, University, Los Angeles) AIAA Journal (ISSN 0001-1452), vol. 24, Sept. 1986, p. 1502-1507. refs (Contract NSF MEA-83-05960; NAG3-543)

An analytical model describing the behavior of a turbulent fuel jet injected normally into a cross flow is developed. The model places particular emphasis on the contrarotating vortex pair associated with the jet, and predicts the flame length and shape based on entrainment of the oxidizer by the fuel jet. Effects of buoyancy and density variations in the flame are neglected in order to isolate the effects of large-scale mixing. The results are compared with a simulation of the transverse reacting jet in a liquid (acid-base) system. For a wide range of ratios of the cross flow to jet velocity, the model predicts flame length quite well. In particular, the observed transitional behavior in the flame length between cross-flow velocity to jet velocity of orifice ratios of 0.0 to 0.1, yielding an approximate minimum at the ratio 0.05, is reproduced very clearly by the present model. The transformation in flow structure that accounts for this minimum arises from the differing components of vorticity dominant in the near-field and far-field regions of the jet.

**A87-15983** California Univ., La Jolla.

**GRAVITATIONAL EFFECTS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PROPAGATION OF PREMIXED FLAMES**

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The effect of gravity on the propagation velocity and shape of premixed laminar and turbulent flames was studied experimentally, using vertical tubes of two diameter sizes, over the entire
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CONCENTRATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE BY A HIGH-TEMPERATURE ELECTROCHEMICAL MEMBRANE CELL

M. P. KANG (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH; Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta) and J. WINNICK (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta) Journal of Applied Electrochemistry (ISSN 0021-891X), vol. 15, 1985, p. 431-439. NASA-sponsored research. 

The performance of a molten carbonate carbon dioxide concentrator (MCDC) cell, as a device for removal of CO2 from manned spacecraft cabins without fuel expenditure, is investigated. The test system consists of an electrochemical cell (with an Li2CO3-39 mol pct K2CO3 membrane contained in a LiAIO2 matrix), a furnace, and a flow IR analyzer for monitoring CO2. Operation of the MCDC-driven cell was found to be suitable for the task of CO2 removal: the cell performed at extremely low CO2 partial pressures (at or above 0.1 mm Hg); cathode CO2 efficiencies of 97 percent were achieved with 0.25 CO2 inlet concentration at 19 mA sq cm, at temperatures near 873 K. Anode concentrations of up to 5.8 percent were obtained. Simple cathode and anode performance equations applied to correlate cell performance agreed well with those measured experimentally. A flow diagram for the process is included. 

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A87-33967*# Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park.

SYSTEMATIC DEVELOPMENT OF REDUCED REACTION MECHANISMS FOR DYNAMIC MODELING


(C USSRG-3-279) (A87-38958*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

FAST ALGORITHM FOR CALCULATING CHEMICAL KINETICS IN TURBULENT REACTING FLOW


This paper addresses the need for a fast batch chemistry solver to perform the kinetics part of a split operator formulation of turbulent reacting flows, with special attention focused on the solution of the ordinary differential equations governing a homogeneous gas-phase chemical reaction. For this purpose, a two-part predictor-corrector algorithm which incorporates an exponentially fitted trapezoidal chemical reaction kinetics, one-dimensional, compared favorably with the code LSODE when tested on two representative problems drawn from combustion kinetics, and is faster than LSODE.

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DIFFUSION FLAME EXTINCTION IN SLOW CONVECTION FLOW UNDER MICROGRAVITY ENVIRONMENT


A theoretical analysis is presented to study the extinction characteristics of a diffusion flame near the leading edge of a thin fuel plate in slow, forced convective flows in a microgravity environment. The mathematical model includes two-dimensional Navier-Stokes momentum, energy and species equations with one-step overall chemical reaction using second-order finite rate Arrhenius kinetics. Radiant heat loss on the fuel plate is applied in the model as it is the dominant mechanism for flame extinguishment in the small convective flow regime. A parametric study based on the variation of convective flow velocity, which varies the Damkohler number (Da), and the surface radiant heat loss parameter (S) simultaneously, is given. An extinction limit is found in the regime of slow convective flow when the rate of radiant heat loss from fuel surface outweighs the rate of heat generation due to combustion. The transition from existent envelope flame extinction mechanism consists of gradual flame contraction in the opposed flow direction together with flame temperature reduction as the convective flow velocity decreases continuously until the extinction limit is reached. A case of flame structure subjected to surface radiant heat loss is also presented and discussed.

Author

A87-40572* California Univ., Berkeley.

FORCED COCURRENT SMOLDERING COMBUSTION


An analytical model of concurrent smoldering combustion through a very porous solid fuel is developed. Smoldering is initiated at the top of a long radially insulated uniform fuel cylinder, so that the smolder wave propagates downward, opposing an upward-forced flow of oxidizer, with the solid fuel and the gaseous oxidizer entering the reaction zone from the same direction (hence, cocurrent). Radiative heat transfer was incorporated using a diffusion approximation, and smoldering was modeled using a one-step reaction mechanism. The results indicate that, for a given flow and initial temperature distribution, cocurrent smoldering increases logarithmically with the mass flux. The smolder velocity is linearly dependent on the initial oxygen mass flux, and, at a fixed value of the flux, increases with initial oxygen mass fraction. The mathematical relationship determining the conditions for steady smolder propagation is presented. 

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25 INORGANIC AND PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

A87-42677*# Energy Research Corp., Danbury, Conn.
ON THE EFFECT OF THE Fe(2+)/Fe(3+) REDOX COUPLE ON OXIDATION OF CARBON IN HOT H3PO4
(Contract DEN3-290)

Oxidation studies of graphite:glassy carbon composites have been carried out at 1 and 4.7 atm. pressures in conc. H3PO4 in the presence and absence of iron ions. The concentration of the acid was varied over 85-100 wt pct. and of the iron ions over 30-300 ppm; the temperature varied over 190-210 °C. Unlike the effect of Fe, which has been observed to increase the corrosion of carbon in sulphuric acid, the corrosion in phosphoric acid was observed to be slightly decreased or not at all affected. This result arises because of the catalytic reduction of the oxidized surface groups of carbon by Fe(2+) ions. The catalytic reduction is possible because under the experimental conditions the redox potential of the Fe(2+)/Fe(3+) couple is lower than the open-circuit voltage of carbon.

A87-51187* Ohio State Univ., Columbus.
OXGEN-18 TRACER STUDY OF THE PASSIVE THERMAL OXIDATION OF SILICON
J. D. CAWLEY (Ohio State University, Columbus), J. W. HALLORAN (Ceramic Process Systems, Lexington, MA), and A. R. COOPER (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) Oxidation of Metals (ISSN 0030-770X), vol. 28, Aug. 1987, p. 1-16.
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This work focuses on the thermal oxidation of silicon near 1273 K using the double-tracer oxidation method. The results confirm that oxidation occurs by the transport of electrically neutral nonnetwork oxygen through the interstitial space of the vitreous silica (v-SiO2) scale. Simultaneously, self- (or isotopic-) diffusion occurs in the network, resulting in characteristic isotopic fraction distribution near the gas-scale interface. The self-diffusion coefficients calculated from these profiles agree with those reported for tracer diffusion in v-SiO2, and the diffusion coefficient calculated from the scale growth is consistent with reported O2 permeation data. An important parameter that describes the double-oxidation behavior is a ratio relating the scale thickness grown during the second oxidation, the network self-diffusion coefficient for oxygen, and the time of the second oxidation.

A87-52248*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
SIZE AND SHAPE OF SOLID FUEL DIFFUSION FLAMES IN VERY SLOW SPEED FLOWS
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(AIAA PAPER 87-2030)

The influence of very low speed forced flows on the size and shape of a diffusion flame adjacent to a solid fuel slab is studied experimentally and theoretically. Velocities in the range of 1.5 to 6.3 cm/s and O2 mole fractions (in the O2/N2 atmosphere) in the range of 0.15 to 0.19 were tested. The flames moved farther from the fuel surface as the flow velocity was reduced and closer to the sample as the O2 concentration was lowered. A corresponding theoretical model was solved using a two-dimensional Navier-Stokes system with a one-step finite-rate chemical reaction and surface radiative loss.

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N87-11181*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
COMBUSTION OVERVIEW

The objective of this effort is to develop improved analytical models of the internal combustor flow field and liner heat transfer as a means to shorten combustor development time and increase turbine engine hot section life. A four-element approach was selected to meet this objective. First, existing models were utilized to determine their deficiencies. Supporting research was then commenced to improve the existing models. While the research effort is in progress, the models are being refined to improve numerics and numerical diffusion. And lastly, the research results and improved numerics will be integrated into existing models.

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Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
FLAME RADIATION

Total radiation and heat flux data was obtained on a combustor liner by advanced instrumentation. If the results obtained by the special instrumentation are considered to be representative of the total radiation and heat flux, then the effect of variation of engine operating parameters and of fuel type can be more easily obtained. The special instrumentation used for these investigations consisted of five total radiometers and two total heat flux gages. The radiometers were arranged axially and circumferentially through sliding air seals in the outer liner. The two heat flux gages were welded in the outer liner between two circumferential radiometers. Static pressures were obtained on both the cold and the hot side of the outer liner in the area of the heat flux gages. Liner metal temperatures were also obtained. The combustor inlet pressure was varied over a nominal range of 0.5 to 2.07 MPa, inlet air temperature from 550 to 670 K, and fuel-air ratio from about 0.015 to 0.040. The two fuels tested were ASTM Jet A and a fuel designated as ERBS V. Results of the tests are discussed.

N87-11855*# United Technologies Research Center, East Hartford, Conn.
USER'S MANUAL FOR A TEACH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE ANALYSIS OF TURBULENT, SWIRLING REACTING FLOW IN A RESEARCH COMBUSTOR
L. M. CHIAPPETTA Sep. 1983 120 p
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Described is a computer program for the analysis of the subsonic, swirling, reacting turbulent flow in an axisymmetric, bluff-body research combustor. The program features an improved finite-difference procedure designed to reduce the effects of numerical diffusion and a new algorithm for predicting the pressure distribution within the combustor. A research version of the computer program described in the report was supplied to United Technologies Research Center by Professor A. D. Gosman and his students, R. Benodeker and R. L. Issa, of Imperial College, London. The Imperial College staff also supplied much of the program documentation. Presented are a description of the mathematical model for flow within an axisymmetric bluff-body combustor, the development of the finite-difference procedure designed to represent the system of equations, an outline of the algorithm for determining the static pressure distribution within the combustor, a description of the computer program including its input format, and the results for representative test cases.

Author
COMBUSTION RESEARCH IN THE INTERNAL FLUID MECHANICS DIVISION

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The goal of this research is to bring computational fluid dynamics to a state of practical application for the aircraft engine industry. The approach is to have a strongly integrated computational and experimental program for all the disciplines associated with the gas turbine and other aeropropulsion systems by advancing the understanding of flow physics, heat transfer, and combustion processes. The computational and experimental research is integrated in the following way: the experiments that are performed provide an empirical data set so that physical models can be formulated to describe the processes that are occurring - for example, turbulence or chemical reaction. These experiments also form a data base for those who are doing code development by providing experimental data against which the codes can be verified and assessed. Models are generated as closure to some of the numerical codes, and they also provide physical insight for experiments. At the same time, codes which solve the complete Navier-Stokes equations can be used as a kind of numerical experiment from which far more extensive data can be obtained than ever could be obtained experimentally. This could provide physical insight into the complex processes that are taking place. These codes are also exercised against experimental data to assess the accuracy and applicability of models. 

Author

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THE OXIDATION DEGRADATION OF AROMATIC COMPOUNDS

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A series of experiments were conducted which focused on understanding the role that the O atom addition to aromatic rings plays in the oxidation of benzene and toluene. Flow reactor studies of the oxidation of toluene gave an indication of the amount of C atoms available during an oxidation and the degree to which the O atom adds to the ring. Flow reactor studies of the oxidation of toluene and benzene to which NO2 was added, have shown that NO2 appears to suppress the formation of O atoms and considerably reduces the amount of phenols and cresols formed by O atom addition. A high temperature pyrolysis study of phenol has confirmed that the major decomposition products are carbon monoxide and cyclopentadiene. A preliminary value for the overall decomposition rate constant was also obtained.

Author

N87-23718*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ELECTROCHEMICAL PERFORMANCE AND TRANSPORT PROPERTIES OF A NAFION MEMBRANE IN A HYDROGEN-BROMINE CELL ENVIRONMENT

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The overall energy conversion efficiency of a hydrogen-bromine energy storage system is highly dependent upon the characteristics and performance of the ion-exchange membrane utilized as a half-cell separator. The electrochemical performance and transport properties of a duPont Nafion membrane in an aqueous HBr-Br2 environment were investigated. Membrane conductivity data are presented as a function of HBr concentration and temperature for the determination of ohmic voltage losses across the membrane in an operational cell. Diffusion-controlled bromine permeation rates and permeabilities are presented as functions of solution composition and temperature. Relationships between the degree of membrane hydration and the membrane transport characteristics are discussed. The solution chemistry of an operational hydrogen-bromine cell undergoing charge from 45% HBr to 5% HBr is discussed, and, based upon the experimentally observed bromine permeation behavior, predicted cell coulombic losses due to bromine diffusion through the membrane are presented as a function of the cell state-of-charge.

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MULTISPECIES CARS MEASUREMENTS IN TURBULENT COMBUSTION

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A coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) instrument was upgraded to more accurately measure the number density of oxygen molecules. This instrument is designed to simultaneously measure nitrogen number density, oxygen number density, and the in-vitroitional temperature of oxygen. The CARS is a noninvasive diagnostic technique which utilizes a pulsed Nd:YAG laser, broadband dye lasers, a complex optical system, and an intensified photodiode array detector to sample hostile combustion environments. Measurements were made in a flame produced by a coaxial subsonic diffusion hydrogen-air burner. These data were used as a data base for comparison with the results of two separate computational fluid dynamics calculations. Complications which had arisen in previous studies with regard to interpretation of the oxygen data were eliminated.

Author

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DECOUPLED DIRECT METHOD FOR SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS IN COMBUSTION KINETICS Final Report

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An efficient, decoupled direct method for calculating the first order sensitivity coefficients of homogeneous, batch combustion kinetic rate equations is presented. In this method the ordinary differential equations for the sensitivity coefficients are solved separately from , but sequentially with, those describing the combustion chemistry. The ordinary differential equations for the thermochemical variables are solved using an efficient, implicit method (LSODE) that automatically selects the steplength and order for each solution step. The solution procedure for the sensitivity coefficients maintains accuracy and stability by using exactly the same steplengths and numerical approximations. The method computes sensitivity coefficients with respect to any combination of the initial values of the thermochemical variables and the three rate constant parameters for the chemical reactions. The method is illustrated by application to several simple problems and, where possible, comparisons are made with exact solutions and those obtained by other techniques. 

Author

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NEUTRAL ATOMIC OXYGEN BEAM PRODUCED BY ION CHARGE EXCHANGE FOR LOW EARTH ORBITAL (LEO) SIMULATION


A low energy neutral atomic oxygen beam system was designed and is currently being assembled at the Lewis Research Center. The system utilizes a 15 cm diameter Kaufman ion source to
produce positive oxygen ions which are charge exchange neutralized to produce low energy (variable from 5 to 150 eV) oxygen atoms at a flux simulating real time low Earth orbital conditions. An electromagnet is used to direct only the singly charged oxygen ions from the ion source into the charge exchange cell. A retarding potential grid is used to slow down the oxygen ions to desired energies prior to their charge exchange. Cryogenically cooled diatomic oxygen gas in the charge exchange cell is then used to transfer charge to the oxygen ions to produce a neutral atomic oxygen beam. Remaining non-charge exchanged oxygen ions are then swept from the beam by electromagnetic or electrostatic deflection depending upon the desired experiment configuration. The resulting neutral oxygen beam of 5 to 10 cm diameter impinges upon target materials within a sample holder fixture that can also provide for simultaneous heating and UV exposure during the atomic oxygen bombardment. Author

N87-26203*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. AN EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE OXIDATION RESISTANT MATERIALS Abstract Only. SHARON RUTLEDGE, BRUCE BANKS, MICHAEL MIRTHICH, FRANK DIFILIPPO, DEBORAH THOTES, RICHARD LABED, TERES DEVER, and MICHAEL KUSSMAUL (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio.) In Jet Propulsion Lab., Proceedings of the NASA Workshop on Atomic Oxygen Effects e 167 1 Jun. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A01 CSCL 07D

Ground based testing of materials considered for Kapton solar array blanket, graphite epoxy structural member protection, and high temperature radiators was performed in an RF plasma ashing. Ashing rates for Kapton were correlated with rates measured on STS-8 to determine the exposure time equivalent to one year in low Earth orbit (LEO) at a constant density space station orbital flux. Protective coatings on Kapton from Tekmat, Andus Corporation, and LeRC were evaluated in the plasma asher and mass loss rates per unit area were measured for each sample. All samples evaluated provided some protection to the underlying surface but ion beam sputter deposited samples of SiO2 and SiC with 8% polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) showed no evidence of degradation after 47 hours of exposure. Mica paint was evaluated as a protective coating for graphite epoxy structural members. Mica appears to be resistant to attack by atomic oxygen but only offers some limited protection as a paint because the paint vehicles evaluated to date were not resistant to atomic oxygen. Four materials were selected for evaluation as candidate radiator materials: stainless steel, copper, niobium-1% zirconium, and titanium-6% aluminum-4% vanadium. These materials were surface textured by various means to improve their emittance. Emittances as high as 0.93 at 2.5 microns for stainless steel and 0.89 at 2.5 microns for Nb-1 Zr were obtained from surface texturing. There were no significant changes in emittance after ash exposure. Author

N87-28628*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. HYDROGEN OXIDATION MECHANISM WITH APPLICATIONS TO (1) THE CHAPERON EFFICIENCY OF CARBON DIOXIDE AND (2) VITIATED AIR TESTING. THEODOR W. A. STANGE, ERWIN A. LEZBERG, DAVID A. BITTKER, and THOMAS F. ROBERTSON Sep. 1987 15 p (NASA-TM-100166; E-3672; NAS 1.15:100166) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 07D

Ignition delay times for the hydrogen/oxygen/carbon dioxide/argon system were obtained behind reflected shock waves. A detailed kinetic mechanism modeled the experimental hydrogen/oxygen dissociation chemistry and Ringsrose's high-pressure data, and Slack and Grillo's hydrogen/air data. A carbon dioxide chaperon efficiency of 7.0 +/- 0.2 was determined. The reaction pathway H2O yields H2O2 yields OH yields H was required to model the high-pressure data. It is suggested that some of the lowest temperature data points (1.0 and 0.5 atm) for Slack and Grillo's hydrogen/air experiments are in error. It was found that the technique of simplifying a detailed kinetic mechanism for a limited range of experimental data may render the model useless for other test conditions. Author


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A computer calculation of the expected angular distribution of coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (CARS) from micrometer size polystyrene spheres based on a Mie-type model, and a pilot experiment to test the feasibility of measuring CARS angular distributions from micrometer size polystyrene spheres by simply suspending them in water are discussed. The computer calculations predict a very interesting structure in the angular distributions that depends strongly on the size and relative refractive index of the particles. Author


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Data from the space shuttle flights have established that many materials experience relatively rapid degradation when exposed to the low Earth orbit ambient atmosphere, which is predominately atomic oxygen. While much was learned from samples flown on the shuttle, laboratory simulations of the shuttle environment are necessary for a detailed understanding of the various interactions which contribute to the observed degradations. These laboratory experiments are particularly important for predicting the deterioration to be expected for materials aboard orbiting power systems, which will be exposed for long periods of time and could have components operating at very high temperatures. By using a mass spectrometer to synchronously detect molecules emitted from the surface as a result of amplitude modulated oxygen ion bombardment, quantum yields were obtained as a function of ion energy. A technique was developed to obtain preliminary yield data by slowly scanning the mass setting of the mass spectrometer; measurements were extended down to zero modulation frequency; yield data was obtained for the insulating materials (Nomex, Kevlar, and Teflon) used in the construction of electrodynamic tethers; a heated sample holder was constructed to investigate the effect of sample temperature on quantum yields; and the instrumentation was developed to observe the mass spectrometer signal as a function of time during and following bombardment of the sample by a brief (approximately 1 millisecond) pulse of ions. Author
droplet size. Results showed that spray ignition was enhanced with decreasing droplet size and increasing equivalence ratio over the ranges of the parameters studied. By comparing spray and prevaporized ignition results, the existence of an optimum droplet size for ignition was indicated for both fuels. Fuel volatility was seen to be a critical factor in spray ignition. The spray ignition results were analyzed using two different empirical ignition models for quiescent mixtures. Both models accurately predicted the experimental ignition energies for the majority of the spray conditions. Spray ignition was observed to be probabilistic in nature, and ignition was quantified in terms of an ignition frequency for a given spark energy. A model was developed to predict ignition frequencies based on the variation in spark energy and equivalence ratio in the spark gap. The resulting ignition frequency simulations were nearly identical to the experimentally observed values. 

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METALLIC MATERIALS

Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of metals, e.g., corrosion; and metallurgy.

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MECHANICAL PROPERTY ANISOTROPY IN SUPERALLOY EI-929 DIRECTIONALLY SOLIDIFIED BY AN EXOTHERMIC TECHNIQUE

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Directional solidification (DS) of the nickel-based superalloy EI-929 was carried out by employing the exothermic technique for preparing several 150 mm long x 55 mm diameter rods. Specimens machined from blanks cut at 0, 45, 75 and 90 deg to the chill surface were tensile and stress-rupture tested at different temperatures. The air-melted DS alloy, when loaded parallel to the growth direction, shows considerable improvement in stress-rupture life and tensile ductility as compared with the vacuum induction melted, forged and heat-treated alloy. However, these property advantages rapidly degrade with the increasing deviation of the load axis from the growth direction. 

Author

A87-12029* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. TRANSITION FROM A PLANAR INTERFACE TO CELLULAR AND DENDRITIC STRUCTURES DURING RAPID SOLIDIFICATION PROCESSING

V. LAXMANAN (NASA, Lewis Research Center; Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) IN: Rapidly solidified alloys and their mechanical and magnetic properties; Proceedings of the Symposium, Boston, MA, December 2-4, 1985 . Pittsburgh, PA, Materials Research Society, 1986, p. 41-50. NASA-supported research. refs

The development of theoretical models which characterize the planar-cellular and cell-dendritic transitions is described. The transitions are analyzed in terms of the Chalmers number, the solute Peclet number, and the tip stability parameter, which correlate microstructural features and processing conditions. The planar-cellular transition is examined using the constitutional supercooling theory of Chalmers et al., (1953) and it is observed that the Chalmers number is between 0 and 1 during dendritic and cellular growth. Analysis of cell-dendrite transition data reveal that the transition occurs when the solute Peclet number goes through a minimum, the primary arm spacings go through a maximum, and the Chalmers number is equal to 1/2. The relation between the tip stability parameter and the solute Peclet number is investigated and it is noted that the tip stability parameter is useful for studying dendritic growth in alloys. 

I.F.

A87-15186* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. MICROSTRUCTURE AND SURFACE CHEMISTRY OF AMORPHOUS ALLOYS IMPORTANT TO THEIR FRICTION AND WEAR BEHAVIOR


An investigation was conducted to examine the microstructure and surface chemistry of amorphous alloys, and their effects on tribological behavior. The results indicate that the surface oxide layers present on amorphous alloys are effective in providing low friction and a protective film against wear in air. Clustering and crystallization in amorphous alloys can be enhanced as a result of plastic flow during the sliding process at a low sliding velocity, at room temperature. Clusters or crystallites with sizes to 150 nm and a diffused honeycomb-shaped structure are produced on sizes to 150 nm and a diffused honeycomb-shaped structure are produced on the wear surface. Temperature effects lead to drastic changes in surface chemistry and friction behavior of the alloys at temperatures to 750 C. Contaminants can come from the bulk of the alloys to the surface upon heating and impart to the surface oxides at 350 C and boron nitride above 500 C. The oxides increase friction while the boron nitride reduces friction drastically in vacuum. 

Author

A87-17997* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. CORROSION OF METALS AND ALLOYS IN SULFATE MELTS AT 750 C

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The corrosion of Ni, Co, Ni-10Cr, Co-21Cr, and IN738 was studied at 750 C in the presence of molten sulfate mixtures (Na2SO4-Li2SO4 and Na2SO4-CoSO4) and in an atmosphere consisting of O2 + 0.12 percent SO2-SO3. The corrosion was observed to be similar for both Na2SO4-Li2SO4 and Na2SO4-CoSO4 melts. The corrosion of Ni and Co took place by the formation of a mixed oxide plus sulfide scale, very similar to the corrosion in SO2 or SO3 alone. The initial stage for the corrosion of Ni-10Cr involved the formation of a thick NiO + Ni3S2 duplex scale, and Cr sulfide was formed during the later stages. A pitting type of morphology was observed for both Co-21Cr and IN738. This pit was Cr sulfide at the beginning, and subsequently the sulfides oxidized to Cr2O3. A base-metal oxide layer was present above the pit, and this was observed to be formed very early in the corrosion process. A mechanism is proposed to explain this. In general, the formation of sulfides appears to be the primary mode of degradation in mixed sulfide melts. 

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A87-19368* Syracuse Univ., N. Y. GRAIN BOUNDARY OXIDATION AND FATIGUE CRACK GROWTH AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES

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Fatigue crack growth rate at elevated temperatures can be accelerated by grain boundary oxidation. Grain boundary oxidation kinetics and the statistical distribution of grain boundary oxide penetrations with depth were studied. At a constant delta K-level and at a constant test temperature, fatigue crack growth rate, da/dN, is a function of cyclic frequency, nu. A fatigue crack growth model of intermittent micro-ruptures of grain boundary oxide is constructed. The model is consistent with the experimental
A87-23429* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. HIGH TEMPERATURE TENSILE AND CREEP BEHAVIOUR OF LOW PRESSURE PLASMA-SPRAYED Ni-CO-CR-AL-Y COATING ALLOY M. G. HEBSUR and R. V. MINER (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Materials Science and Engineering (ISSN 0025-5416), vol. 83, 1986, p. 239-245. refs
The high temperature tensile and creep behavior of low pressure plasma-sprayed plates of a typical Ni-Co-Cr-Al-Y alloy have been studied. From room temperature to 800 K, the Ni-Co-Cr-Al-Y alloy studied has nearly a constant low ductility and a high strength. At higher temperatures, it becomes weak and highly ductile. At and above 1123 K, the behavior is highly dependent on strain rate and exhibits classic superplastic characteristics with a high ductility at intermediate strain rates and a strain rate sensitivity of about 0.5. At either higher or lower strain rates, the ductility decreases and the strain rate sensitivities are about 0.2. In the superplastic deformation range, the activation energy for creep is 120 + or - 20 kJ/mol, suggesting a diffusion-aided grain boundary sliding mechanism. Outside the superplastic range, the activation energy for creep is calculated to be 290 + or - 20 kJ/mol. Author

A series of constant displacement and constant extension rate stress corrosion cracking (SCC) tests was performed on an alpha-beta brass alloy in 1 N Na2SO4 solutions. The chosen mechanical and electrochemical conditions resulted in predominantly transgranular, cleavage-like failure at high (about 8 to 50 microns/s) average crack propagation rates. Crack arrest markings were observed on selected transgranular facets, which almost exclusively bordered regions of ductile overload failure. It is proposed that the observed crack velocities and the specific nature of the arrest mark appearance are most consistent with a cracking mechanism involving adsorption or some other interaction with a damaging environmental species. Author

A87-23848*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THE FORMATION OF VOLATILE CORROSION PRODUCTS DURING THE MIXED OXIDATION-CHLORINATION OF COBALT AT 650 C N. S. JACOBSON (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), M. J. MCNALLAN (Illinois, University, Chicago), and Y. Y. LEE Metallurgical Transactions A - Physical Metallurgy and Materials Science (ISSN 0360-2133), vol. 17A, July 1986, p. 1223-1228. DOE-supported research. refs
The reaction of cobalt with 1 pct Cl2 in 1, 10, and 50 pct O2/Ar atmospheres has been studied at 650 C with thermogravimetry and mass spectrometry. The principal vapor species appear to be CoCl2 and CoCl3. In all cases, CoCl2(s) forms at the oxide/metal interface and equilibration of the volatile chlorine species with CoCl3 does not occur in the early stages of the reaction. In the 1 pct Cl2 1 pct O2-Ar case, continuous volatilization occurs. In the 1 pct Cl2-10 pct O2-Ar and 1 pct Cl2-50 pct O2-Ar cases, volatilization occurs only in the first few minutes of reaction. Afterwards, the reaction is predominantly oxidation. Author

Single crystal nickel-base superalloys employed in turbine blade applications are often used with a plasma spray coating for oxidation and hot corrosion resistance. These coatings may also affect fatigue life of the superalloy substrate. As part of a large program to understand the fatigue behavior of coated single crystals, fully reversed, total strain controlled fatigue tests were run on a bare standing NiCoCrAlY coating alloy, PWA 276, at 0.1 Hz. Fatigue tests were conducted at 650 C, where the NiCoCrAlY alloy has modest ductility, and at 1050 C, where it is extremely ductile, showing tensile elongation in excess of 100 percent. At the lower test temperature, deformation induced disordering softened the NiCoCrAlY alloy, while at the higher test temperature cyclic hardening was observed which was linked to gradual coarsening of the two phase microstructure. Fatigue life of the NiCoCrAlY alloy was significantly longer at the higher temperature. Further, the life of the NiCoCrAlY alloy exceeds that of coated, /001/-oriented PWA 1480 single crystals at 1050 C but at 650 C the life of the coated crystal is greater than that of the NiCoCrAlY alloy on a total strain basis. Author

The effect of changing the content of Ta on the gamma/gamma-prime carbide microstructure was investigated in two crystalline nickel-base superalloys: conventionally cast B-1900 + HF, and both conventionally cast and directionally solidified MAR-M247. The changes occurring in the microstructure effects were similar in both alloys. The gamma-prime and carbide volume fractions increased linearly with Ta additions, while the gamma-prime phase compositions did not change. Bulk Ta additions increased the levels of Cr and Co (in addition to that of Ta) of the gamma phase, a result of the approximately constant partitioning ratios for these elements. The addition of Ta led to a partial replacement of Hf in the MC carbides. In addition, Cr-rich M(23)C(6) carbides formed as a result of MC carbide decomposition during heat treatment. Author

The rheocasting solidification process was applied in the production of IN-100 nickel base superalloy, and the effects of processing variables, such as stirring speed, isothermal stirring time, and volume fraction solid during isothermal stirring, on the resultant rheocast structure were investigated. Ingots that were furnace cooled at the same rate but without stirring were compared with the rheocast ingots. Rheocasting yielded fine-grained structures, where the extent of microsegregation, the variation in microsegregation, and the volume fraction solid were reduced. Fatigue tests were conducted at 650 C, where the IN-100 alloy exceeded that of coated, /001/-oriented PWA 1480 single crystals at 1050 C but at 650 C the life of the coated crystal is greater than that of the IN-100 alloy on a total strain basis. Author
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DENDRITIC MICROSTRUCTURE IN ARGON ATOMIZED SUPERALLOY POWDERS
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The dendritic microstructure of atomized nickel base superalloy powders (Ni-20 pct Cr, NIMONIC-50A, ASTROLOY, and ZHS6-K) was studied. Prealloyed vacuum induction melted ingots were atomized, the powders were cooled to room temperature, and various powder-size fractions were examined by optical metallography. Linear correlations were obtained for the powder size dependence of the secondary dendrite arm spacing, following the expected d-alpha (R) to the m power dependence on the particle size for all four superalloy compositions. However, the Ni-20 pct Cr alloy, which had much coarser arm spacing as compared to the other three alloys, had a much larger value of m.

A87-25040* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE DENDRITIC GROWTH MODELS COMPARISON OF THEORY WITH EXPERIMENTAL DATA
Three dendrite growth models for directionally solidified succinonitrile-acetone, succinonitrile-salol, aluminum-copper, and lead-palladium alloys are evaluated. The characteristics of the Burden and Hunt (1974) model, the Laxmanan (1985) model, and the Trivedi (1980) model are described. The dendrite tip temperature, tip radius, liquid composition, and primary arm spacing for the alloys are analyzed in terms of growth speed, alloy composition, and temperature gradient. It is observed that the Burden and Hunt model accurately predicts the proper behavior of the parameters, but does not provide good quantitative predictions. A good fit between the experimental data and the Trivedi and Laxmanan models is detected. The advantages of the Trivedi marginal stability analysis and the Laxmanan minimum dendrite tip undercooling approaches are discussed.

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UNDERCOOLING AND CRYSTALLIZATION BEHAVIOUR OF ANTIMONY DROPLETS
J. A. Graves and J. H. Perpezko (Wisconsin, University, Madison) Journal of Materials Science (ISSN 0022-2461), vol. 21, Dec. 1986, p. 4215-4220. refs
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The droplet emulsion technique is presently used to examine the undercooling and crystallization behavior of pure antimony. Control of droplet size and applied cooling rate allowed maximum undercooling to be extended from 0.08 to 0.23 Tm (m). A droplet undercooled in an emulsion by means of emulsification which appears to furnish a favorable crystallographic matching for effective nucleation catalysis of a metastable simple cubic structure. Thermal analysis shows the melting temperature of the single cubic phase to be about 625 C.

ANALYSIS OF THE SOLIDIFIED STRUCTURE OF RHEOCAST AND VADER PROCESSED NICKEL-BASE SUPERALLOY
(Contract NAG3-14)
Conventional ‘ingot’ processing of highly alloyed compositions results in a cast product which suffers from extensive macrosegregation. One can produce a fine grained cast product by controlling the solidification journey, one can produce a fine grained cast product. This is achieved by manipulating the melt in the mushy zone. Rheocasting and vacuum arc double electrode remelting (VADER) are two such technologies where the melt is processed in the mushy zone. IN-100, a nickel based superalloy, was rheocast as well as VADER processed. The resultant cast structures are analyzed, compared and discussed both on micro- and macrostructural levels. The effect of the rheocast processing variables (stirring seed, time and temperature) on the cast microstructure are also discussed. Author

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REACTION OF IRON WITH HYDROGEN CHLORIDE-OXYGEN MIXTURES AT 550 C
N. S. Jacobson (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Oxidation of Metals (ISSN 0030-770X), vol. 26, no. 3-4, 1986, p. 157-169. refs
The reaction of iron with 1 percent HCI/0-50 percent O2/Ar has been studied at 550 C with thermogravimetry to monitor kinetics and scanning electron microscopy to characterize product morphologies. In addition, the volatile species were identified with an atmospheric pressure sampling mass spectrometer. The reaction of 1 percent HCl/Ar produces FeCl2. The reactions of 1 percent HCl/1, 10, 50 percent O2/Ar produce Fe2O3, Fe3O4, and FeCl3. In each case condensed phase chlorides form at the oxide/metal interface where the oxygen potential is low. The 10 and 50 percent oxygen mixtures have kinetics in the first 3 hr similar to pure oxidation with some deviations due to iron-chloride formation. The 1 percent oxygen mixture shows enhanced reaction rates over oxidation, very likely due to the formation of a porous scale.

A87-32035* Cincinnati Univ., Ohio.
FAULT STRUCTURES IN RAPIDLY QUENCHED NI-MO BINARY ALLOYS
Fault structures in two Ni-Mo alloy ribbons (Ni-28 at. pct Mo and Ni-35 at. pct Mo) cast by a free jet chill block melt spinning process were studied. Thin foils for TEM studies were made by electrochemical thinning using an alcohol/butyl cellosolve/perchloric acid mixture in a twin jet electropolishing device. The samples displayed typical grains containing linear faulted regions on the wheelside of the two alloy ribbons. However, an anomalous diffraction behavior was observed upon continuous tilting of the sample: the network of diffraction spots from a single grain appeared to expand or contract and rotate. This anomalous diffraction behavior was explained by assuming extended spike formation at reciprocal lattice points, resulting in a network of continuous rel rods. The validity of the model was confirmed by observations of a cross section of the reciprocal lattice parallel to the rel rods.

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Yielding and Deformation Behavior of the Single Crystal Superalloy PWA 1480


The yield strength was constant from 20 to 760°C, above which the strength dropped rapidly and became a strong function of strain rate. The high temperature data were represented very well by an Arrhenius type equation, which resulted in three distinct temperature regimes. The deformation substructures were grouped in the same three regimes, indicating that there was a fundamental relationship between the deformation mechanisms and activation energies. Models of the yielding process were considered, and it was found that no currently available model was fully applicable to this alloy. It was also demonstrated that the initial deformation mechanism (during yielding) was frequently different from that which would be inferred by examining specimens which were tested to failure. Author

Adherent AL2O3 Scales Formed on Undoped NiCrAl Alloys


Changes in the spalling behavior of Al2O3 scales formed on an undoped NiCrAl alloy are described. Two samples of Ni-15Cr-13Al (wt pct), one a control and the other sanded, were subjected to 25 oxidation cycles. It is observed that adherent scales formed on the sanded sample, however, the control sample had spckled, spalled scales. The data reveal that the adherent scales are caused by repeated removal of surface layers after each oxidation cycle. It is determined that interfacial segregation of sulfur influences spallation and sulfur removal increases bonding. The effect of moisture on scale adhesions is investigated.

Adherent NiAlTA Scales Formed on Undoped NiCrAl Alloys


The microstructural development of binary alloys during directional solidification is studied. Cellular growth data for the Al-Cu and Pb-Sn binary alloy systems are analyzed in order evaluate the criteria of Kurz and Fisher (1981) and Trivedi (1984) for cellular-dendritic transition. It is observed that the experimental growth values do not correlate with the Kurz and Fisher or Trivedi data.

Effect of Composition and Grain Size on Slow Plastic Flow Properties of NiAl Between 1200 and 1400 K


A series of about 15-micron diameter polycrystalline B2 crystal structure NiAl alloys ranging in composition from 43.9 to 52.7 Al (at pct) have been compression tested at constant velocities in air between 1200 and 1400 K. All materials were fabricated via powder metallurgy techniques with hot extrusion as the densification process. Seven intermediate compositions were produced by blending various amounts of two master heats of prealloyed powder; in addition, a tenth alloy of identical composition, 48.25 Al, as one of the blended materials, was produced from a third master heat. Comparison of the flow stress-strain rate behavior for the two 48.25 Al alloys revealed that their properties were identical. The creep strength of materials for Al/Ni not above 1.03 was essentially equal, and deformation could be described by a single stress exponent and activation energy. Creep at low temperature and faster strain rates is independent of grain sizes and appears to be controlled by a subgrain mechanism. However, at higher temperatures and slower strain rates, diffusion creep seems to contribute to the overall deformation rate.

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CYCLE FATIGUE OF ASTROLOY

Low cycle fatigue (LCF) and creep-fatigue-environment interactions of HIP Astroloy were studied at 650 C and 725 C. The results showed that the model proposed by Kaisand and Mowbray (1979) was successful in predicting the magnitude and trend of the fatigue crack growth rate from LCF data. Raising the temperature from 650 C to 725 C did not change the fracture mode, while employing tensile hold caused a change in fracture mode and was more damaging than raising the temperature by 75 C. All samples displayed multiple fracture origins, which is initiated transgranularly in continuous cycling tests and intergranularly in hold time tests. An examination of the secondary crack showed no apparent creep damage. Oxidation in high purity argon appeared to be the major factor in LCF life degradation due to hold time. Author

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HEAT'S ON TO DEVELOP HIGH-TEMPERATURE MATERIALS


An evaluation is made of the state-of-the-art and foreseeable development prospects in high temperature engineering materials applicable to advanced heat engines and other aerothermodynamically affected structures. Attention is given to monocrystal- and microcrystal-producing metal solidification processes, soft oxide and chemically stable fluoride high temperature solid lubricants, polyimide and other high temperature polymers for propulsion system applications, high strength/toughness ceramics for heat engine structural components, thermal barrier coatings, and metal-matrix composites employing refractory matrices as well as reinforcing fibers. O.C.

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UNDERSTANDING SINGLE-CRYSTAL SUPERALLOYS

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The unique properties of single crystals are considered. The anisotropic properties of single crystals, and the relation between crystal orientation and the fatigue life and slip systems of the crystals are examined. The effect of raft formation on the creep-rupture life of the crystals is studied. Proposed research on the properties of and new applications for single crystals is discussed. I.F.

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DENDRITIC GROWTH OF UNDERCOOLED NICKEL-TIN. I, II


A comparison is made between high speed cinematography and optical temperature measurements of the solidification of an undercooled Ni-25 wt pct Sn alloy. The first part of this study notes that solidification during the recalescence period at all undercoolings studied occurred in the form of a dendrite-like front moving across the sample surface, and that the growth velocities observed agree with calculation results for the dendrite growth model of Lipton et al. (1986); it is concluded that the coarse structure observed comprises an array of much finer, solute-controlled dendrites. In the second part, attention is given to the solidification of levitated metal samples within a transparent glass medium for the cases of two undercooled Ni-Sn alloys, one of which is eutectic and another hypoeutectic. The data obtained suggest a solidification model involving dendrites of very fine structure growing into the melt at temperatures near the bulk undercooling temperature. O.C.

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STRESS RUPTURE AND CREEP BEHAVIOR OF A LOW PRESSURE PLASMA-SPRAYED NICOCRALY COATING ALLOY IN AIR AND VACUUM

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The creep behavior of a NiCoCrAlY coating alloy in air and vacuum at 660 and 850 C is studied. The microstructure of the coating alloy is described. Analysis of the creep curves reveal that the secondary creep rates, the transition from secondary to tertiary creep, and the strain-to-failure are affected by the environment, preexposure, stress, and temperature. It is observed that the rupture lives of the NiCoCrAlY alloy at 660 and 850 C are greater in air than in vacuum. Several mechanisms that may explain the lack of crack growth from surface-connected pores during tests in air are proposed. Author

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APPLICATION OF SINGLE CRYSTAL SUPERALLOYS FOR EARTH-TO-ORBIT PROPULSION SYSTEMS


Single crystal superalloys were first identified as potentially useful engineering materials for aircraft gas turbine engines in the mid-1960s. Although they were not introduced into service as turbine blades in commercial aircraft engines until the early 1980's, they have subsequently accumulated tens of millions of flight hours in revenue producing service. The Space Shuttle main engine (SSME) and potential advanced earth-to-orbit propulsion systems impose severe conditions on turbopump turbine blades which for some potential failure modes are more severe than in aircraft gas turbines. Research activities which are directed at evaluating the potential for single crystal superalloys for application as turbopump turbine blades in the SSME and advanced rocket engines are discussed. The mechanical properties of these alloys are summarized and the effects of hydrogen are noted. The use of high gradient directional solidification and hot isostatic pressing to improve fatigue properties is also addressed. Author

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THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GAMMA-PRIME DISLOCATION PAIRS IN A NICKEL-BASE SUPERALLOY

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The gamma-prime dislocation pairs of a single crystal nickel-base superalloy, PWA 1480, after tensile and fatigue loading at 650 C are analyzed. The existence and extent of cube cross slip in octahedral slip, and the nature of gamma-prime dislocation pairs in primary cube slip are investigated. It is observed that the PWA 1480 specimens oriented near (001) and (-3 3 4) line directions deform by octahedral slip and specimens oriented near (-1 1 1) and (-2 3 4) lines deform by primary cube slip. It is determined that the overall dislocation distributions are more homogeneous in low cycle fatigue (LCF) loading than in monotonic
tensile loading; however, the gamma-prime dislocation pair characteristics are similar for tensile and LCF test specimens. The data reveal that the gamma-prime dislocation pairs of octahedral slip specimens are near-screw and on the cube cross slip plane and for the cube slip specimens, the dislocation pairs are of various characters and on the primary cube slip plane.

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CHILL BLOCK MELT SPINNING IN NICKEL-MOLYBDENUM ALLOYS

Samples of Ni-Mo alloys ranging in composition from pure nickel to Ni-40 at. pct molybdenum were cast by the chill block melt-spinning rapid solidification technique and examined by optical metallography, X-ray diffraction, and microhardness testing. Casting difficulties were encountered with lean alloys, but richer alloys spread more readily on the casting wheel. Alloy microstructures for 5 to 37.5 at. pct molybdenum ribbons were primarily cellular/dendritic; microstructure feature size decreased with increasing molybdenum content. Extended solubility of molybdenum in gamma-nickel, with fcc lattice parameter increasing with composition to the 1.05 power, was observed up to 37.5 at. pct molybdenum. Substoichiometric Ni-Mo (delta) nucleated on the wheel side of the ribbons of compositions 35, 37.5, and 40 at. pct molybdenum. The amount of partitionless delta-plus form increased with increasing molybdenum content and quench rate. This substoichiometric delta transformed readily to a fine structure gamma-delta mixture. Author

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EFFECT OF HEAT TREATMENT ON THE FRACTURE BEHAVIOUR OF DIRECTIONALLY SOLIDIFIED (GAMMA/ GAMMA-PRIME)-ALPHA ALLOY
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An investigation is conducted into the influence of various heat treatments on the work of fracture and its relation to microstructure for a directionally solidified Ni-33Mo-5.7Al (wt pct) (gamma/gamma-prime)-alpha alloy. The jagged crack propagation observed is due to delamination of the ligaments and associated plastic deformation. Fracture behavior is examined with respect to alloy microstructures and load-deflection curves. The four heat-treatment conditions considered are:

1. as-directionally solidified, (2) solutionized, (3) directionally solidified and thermally cycled, and (4) solutionized and thermally cycled. O.C.

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THE STABILITY OF LAMELLAR GAMMA-GAMMA-PRIME STRUCTURES

1. The data relays that the annealed feature gamma-prime lamellar structures were investigated using three nickel-base single-crystal alloys (the NASAIR 100 and two similar alloys, E and F, containing 5 and 10 wt pct Co, respectively) stress-annealed at 1000 C to form lamellae perpendicular to the applied stress. The rate of the lamellar thickening under various thermal and creep exposures was examined by SEM for unstrressed aging at 1100 C, the lamellar structures of the NASAIR and the E alloys exhibited continuous but slow lamellar coarsening, whereas the lamellae of the alloy F showed pronounced thickening plus spheroidization. Resistance to lamellar thickening was correlated with high magnitudes of lattice mismatch, which promoted a more regular lamellar structure and a finer spacing of misfit dislocations. Specimens which were tension-annealed prior to compressive creep testing exhibited an earlier onset of tertiary creep in comparison with only heat-treated specimens. This was associated with accelerated lamellar coarsening in the stress-annealed specimens. I.S.

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EFFECT OF 15 MPA HYDROGEN ON CREEP-RUPTURE PROPERTIES OF IRON-BASE SUPERALLOYS

Six wrought alloys (A-286, incoloy 800H, N-155, 19-9DL, 12RN72, and CG-27) and four cast alloys (XF-813, CRM-6D, HS-31, and SA-F11), candidate materials for use in Stirling engines, were evaluated with reference to creep-rupture characteristics in 15-MPa H2 at 705 and 925 C. An analysis of the test results indicates that hydrogen has no effect on the rupture life and the minimum creep rate of the alloys investigated. Rupture ductility in hydrogen is lower than in air, but the mode of fracture is not significantly affected. V.L.

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THERMAL-MECHANICAL FATIGUE CRACK GROWTH IN B-1900+HF

Thermal-mechanical fatigue crack growth (TMFCG) rates in B-1900-HF were measured under strain-controlled conditions in the temperature range 400-925 C. A poor correlation between isothermal and TMFCG rates under elastic and fully plastic conditions was observed when test data were analyzed using a strain-based approach. A stress-based approach taking into account the hardening and softening behavior of the material and load shedding provided an adequate description of the isothermal and TMFCG rates. Also, the isothermal crack growth rates at minimum and maximum temperatures provided upper and lower bounds, respectively, on the TMFCG rates. V.L.

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DEFECTS IN NICKEL-BASE SUPERALLOYS
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The presence of substantial amounts of the sigma phase in Ni-base superalloys can drastically reduce the alloy's stress rupture life. No predictive system exists which is entirely successful in anticipating the formation of sigma, mu, and similar phases in new and substantially different alloys. Fretckles are defects due to the segregation of elements in quantities that can lead to phase precipitation, and are caused by gravity-driven fluid motion that yields microsegregation in the ingots typically used in the fabrication of structures based on these alloys. Also noted are the effects of porosity and grain boundaries on superalloy mechanical properties. O.C.
The microstructure of the solutionized and aged nickel-base superalloy B-1900 + Hf was examined after additional aging at 892 °C for 72, 250, and 1000 hours. Alloy compositions that were examined contained the normal 1.34 at. pct (4.3 wt pct) Ta as well as 0.67 at. pct and zero Ta levels. The gamma-prime phase agglomerated, became plate-like in morphology, and decreased in volume fraction for all three alloys throughout the aging treatments. Changes which occurred in the gamma and gamma-prime phase compositions were nearly complete after 72 hours of aging while changes in the MC carbide composition continued throughout the aging. Blocky MC carbides precipitated along the grain boundaries of all three alloys in the first 72 hours of aging. In addition, an acicular form of this MoCr/NI-rich carbide developed in the intragranular regions of the Ta-containing alloys. Author

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**THERMAL STABILITY OF THE NICKEL-BASE SUPERALLOY B-1900 + HF WITH TANTALUM VARIATIONS**

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**MICROSTRUCTURES IN RAPIDLY SOLIDIFIED NI-MO ALLOYS**


Ni-Mo alloys of compositions ranging from pure Ni to Ni-40 at. percent Mo were rapidly solidified by Chill Block Melt Spinning in vacuum and were examined by optical metallography, X-ray diffraction and transmission electron microscopy. Rapid solidification resulted in an extension of molybdenum solubility in nickel from 28 to 37.5 at. percent. A number of different phases and microstructures were seen at different depths (solidification conditions) from the quenched surface of the melt spun ribbons. Author

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**ELEVATED TEMPERATURE STRENGTHENING OF A MELT SPUN AUSTENITIC STEEL BY TiB2**


Mechanical properties of an iron-based alloy containing (by wt pct) 33Ni, 2AI, 6Ti, and 2B (resulting in an alloy containing 10 vol pct TiB2) were evaluated by hardness and tensile testing. The alloy was cast as a ribbon using a dual "free-jet" variation of Jech et al. (1984) method of chill-block melt-spinning against a copper wheel; to simulate thermal cycles the alloy ribbon would experience during compaction into shapes, various segments of the ribbon were annealed under a vacuum at temperatures ranging from 500 to 1150 °C. The results show that maximum strengths at 650 and 760 °C were developed in ribbons annealed at 1100 °C; in these ribbons an optimal combination of grain coarsening with minimum TiB2 particle growth was observed. However, the elevated-temperature strength of the TiB2-strengthened alloy under optimal annealing conditions was poorer than that of conventional iron-based superalloys strengthened by gamma-prime precipitates. I.S.
The surface protection subproject consists of three major thrusts: airfoil deposition model; metallic coating life prediction; and thermal barrier coating (TBC) life prediction. The time frame for each of these thrusts and the expected outputs are presented. Further details are given for each thrust such as specific element schedules and the status of performance; in-house, via grant, or via contract.

A comprehensive theoretical framework of deposition from combustion gases was developed covering the spectrum of various mass delivery mechanisms including vapor, thermophoretically enhanced small particle, and inertially impacting large particle deposition. Rational yet simple correlations were provided to measure deposition rates from salt-seeded combustion gases on an internally cooled cylindrical collector.

Hot corrosion testing was conducted at 1350 K. Full penetration, single pass welds were oriented transverse to the testing direction in 1 mm thick sheet. With this orientation, stress was imposed equally on the base metal, weld metal, and heat-affected zone. Tests were conducted in both the postweld annealed and aged conditions. Unwelded specimens with similar heat treatments were tested for comparative purposes. It was found that the weld region is stronger than the base metal for both the annealed and aged conditions and that the PWC-11 material is stronger in the annealed condition than in the aged condition.
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Zirconium is added to a Ni-30 Al (beta) intermetallic alloy in the range of 0.05 w/o to 0.25 w/o. This addition is made during melting or by using metal powders. The addition of zirconium improves the cyclic oxidation resistance of the alloys at temperatures above 1100 C. Official Gazette of the US Patent and Trademark Office

The monotonic plastic flow behavior of several single crystal nickel-base, superalloys has been shown to vary significantly with crystallographic orientation. In the present study, the cyclic plastic flow response of one such alloy, PWA 1480, was examined at 650 deg C in air. Single crystal specimens aligned near several crystallographic directions were tested in fully reversed, total-strain-controlled low cycle fatigue tests at a frequency of 0.1 Hz. The cyclic stress-strain response and general cyclic hardening behavior was analyzed as a function of crystallographic orientation and inelastic strain range.

The microstructures of melt-spun superalloy ribbons with variable boron levels have been studied by transmission electron microscopy. The base alloy was of approximant composition Ni-11% Cr-5%Mo-5%A1-4%Ti with boron levels of 0.06, 0.12, and 0.60 percent (all by weight). Thirty micron thick ribbons display an variable boron levels have been studied by transmission electron

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N87-14487*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THE EFFECT OF LASER GLAZING ON LIFE OF ZRO2 TBCS IN CYCLIC BURNER RIG TESTS I. ZAPLATYNSKY Aug. 1986 12 p (NASA-TM-88882; E-3026; NAS 1.15:88882) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL11F

The performance of laser glazed zirconia (containing 8 wt% Y2O3) TBC's was evaluated in burner rig cyclic oxidation tests at 1000 and 1050 C. It was found that the cycle duration has no effect on life of TBC's and that the increase in thickness of the glazed layer caused a slight reduction in life.


The influence of varying the content of Co, Cr, Mo, Ta, and Al in a series of cast Ni-based gamma/gamma' superalloys on the behavior of aluminate coatings was studied in burner rig cyclic oxidation tests at 1100 C. The alloys had nominally fixed levels of Ti, W, Cr, Zr, C, and B. The alloy compositions were based on a full 2(sup 5)-fractional statistical design supplemented by 10 star point alloys and a center point alloy. This full central composite design of 43 alloys plus two additional alloys with extreme Al levels allowed a complete second degree estimating equation to be derived from the 5-compositional variables. The weight change/time data for the coated samples fitted well to the parilinear oxidation model and enabled a modified oxidation attack parameter, K'(sub a) to be derived to rank the alloys and log K' (sub a) to be used as the dependent variable in the estimating equation to determine the oxidation resistance of the coating as a function of the underlying alloy content. The most protective aluminate coatings are associated with the highest possible base alloy contents of Cr and Al and at a 4 percent Ta level. The Mo and Co effects interact but at fixed levels of 0, 5, or 10% Co. A 4% Mo level is optimum.

N87-14489*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. ESTIMATION OF HIGH TEMPERATURE LOW CYCLE FATIGUE ON THE BASIS OF INELASTIC STRAIN AND STRAINRATE A. BERKOVITS Sep. 1986 13 p (NASA-TM-88841; E-3168; NAS 1.15:88841) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL11F

Fatigue life at elevated temperature can be predicted by introducing parametric values obtained from monotonic constitutive behavior into the Universal-Slopes Equation. For directionally solidified MAR-M200+HF at 975 C, these parameters are the maximum stress achievable under entirely plastic (time-independent) and purely creep (time-dependent) conditions and the corresponding inelastic strains, as well as the elastic modulus. For materials which exhibit plasticity/creep interaction, two more pairs of monotonic parameters must be evaluated for fatigue life prediction. This life-prediction method based on the Universal-Slopes Equation, resulted from a constitutive model characterizing monotonic and cyclic data as inelastic strainrate as a function of inelastic strain. Characterizing monotonic data is this way, permitted distinction between different material responses such as strain-hardening, strain-softening, and dynamic recovery effects. Understanding and defining the region of influence of each of these effects facilitated formulation of the constitutive model in relation to the mechanical and microstructural processes occurring in the material under cyclic loading.
ELEVATED TEMPERATURE TENSION, COMPRESSION AND CREEP-RUPTURE BEHAVIOR OF (001)-ORIENTED SINGLE CRYSTAL SUPERALLOY PWA 1480

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Tensile and compressive flow behavior at various temperatures and strain rates, and tensile creep rupture behavior at 850 and 1050 C and various stresses were studied for (001)-oriented single crystals of the Ni-base superalloy PWA 1480. At temperatures up to 760 C, the flow stress is insensitive to strain rate and of greater magnitude in tension than in compression. At temperatures of 800 C and above, the flow stress decreases continuously with decreasing strain rate and the tension/compression anisotropy diminishes. The second stage creep rate and rupture time exhibited power law relationships with the applied stress for both 850 and 1050 C, however with different stress dependencies. The stress exponent for the steady state creep rate was about 7 at 1050 C, but much higher at 850 C, about 12. Directional coarsening of the gamma' phase occurred during creep at 1050 C, but not at 850 C. 

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PRELIMINARY STUDY OF NIOBIUM ALLOY CONTAMINATION BY TRANSPORT THROUGH HELIUM


Preliminary tests were conducted to determine if interstitial element transport through a circulating helium working fluid was a potential problem in Brayton and Stirling space power systems. Test specimens exposed to a thermal gradient for up to 3000-hr included Nb-1%Zr, a Sm-Co alloy (referred to as SmCo in this paper), Hiperco 50 steel, and alumina to simulate various engine components of the Brayton and Stirling systems. Results indicate that helium transport of interstitial contaminants can be minimized over a 7-yr life with a monometallic Nb-1%Zr design. Exposure with other materials indicated a potential for interstitial contaminant transport.

Author
transport. Determination of contamination kinetics and the effects on structural integrity will require additional testing. Author

THE ALLOY UNDERCOOLING EXPERIMENT ON THE COLUMBIA STA 61-C SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION


An Alloy Undercooling experiment was performed in an electromagnetic levitator during the Columbia STS 61-C mission in January 1986. One eutectic nickel-tin alloy specimen was partially processed before an equipment failure terminated the experiment. Examination of the specimen showed evidence of undercooling and some unusual microstructural features. Author

CREEP BEHAVIOR OF NIOBIUM ALLOY PWC-11 Final Report


The high vacuum creep and creep-rupture behavior of a Nb-1Zr-1C alloy (PWC 11) was investigated at 1350 and 1400 K with an applied stress of 40 MPa. The material was tested in the following four conditions: annealed (1 hr 1755 K/2 hr 1475 K); annealed plus EB welded; annealed plus aged for 1000 hr at 1350 or 1400 K; and annealed, welded, and aged. It was found that the material in the annealed state was the most creep-resistant condition tested, and that aging the alloy for 1000 hr without an applied stress greatly reduced that strength; however, it was still approximately three times as creep resistant as Nb-1Zr. Additionally, the EB weld region was stronger than the base metal in each condition tested, and phase extraction of the dispersed precipitate revealed the presence of a 70%ZrC-30%NbC cubic monocarbide phase. Author

BITHERMAL LOW-CYCLE FATIGUE BEHAVIOR OF A NICOCRAlY-COATED SINGLE CRYSTAL SUPERALLOY


Specimens of a single crystal superalloy, PWA 1480, both bare and coated with a NiCoCrAlY alloy, PWA 276, were tested in low-cycle fatigue at 650 and 1050 C, and in bithermal thermomechanical fatigue tests. In the two bithermal test types, tensile strain was imposed at one of the two temperatures and released in compression at the other. In the high-strain regime, lives for both bithermal test types approached that for the 650 C isothermal test on an inelastic strain basis, all being controlled by the low ductility of the superalloy at 650 C. In the low-strain regime, coating cracking reduced life in the 650 C isothermal test. The bithermal test imposing tension at 650 C, termed out-of-phase, also produced rapid surface cracking, but in both coated and bare specimens. Increased crack growth rates also occurred for the out-of-phase test. Increased lives in vacuum suggested that there is a large environmental contribution to damage in the out-of-phase test due to the 1050 C exposure followed by tensile straining at the low temperature. Author

SUPERALLOY RESOURCES: SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY

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Over the past several decades there have been shortages of strategic materials because of our near total import dependence on such metals as chromium, cobalt, and tantalum. In response to the continued vulnerability of U.S. superalloy producers to disruptions in resource supplies, NASA has undertaken a program to address alternatives to the super-alloys containing significant quantities of the strategic materials such as chromium, cobalt, niobium, and tantalum. The research program called Conservation of Strategic Aerospace Materials (COSAM) focuses on substitution, processing, and alternate materials to achieve its goals. In addition to NASA Lewis Research Center, universities and industry play an important role in the COSAM Program. This paper defines what is meant by strategic materials in the aerospace community, presents a strategic materials index, and reviews the resource supply and availability picture from the U.S. point of view. In addition, research results from the COSAM Program are highlighted and future directions for the use of low strategic material alloys or alternate materials are discussed. Author
summarized and the effects of hydrogen are noted. The use of high gradient directional solidification and hot isostatic pressing to improve fatigue properties is also addressed. Author

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**MATHEMATICAL MATERIALS**

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The fatigue damage interaction behavior of PWA 1480 single crystal alloy has been experimentally established for the two-level loading case in which a block of low-cycle fatigue loading is followed by high-cycle fatigue loading to failure. A relative life ratio N1/N2 (where N1 and N2 are the low- and high-cycle fatigue baseline lives, respectively) of approximately 0.02 was explored to assess the interaction behavior. The experimental results thus far show evidence of a loading order interaction effect to a similar degree of detriment as has been observed in polycrystalline materials. Current generation single crystal alloys in general, and PWA 1480 in particular, contain pores; indeed, it was observed in all cases that specimen failure initiated from pores connected with or immediately below the surface. Detailed fractographic and metallographic studies are currently being made to assess the nature of the porosity in terms of its effect on fatigue life. Author

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**THE T55-L-712 TURBINE ENGINE COMPRRESSOR HOUSING REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**
Final Report
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A study was conducted to access the feasibility of reclamping T55-L-712 turbine engine compressor housings with an 88 wt % aluminum -- 12 wt % silicon alloy applied by the plasma spray processes. Tensile strength testing was conducted on as-sprayed and thermally cyclotested specimens which were plasma sprayed from 0.020 to 0.100 in. Satisfactory tensile strength values were observed in the as-sprayed tensile specimens. There was essentially no decrease in tensile strength after thermally cycling the tensile specimens. Author

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A STUDY OF REDUCED CHROMIUM CONTENT IN A NICKEL-BASE SUPERALLOY VIA ELEMENT SUBSTITUTION AND RAPID SOLIFICATION PROCESSING Ph.D. Thesis Final Report
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A study of reduced chromium content in a nickel base superalloy via element substitution and rapid solidification processing was performed. The two elements used as partial substitutes for chromium were Si and Zr. The microstructure of conventionally solidified materials was characterized using microscopy techniques. These alloys were rapidly solidified using the chill block melt spinning technique and the rapidly solidified microstructures were characterized using electron microscopy. The spinning technique and the rapidly solidified microstructures was assessed following heat treatments at 1033 and 1272 K. Rapidly solidified material of three alloys was reduced to particulate form and consolidated using hot isostatic pressing (HIP). The consolidated materials were also characterized using interaction techniques. In order to evaluate the relative strengths of the consolidated alloys, compression tests were performed at room temperature and 1033 K on samples of as-HIPed and HIPed plus solution treated material.

Yield strength, porosity, and oxidation resistance characteristics are given and compared. Author

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**OBSERVATIONS OF DIRECTIONAL GAMMA PRIME COARSENING DURING ENGINE OPERATION**

Two alloys with negative mismatch parameters, NASAIR 100 and a modified NASAIR 100 called Alloy 3 were run as turbine blades in an experimental ground based Garrett TFE731 engine for up to 200 hr. The directional coarsening of gamma prime (rafting) that developed during engine testing was analyzed and compared to previous research from laboratory tests. The blades were found to be rafted normal to the centrifugal stress axis over much of the span, but near the surfaces, the blades were found to be rafted parallel to the centrifugal stress axis for certain cycles. Representative photomicrographs of the blades and the effects of stress and temperature on raft formation are shown. Author

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**LONG-TIME CREEP BEHAVIOR OF NB-12R ALLOY CONTAINING CARBON**
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Creep tests were conducted on the Nb-12r base alloy with and without carbon. Testing was performed at 10 to the -6 MPa in the 1350 to 1400 K range. Creep times, to 1 percent strain, ranged from 60 to 6000 hr. All 1 percent creep data were filled by linear regression to a temperature compensating rate equation. The Nb-12r-0.06C alloy, tested in a weakened aged condition, appears to be four times as strong as the Nb-12r alloy. Author

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**MATERIALS FOR ADVANCED TURBINE ENGINES (MATE)**
PROJECT 4: EROSION RESISTANT COMPRESSOR AIRFOIL COATING
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The ability of coatings to provide at least a 2X improvement in particular erosion resistance for steel, nickel and titanium compressor airfoils was identified and demonstrated. Coating materials evaluated included plasma sprayed cobalt tungsten carbide, nickel carbide and diffusion applied chromium plus boron. Several processing parameters for plasma spray processing and diffusion coating were evaluated to identify coating systems having the most potential for providing airfoil erosion resistance. Based on laboratory results and analytical evaluations, selected coating systems were applied to gas turbine blades and evaluated for surface finish, burner rig erosion resistance and effect on high cycle fatigue strength. Based on these tests, the following coatings were recommended for engine testing: Gator-Gard plasma spray 88WC-12Co on titanium alloy airfoils, plasma spray 83WC-17Co on steel and nickel alloy airfoils, and Cr-B on nickel alloy airfoils. Author
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**THE EFFECT OF TRICRESYL-PHOSPHATE (TCP) AS AN ANTIWEAR ADDITIVE ON WEAR OF IRON (Fe)**

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The effect of tricresyl phosphate (TCP) as an antiwear additive in lubricant trimethyl propane triheptanoate (TMPTH) was investigated. The objective was to examine step loading wear by use of surface analysis, wetting, and chemical bonding changes in the lubricant. The investigation consisted of step loading wear studies by a pin or disk tribometer, the effects on wear related to wetting by contact angle and surface tension measurements of various liquid systems, the chemical bonding changes between lubricant and TCP chromatographic analysis, and by determining the reaction between the TCP and metal surfaces through wear scar analysis by Auger emission spectroscopy (AES). The steploading curve for the base fluid alone shows rapid increase of wear rate with load. The steploading curve for the base fluid in presence of 4.25 percent by volume TCP under dry air purge has shown a great reduction of wear rate with all loads studied. It has also been found that the addition of 4.25 percent by volume TCP plus 0.33 percent by volume water to the base lubricant under N2 purge also greatly reduces the wear rate with all loads studied. AES surface analysis reveals a phosphate type wear resistant film, which greatly increases load-bearing capacity, formed on the iron disk. Preliminary chromatographic studies suggest this film forms either because of ester oxidation or TCP degradation. Wetting studies show direct correlation between the spreading coefficient and the wear rate.

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**CREEP-RUPTURE BEHAVIOR OF A DEVELOPMENTAL CAST-IRON-BASE ALLOY FOR USE UP TO 800 DEG C**

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A promising iron-base cast alloy is being developed as part of the DOE/NASA Stirling Engine Systems Project under contract DEN 3-282 with the United Technologies Research Center. This report presents the results of a study at the Lewis Research Center of the alloy's creep-rupture properties. The alloy was tested under a variety of conditions and was found to exhibit the normal 3-stage creep response. The alloy compared favorably with others being used or under consideration for the automotive Stirling engine cylinder/regenerator housing.

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**HEAT TREATMENT FOR SUPERALLOY Patent**

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A cobalt-free nickel-base superalloy composed of in weight % 15 Cr-5 Mo-3.5 Ti-4 Al-0.07 (max) C remainder Ni is given a modified heat treatment. With this heat treatment the cobalt-free alloy achieves certain of the mechanical properties of the corresponding cobalt-containing nickel-base superalloy at 1200 F (650 C). Thus, strategic cobalt can be replaced by nickel in the alloy.

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**HIGH TEMPERATURE RADIATOR MATERIALS FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE LOW EARTH ORBITAL ENVIRONMENT**

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Radiators must be constructed of materials which have high emittance in order to efficiently radiate heat from high temperature space power systems. In addition, if these radiators are to be used for applications in the low Earth orbital environment, they must not be detrimentally affected by exposure to atomic oxygen. Four materials selected as candidate radiator materials (304 stainless steel, copper, titanium-6% aluminum-4% vanadium (Ti-6%Al-4%V), and niobium-1% zirconium (Nb-1%Zr)) were surface modified by acid etching, heat treating, abrading, sputter texturing, electrochemical etching, and combinations of the above in order to improve their emittance. Combination treatment techniques with heat treating as the second treatment provided about a factor of two improvement in emittance for 304 stainless steel, Ti-6%Al-4%V, and Nb-1%Zr. A factor of three improvement in emittance occurred for discharge chamber sputter textured copper. Exposure to atomic oxygen in an RF plasma asher did not significantly change the emittance of the samples that had been treated and irradiated in the second treatment process. An evaluation of oxygen penetration is needed to understand how oxidation affects the mechanical properties of these materials when heat treated.

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**DUCTILITY AND FRACTURE IN B2 FEAL ALLOYS Ph.D. Thesis**

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The mechanical behavior of B2FeAl alloys was studied. Stoichiometric Fe-50AI exhibits totally brittle behavior while iron-rich Fe-40AI. These effects were attributed to increased grain boundary near-stoichiometric alloys, and enhanced ductility of up to 6% in (110) planes slip. This behavior is rationalized in terms of the decrease in antiphase boundary energy with decreasing aluminum content. The addition of boron results in improvements in the mechanical behavior of alloys on the iron-rich side of stoichiometry. These improvements are increased brittle fracture stresses of near-stoichiometric alloys, and enhanced ductility of up to 6% in Fe-40AI. These effects were attributed to increased grain boundary adhesion as reflected by changes in fracture mode from intergranular to transgranular failure. The increases in yield strength, which are observed in both polycrystals and single crystals, result from the quenching in of large numbers of thermal vacancies. Hall-Petch plots show that the cooling rate effects are a direct result of changes in the Hall-Petch intercept/lattice resistance flow.

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**METALLIC MATERIALS**

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PARTICLE-SIZE REDUCTION OF SI3N4 POWDER WITH SI3N4 MILLING HARDWARE

The grinding of Si3N4 powder using reaction bonded Si3N4 attrition, vibratory, and ball mills with Si3N4 media was examined. The rate of particle size reduction and the change in the chemical composition of the powder were determined in order to compare the grinding efficiency and the increase in impurity content resulting from mill and media wear for each technique. Attrition and vibratory milling exhibited rates of specific surface area increase that were approximately eight times that observed in ball milling. Vibratory milling introduced a greater impurity pickup.

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CORRELATION OF PROCESSING AND SINTERING VARIABLES WITH THE STRENGTH AND RADIOGRAPHY OF SILICON NITRIDE
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A sintered Si3N4-SiO2-Y2O3 composition, NASA 6Y, was developed that reached four-point flexural average strength/standard deviation values of 857/36, 544/33, and 462/59 MPa at room temperature, 1200 and 1370 C, respectively. These strengths represented improvements of 56, 38, and 21 percent over baseline properties at the three test temperatures. At room temperature the standard deviation was reduced by over a factor of three. These accomplishments were realized by the iterative utilization of conventional X-radiography to characterize structural (density) uniformity as affected by systematic changes in powder processing and sintering parameters. Accompanying the improvement in mechanical properties was a change in the type of flaw causing failure from a pore to a large columnar beta-Si3N4 grain typically 40-80 micron long, 10-30 micron wide, and with an aspect ratio of 5:1.

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SINTERING, MICROSTRUCTURAL, RADIOGRAPHIC, AND STRENGTH CHARACTERIZATION OF A HIGH-PURITY SI3N4-BASED COMPOSITION

A commercially available high purity alpha-Si3N4 powder (UBE SN-E10) was characterized, milled with additives, and sintered in a high-pressure nitrogen atmosphere at temperatures ranging from 1750 to 2140 C. The composition selected for this study has been previously examined using a different alpha-Si3N4 powder. Densification behavior, microstructure characteristics, X-radiographic appearance, room- and high-temperatures flexural strength, and fracture-initiating flaw sites were determined. The high-temperature flexural strengths significantly exceeded those observed in the earlier studies using an identical composition (different alpha-Si3N4 powder) and similar processing techniques.
out in distilled water at 25 C by using a magnetostrictive oscillator in close proximity (2 mm) to the surface of the cleaved specimen. The dislocation-etch-pit patterns induced by cavitation were examined and compared with that of microhardness indentation for the results revealed that dislocation-etch-pit patterns around hardness indentations contain both screw and edge dislocations, while the etch-pit patterns on the surface exposed to cavitation contain only screw dislocations. During cavitation, deformation occurred in a thin surface layer, accompanied by work-hardening of the ceramic. The row of screw dislocations underwent a stable growth, which was analyzed crystallographically.

Author

A87-19625* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. COLLIOIDAL CHARACTERIZATION OF ULTRAFINE SILICON CARBIDE AND SILICON NITRIDE POWDERS PAMELA K. WHITMAN and DONALD L. FEKE (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) Advanced Ceramic Materials (ISSN 0883-5551), vol. 1, Oct. 1986, p. 366-370. refs (Contract NAS3-468) The effects of various powder treatment strategies on the colloidal chemistry of aqueous dispersions of silicon carbide and silicon nitride are examined using a surface titration methodology. Pretreatments are used to differentiate between the true surface chemistry of the powders and artifacts resulting from exposure history. Silicon nitride powders require more extensive pretreatment to reveal consistent surface chemistry than do silicon carbide powders. As measured by titration, the degree of proton adsorption from the suspending fluid by pretreated silicon nitride and silicon carbide powders can both be made similar to that of silica. Author

A87-21470* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. MECHANISM OF STRENGTH DEGRADATION FOR HOT CORROSION OF ALPHA-SIC JAMES L. SMIALEK and NATHAN S. JACOBSON (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) American Ceramic Society, Journal (ISSN 0002-7820), vol. 69, Oct. 1986, p. 741-752. Previously announced in STAR as N85-30135. refs Sintered alpha SIC was corroded by thin films of Na2SO4 and Na2CO3 molten salts at 1000 percent. This hot corrosion attack reduced room temperature strengths by as much as 50 percent. Strength degradation was proportional to the degree and uniformity of corrosion pitting attack as controlled by the chemistry of the molten salt. Extensive fractography identified corrosion pits as the most prevalent source of failure. A fracture mechanics treatment of the strength/pit depth relationship produced an average K sub Ic equal to 2.6 MPa/m 1/2, which is consistent with published values. E.A.K.

A87-22326* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. EFFECTS OF SILVER AND GROUP II FLUORIDE SOLID LUBRICANT ADDITIONS TO PLASMA-SPRAYED CHROMIUM CARBIDE COATINGS FOR FOIL GAS BEARINGS TO 650 C R. C. WAGNER and HAROLD E. SLINEY (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Lubrication Engineering (ISSN 0024-7154), vol. 42, Oct. 1986, p. 594-600. DOE-supported research. Previously announced in STAR as N85-14928. refs (Contract NCC3-30) A new self-lubricating coating composition of nickel aluminide-bonded chromium carbide formulated with silver and Group II fluorides was developed in a research program on high temperature solid lubricants. One of the proposed applications for this new coating composition is as a wide temperature spectrum solid lubricant for complaint foil gas bearings. Friction and wear properties were obtained using a foil gas bearing start-stop apparatus at temperatures from 25 to 650 C. The journals were Inconel 748. Some were coated with the plasma sprayed experimental film, others with unmodified Inconel 748. Some were coated with the plasma sprayed nickel aluminide/chromium carbide as a baseline for comparison. The additional components were provided to assist in achieving low friction over the temperature range of interest. Uncoated, preoxidized Inconel X-750 foil bearings were operated against these surfaces. The foils were subjected to repeated start/stop cycles under a 14-kPa (2-Psi) bearing unit loading. Sliding contact occurred during lift-off and coastdown at surface velocities less than 8 m/s (3000 rPm). Testing continued until 9000 start/stop cycles were accumulated or until a rise in starting torque indicated the journal/bearing had failed. Comparison in coating performance as well as discussions of their properties and methods of application are given. Author

A87-23702* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PROPERTIES AND POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF BROMINATED P-100 CARBON FIBERS D. A. JAWORSKE, J. R. GAIER, C. C. HUNG, and B. A. BANKS (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) SAMPE Quarterly (ISSN 0036-0821), vol. 18, Oct. 1986, p. 9-14. refs A review of the properties and potential applications of bromine-intercalated pitch-based carbon fibers is presented. The dynamics of the intercalation reaction are summarized, and characteristics, such as resistivity, density, and stability, are discussed. In addition, the mechanical and electrical properties of bromine-intercalated fiber-epoxy composites will be addressed. With conductivities comparable to stainless steel, these brominated carbon fibers may be used in a number of composite applications, such as electromagnetic interference shielding containers, large conductive space structures, lightning strike-tolerant aircraft surfaces, and aircraft deicing applications. Author

A87-26112* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. NEW CHROMIUM CARBIDE-BASED TRIBOLOGICAL COATING FOR USE TO 900 C WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE STIRLING ENGINE HAROLD E. SLINEY (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology A (ISSN 0734-2101), vol. 4, Nov.-Dec. 1986, p. 2629-2632. Previously announced in STAR as N86-21682. A new chromium carbide-based coating (PS 200) is described. This coating is shown to have good friction and wear properties over a wide temperature range. A nickel alloy-bonded chromium carbide coating was used as a baseline material for comparison with experimentally formulated coatings. Coatings were plasma sprayed onto metal disks, then diamond ground to a thickness of 0.025 cm. Friction and wear were determined using a pin on disk tribometer at temperatures from 25 to 900 C in hydrogen, helium, and air. Pin materials included several metallic alloys and silicon carbide. It was found that appropriate additions of metallic silver and of barium fluoride/calcium fluoride eutectic to the baseline carbide coating significantly reduced friction coefficients while preserving, and in some cases, even enhancing wear resistance. The results of this study demonstrate that PS 200 is a promising coating composition to consider for high temperature aerospace and advanced heat engine applications. The excellent results in hydrogen make this coating of particular interest for use in the Stirling engine. Author

A87-27625* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. COUNTERFACE EFFECTS ON THE TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF POLYIMIDE COMPOSITES ROBERT L. FUSARO (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Lubrication Engineering (ISSN 0024-7154), vol. 42, Nov. 1986, p. 668-675; Discussion, p. 675, 676. Previously announced in STAR as N85-26993. refs Graphite fiber reinforced polyimide composite pins were slid against seven different counterfaces to determine the effect of material type on the tribological properties of polymer composites. In addition, the effect of sliding a new pin on a pre-established track was investigated. The results indicated that almost a five order of magnitude difference in composite wear rate can occur just by varying the counterface material. An attempt to make all surfaces as smooth as possible was made, but due to differences in material composition this was not possible and a range of surface
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roughnesses were obtained. The results indicate that the smoother the surface, the lower the composite wear rate; but that small protrusions (not discernible with arithmetic surface roughness measurements) can markedly increase wear rates. A pre-established transfer film improved both run in and steady state wear rates.

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**A87-27838** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**COMPOSITION OPTIMIZATION OF SELF-LUBRICATING CHROMIUM-CARBBASED COMPOSITE COATINGS FOR USE TO 760 C**

CHRIS DELLACORTE and HAROLD E. SLINEY (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) ASLE Transactions (ISSN 0569-8197), vol. 30, Jan. 1987, p. 77-83. Previously announced in STAR as N86-20568.

This paper describes new compositions of self-lubricating coatings that contain chromium carbide. A bonded chromium carbide was used as the base stock because of the known excellent wear resistance and the chemical stability of chromium carbide. Additives were silver and barium fluoride/calcium fluoride eutectic. The coating constituents were treated as a ternary system consisting of: (1) the bonded carbide base material, (2) silver, and (3) the eutectic. A study to determine the optimum amounts of each constituent was performed. The various compositions were prepared by powder blending. The blended powders were then plasma sprayed onto superalloy substrates and diamond ground to the desired coating thickness. Friction and wear studies were performed at temperatures from 25 to 760 C in helium and hydrogen. A variety of counterface materials were evaluated with the objective of discovering a satisfactory metal/coating sliding combination for potential applications such as piston ring/cylinder liner couples for Stirling engines.

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**A87-30621** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF SI3N4 MEASURED WITH SHORT BAR CHEVRON-NOTCHED SPECIMENS**


The short bar chevron-notched specimen is used to measure the plane strain fracture toughness of hot pressed SI3N4. Specimen proportions and chevron-notch angle are varied, thereby varying the amount of crack extension to maximum K from which K1C is based. The measured toughness (4.68 + 0.19 MNm to the 3/2 power) is independent of these variations, inferring that the material has a flat crack growth resistance curve.

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**A87-34850** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**ETHYNYLATED AROMATICS AS HIGH TEMPERATURE MATRIX RESINS**


Difunctional and trifunctional arylacetylenes were used as monomers to form thermoset matrix resin composites. Composites can be hot-pressed at 180 C to react 80 percent of the acetylene groups. Crosslinking is completed by postcuring at 350 C. The postcured resins are thermally stable to nominally 460 C in air. As a result of their high crosslink density, the matrix exhibits brittle failure when uniaxial composites are tested in tension. Failure of both uniaxial tensional and flexural specimens occurs in shear at the fiber-matrix interface. Tensile fracture stresses for 0-deg composites were fabricated at 600 C with 60 v/o carbon fiber (Fiberite 1133) and tested in tension also failed in shear at tensile stresses of 413 MPa. The strain to failure was 0.5 percent. Composites fabricated with 8 harness satin Celion cloth (Fiberite 1133) and tested in tension also failed in shear at tensile stresses of 413 MPa.

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**A87-37689** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF ESTER OXIDATION ON AN ALUMINUM SURFACE USING CHEMILUMINESCENCE**


The oxidation characteristics of a pure ester (trimethylpropene triheptanoate) were studied by using a chemiluminescence technique. Tests were run in a thin-film micro-oxidation apparatus with an aluminum alloy catalyst. Conditions included a pure oxygen atmosphere and a temperature range of 176 to 206 C. Results indicated that oxidation of the ester (containing 10 to the minus third power M diphenylthoracene as an intensifier) was accompanied by emission of light. The maximum intensity of light emission (I sub max) was a function of the amount of ester, the concentration of intensifier, and the test temperature. The induction period or the time to reach one-half of maximum intensity (I sub 1/2) was an inverse function of test temperature. Decreases in light emission at the later stages of a test were caused by depletion of the intensifier.

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**STRUCTURE AND TENSILE STRENGTH OF LaS(1.4)**

J. DANIEL WHITTENBERGER (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) and RICHARD H. SMOAK (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA) American Ceramic Society, Communications (ISSN 0022-2461), vol. 70, April 1987, p. C-90 to C-92.

The tensile strength of LaS(1.4) has been estimated by diametral stress testing at room temperature, 800 and 1300 K. Brittle, tensile-type failures were obtained at all temperatures when the crosshead speed was 0.0021 mm/s; however, a 1300 K test at 0.00065 mm/s produced plastic flow. The microstructure of LaS(1.4) consisted of two phases with beta-La2S3 comprising about 15 vol percent of the structure and gamma-La2S3 the remainder. Because of the limited amount of material available for testing, no correlation between microstructure and mechanical strength could be drawn.

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**A87-39638** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**STRAIN-TO-PROPERTY RELATIONSHIPS IN ADDITION CURED POLYMERs: II - RESIN TG AND COMPOSITE INITIAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF NORBORNENYL CURED POLYIMIDE RESINS**


PRM (polymerization of monomeric reactants) methodology was used to prepare thirty different polyimide oligomeric resins. Monomeric composition as well as chain length between sites of crosslinks were varied to examine their effects on glass transition temperature (Tg) of the cured/postcured resins. An almost linear correlation of Tg versus molecular distance between the crosslinks was observed. An attempt was made to correlate Tg with initial mechanical properties (flexural strength and interlaminar shear strength) of unidirectional graphite fiber composites prepared with these resins. However, the scatter in mechanical strength data prevented obtaining as clear a correlation as was observed for the structural modification/crosslink distance versus Tg. Instead, only a range of composite mechanical properties was obtained at the test temperatures studied (room temperature, 289 and 316 K). Perhaps more importantly, what did become apparent during the attempted correlation study was: (1) that PMR methodology could be used to prepare composites from resins that contain a wide variety of monomer modifications, and (2) that these composites almost invariably provided satisfactory initial mechanical
properties as long as the resins selected were melt processable.  
Author

**A87-40927**  Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio.  
TEM INVESTIGATION OF BETA-SIC GROWN EPITAXIALLY ON 
SI SUBSTRATE BY CVD  
C. M. CHOREY, P. PIROUZ, T. E. MITCHELL (Case Western 
Reserve University, Cleveland, OH), and J. A. POWELL (NASA, 
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) IN: Semiconductor-based 
 heterostructures; Proceedings of the Northeast Regional Meeting, 
A transmission electron microscopy study is being conducted on 
the microstructure of beta-SiC films grown epitaxially on 
001-plane silicon by chemical vapor deposition. Observations have 
been made in plane view and in cross-section. A high density of 
stacking faults has been found in the bulk of the epilayer which 
are bounded by partials of the Shockley type with Burgers vectors 
1/6 211-line. Cross-sectional high resolution electron microscopy 
of the interface has shown it to be semicoherent with misfit 
dislocations to accommodate the lattice parameter difference 
between the substrate and the epilayer. In addition to misfit 
dislocations, a high density of twins and some stacking faults are 
present in the SiC near the interface. Mechanisms for the nucleation 
and growth of these defects are discussed. 

**A87-41078**  National Aeronautics and Space Administration. 
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.  
EFFECTS OF MILLING BROMINATED P-100 GRAPHITE 
FIBERS  
JAMES R. GAIER (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), 
MICHAEL E. DILLEHAY, and PAUL D. HAMBOURGER (Cleveland 
State University, OH) Journal of Materials Research (ISSN 
(Contract NCC3-19) 
Preliminary procedures have been developed for the ball milling 
of pristine and brominated P-100 graphite fibers. Because of the 
lubricative properties of graphite, large ball loads (50 percent by 
volume) are required. Use of 2-propanol as a milling medium 
enhances the efficiency of the process. The fibers, when allowed 
to settle from the milling medium, tend to be preferentially aligned 
with rather few fibers standing up. Milled, brominated P-100 fibers 
have resistivities that are indistinguishable from their pristine 
counterparts, apparently because of loss of bromine. This suggests 
that bromine would not be the intercalate of choice in applications 
where milled fibers of this type are required. It was found that 
brominated graphite fibers are stable in a wide variety of organic 
solvents. 

**A87-42618**  National Aeronautics and Space Administration. 
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.  
HOW TO EVALUATE SOLID LUBRICANT FILMS USING A 
PIN-ON-DISK TRIBOMETER  
ROBERT L. FUSARO (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, 
OH) Lubrication Engineering (ISSN 0024-7154), vol. 43, May 
1987, p. 330-338; Discussion, p. 338. Previously announced in 
STAR as N86-19465. refs 
Over the years, the author has evaluated and compared 
hundreds of solid lubricant films using a Pin-on-disk tribometer. The 
trend of this paper is to describe to the reader experimental 
techniques and some of the parameters that have been observed 
to be important for the evaluation and development of new solid 
lubricant films. Pin-on-disk tribometers will be described and 
discussed as will experimental methods for evaluating solid 
lubricant materials. Methods of preparing surfaces for the coating 
of the thin films and different methods for applying the films will 
also be reviewed. Factors that affect solid lubricant performance 
will also be discussed. Two different macroscopic mechanisms of solid 
lubricant film wear exist. These will be characterized schematically, 
and methods of measuring wear will be examined. 

**A87-47375**  Nebraska Univ., Lincoln.  
TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE (4K TO 300K) OF THE 
ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY OF METHANE GROWN CARBON 
FIBERS  
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J. SELLMYER (Nebraska, University, Lincoln) Applied Physics 
Support research by Sci-Tech, Inc. refs (Contract NAG3-95) 
Experimental measurements of the electrical resistivity vs 
temperature of methane vapor grown carbon fibers are presented. The 
fibers are heat treated from 1100 C (as-grown) to 3000 C. Data are fit 
to a standard two band model, which yields values for boundary 
scattering limited electron mobility, in-plane mean free path, energy band 
overlap, and total carrier density. The data are also fit to an ellipsoidal band model, where data fits yield 
effective masses, band overlap, Fermi velocity, phonon 
contributions to scattering, and ionized impurity scattering rates. 
Author

**A87-47923**  Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich.  
FRACTURE OF FLASH OXIDIZED, YTTRIA-DOPED SINTERED 
REACTION-BONDED SILICON NITRIDE  
R. K. GOVILA (Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, MI) Journal of Materials 
Science (ISSN 0022-2461), vol. 22, April 1987, p. 1193-1198. 
DOE-supported research. refs (Contract DEN3-167; NASA ORDER P-192815-D) 
The oxidation behavior of a slip cast, yttria-doped, sintered 
reaction-bonded silicon nitride after 'flash oxidation' was 
investigated. It was found that both the static oxidation resistance 
and flexural stress rupture life (creep deformation) were improved 
at 1000 C in air compared to those of the same material without 
flash oxidation. Stress rupture data at high temperatures (1000 to 
1200 C) are presented to indicate applied stress levels for 
oxidation-dependent and independent failures. 

**A87-47958**  Southwest Research Inst., San Antonio, Tex.  
FRICTION AND WEAR BEHAVIOUR OF ION BEAM MODIFIED 
CERAMICS  
J. LANKFORD, W. WEI, and R. KOSSOWSKY Journal of Materials 
Science (ISSN 0022-2461), vol. 22, June 1987, p. 2069-2078. 
DOE-supported research. refs (Contract DEN3-352) 
In the present study, the sliding friction coefficients and wear 
rates of carbide, oxide, and nitride materials for potential use 
as sliding seals (ring/liner) were measured under temperature, 
environmental, velocity, and loading conditions representative of 
a diesel engine. In addition, silicon nitride and partially stabilized 
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Br-poor regions. A model based on these Br distribution measurements is proposed to understand the relation between the Br microstructure and the macroscopic residual resistance of the fiber. This model yields semiquantitative agreement with experimental results.

A87-49899* General Motors Corp., Indianapolis, Ind.
SLOW CRACK GROWTH IN SINTERED SILICON NITRIDE

The strength and crack growth characteristics of a sintered silicon nitride were studied at 1000 C. Fractographic analysis of material failing in dynamic fatigue revealed the presence of slow crack growth (SCG) at stressing rates below 6 ksi/min. This material can sustain a 40-ksi flexural stress at 1000 C for 400 h or more but is susceptible to both SCG and creep deformation at higher stress levels. The crack velocity exponent (N) determined both from dynamic and static fatigue experiments lies in a range from 12 to 13. The subcritical crack growth and creep behavior at 1000 C is primarily controlled by the deformation of an intergranular glassy phase.

A87-49325* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
ADHESION, FRICTION AND DEFORMATION OF ION-BEAM-DEPOSITED BORON NITRIDE FILMS

The tribological properties and mechanical strength of boron nitride films were investigated. The BN films were predominantly amorphous and nonstoichiometric and contained small amounts of oxides and carbides. It was found that the yield pressure at full plasticity, the critical load to fracture, and the shear strength of interfacial adhesive bonds (considered as adhesion) depended on the type of metallic substrate on which the BN was deposited. The harder the substrate, the greater the critical load and the adhesion. The yield pressures of the BN film were 12 GPa for the 440C stainless steel substrate, 4.1 GPa for the 304 stainless steel substrate, and 3.3 GPa for the titanium substrate.

STYRENE-TERMINATED POLYSULFONE OLGOMERS AS MATRIX MATERIAL FOR GRAPHITE REINFORCED COMPOSITES - AN INITIAL STUDY

Results pertaining to graphite reinforced composites containing styrene-terminated oligomers as the matrix material are summarized. The processing parameters are determined and the properties of the resulting composites are evaluated. In terms of solvent impregnation techniques, CH2C2 is the preferred solvent due to its ease of removal during the prepreg drying and consolidation steps.

A87-51304* Southwest Research Inst., San Antonio, Tex.
CHARACTERIZATION OF ION BEAM MODIFIED CERAMIC WEAR SURFACES USING AUGER ELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY
W. WEL and J. LANKFORD (Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, TX) Journal of Materials Science (ISSN 0022-2461), vol. 22, July 1987, p. 2387-2396. DOE-supported research. refs (Contract DEN3-352)

An investigation of the surface chemistry and morphology of the wear surfaces of ceramic material surfaces modified by ion beam mixing has been conducted using Auger electron spectroscopy and secondary electron microscopy. Studies have been conducted on ceramic/ceramic friction and wear couples made up of TiC and NiMo-bonded TiC cermet pins run against Si3N4 and partially stabilized zirconia disc surfaces modified by the ion beam mixing of titanium and nickel, as well as unmodified ceramic/ceramic couples in order to determine the types of surface changes leading to the improved friction and wear behavior of the surface modified ceramics in simulated diesel environments. The results of the surface analyses indicate that the formation of a lubricating oxide layer of titanium and nickel, is responsible for the improvement in ceramic friction and wear behavior. The beneficial effect of this oxide layer depends on several factors, including the adherence of the surface modified layer or subsequently formed oxide layer to the disc substrate, the substrate materials, the conditions of ion beam mixing, and the environmental conditions.

A87-53352* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
STRUCTURAL CERAMICS IN HEAT ENGINES - THE NASA VIEWPOINT

The interest of NASA in the application of ceramics in heat engines is reviewed. This interest started in the early 1950s with attempts to apply oxides, borides, and carbides as gas turbine components. These attempts, as other similar efforts around the world at that time, generally met with failure due to the brittle nature of the materials and a lack of understanding of how to accommodate brittleness by appropriate design approaches. More recent efforts of the 1970s have concentrated on the silicon nitride and silicon carbide family of ceramics. This class of materials demonstrated thermal stability and thermal shock resistance in gas turbine environments. Subsequent programs funded by the DOE and managed by NASA have demonstrated great strides in material fabricability and the application of FEM design concepts. However, the materials remain brittle and lacking in reliability and reproducibility. This reliability/reproducibility problem is viewed as the major current impediment to the application of ceramics in heat engines; approaches to its solution are discussed. Author
TRANSMITTING FLUORIDE GLASS

TEMPERATURE. Author absorption band at 314 nm in the irradiated glass annealed rapidly.


(Contract JPL-595870)

Damage in ZrF4-BaF2-LaF3 glass induced by high-energy electrons was studied by ESR and optical spectroscopy. An optical absorption band at 314 nm in the irradiated glass annealed rapidly above about 50 C, probably by a second-order reaction at room temperature; the ESR lines annealed very slowly at room temperature. Author

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ANNEALING OF ELECTRON DAMAGE IN MID-IR TRANSMITTING FLUORIDE GLASS

NAROTTAM P. BANSAL (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY) and ROBERT H. DOREMUS (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY) Materials Research Bulletin (ISSN 0025-5408), vol. 21, no. 3, 1986, p. 281-286. refs

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INTRODUCTION TO LIFE MODELING OF THERMAL BARRIER COATINGS


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Thermal barrier coatings may be applied to air-cooled turbine section airfoils to insulate such components from hot gases in the engine. The coatings, which typically consist of about 0.01 to 0.04 cm of zirconia-stabilized yttria ceramic over about 0.01 cm of Ni/Al or Ni/Al alloy bond coat, allow increased gas temperature or reduced cooling air flows. This, in turn, leads to marked improvements in engine efficiency and performance. However, certain risks are associated with designing for maximum benefits, and eventually a point is reached where coating loss would immediately jeopardize the underlying component. Therefore, designers must be able to accurately predict the life of a given billet-material coating in any particular design. The results of in-house aeronautics, base research and technology program which is designed to provide the first steps towards developing mission-capable life-prediction models are outlined. Author

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SUPERIOR SiC CHARACTERISTICS can be achieved through the use of ideal constituent powders and careful post-synthesis processing steps. High purity SiC powders of approx. 1000 A uniform diameter, nonagglomerated and spherical were produced. This required major revision of the particle formation and growth model from one based on classical nucleation and growth to one based on collision and coalescence of Si particles followed by their carburization. Dispensions based on pure organic solvents as well as steric stabilization were investigated. Although stable dispersions were formed by both, subsequent post fabrication emphasized the pure solvents since fewer problems with drying and residuals of the high purity particles were anticipated. Test parts were made by the colloidal pressing technique; both liquid filtration and consolidation (rearrangement) stages were modeled. Green densities corresponding to a random close packed structure (approx. 63%) were achieved; this highly perfect structure has a high, uniform coordination number (greater than 11) approaching the quality of an ordered structure without introducing domain boundary effects. After drying, parts were densified at temperatures ranging from 1800 to 2100 C. Optimum densification temperatures will probably be in the 1900 to 2000 C range based on these preliminary results which showed that 2050 C samples had experienced substantial grain growth. Although overfired, the 2050 C samples exhibited excellent mechanical properties. Biaxial tensile strengths up to 714 MPa and Vickers hardness values of 2430 kg/sq mm 2 were both more typical of hot pressed than sintered SiC. Both result from the absence of large defects and the confinement of residual porosity (less than 2.5%) to small diameter, uniformly distributed pores. Author

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THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF PRISTINE AND BROMINATED P-100 FIBERS


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THERMAL BARRIER COATING LIFE PREDICTION MODEL

The primary TBC system consists of an air plasma sprayed ZrO2-Y2O3 top coat, a low pressure plasma sprayed NiCrAlY bond coat, and a Rene'80 substrate. Pre-exposures in air and argon combined with thermal cycle tests in air and argon are being utilized to evaluate bond coat oxidation and bond coat creep as potential TBC failure mechanisms. The baseline TBC system consists of an air plasma sprayed ZrO2-Y2O3 top coat, a low pressure plasma sprayed NiCrAlY bond coat, and a Rene'80 substrate. Pre-exposures in air and argon combined with thermal cycle tests in air and argon are being utilized to evaluate bond coat oxidation and bond coat creep as potential TBC failure mechanisms. The baseline TBC system consists of an air plasma sprayed ZrO2-Y2O3 top coat, a low pressure plasma sprayed NiCrAlY bond coat, and a Rene'80 substrate. Pre-exposures in air and argon combined with thermal cycle tests in air and argon are being utilized to evaluate bond coat oxidation and bond coat creep as potential TBC failure mechanisms. The baseline TBC system consists of an air plasma sprayed ZrO2-Y2O3 top coat, a low pressure plasma sprayed NiCrAlY bond coat, and a Rene'80 substrate. Pre-exposures in air and argon combined with thermal cycle tests in air and argon are being utilized to evaluate bond coat oxidation and bond coat creep as potential TBC failure mechanisms. The baseline TBC system consists of an air plasma sprayed ZrO2-Y2O3 top coat, a low pressure plasma sprayed NiCrAlY bond coat, and a Rene'80 substrate. Pre-exposures in air and argon combined with thermal cycle tests in air and argon are being utilized to evaluate bond coat oxidation and bond coat creep as potential TBC failure mechanisms.

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Author


Sintered alpha-silicon carbide was exposed to pure, dry hydrogen at high temperatures for times up to 500 hr. Weight loss and corrosion were seen after 50 hr at temperatures as low as 1000 C. Corrosion of SiC by hydrogen produced grain boundary deterioration at 1100 C and a mixture of grain and grain boundary deterioration at 1300 C. Statistically significant strength reductions were seen in samples exposed to hydrogen for times greater than 50 hr and temperatures above 1100 C. Critical fracture origins were identified by fractography as either general grain boundary corrosion at 1100 C or as corrosion pits at 1300 C. A maximum strength decrease of approximately 33 percent was seen at 1100 and 1300 C after 500 hr exposure to hydrogen. A computer assisted thermodynamic program was also used to predict possible reaction species of SiC and hydrogen.

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Nonmetallic materials

Effects of Atmosphere on the Tribological Properties of a Chromium Carbide Based Coating for Use in Vacuum

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The effect of atmosphere on the tribological properties of a plasma-sprayed chromium carbide based self-lubricating coating is reported. The coating contains bonded chromium carbide as the wear resistant base stock to which the lubricants silver and barium fluoride/calcium fluoride eutectic are added. It has been denoted as NASA PS200. Potential applications for the PS200 coating are cylinder wall/piston ring couples for Stirling engines and foil bearing journal lubrication. Friction and wear studies were performed in helium, hydrogen, and moist air at temperatures from 25 to 760 °C. In general, the atmosphere had a significant effect on both the friction and the wear of the coating and counterface material. Specimens tested in hydrogen, a reducing environment, exhibited the best tribological properties. Friction and wear increased in helium and air but are still within acceptable limits for intended applications. A variety of X-ray analyses was performed on the test specimens in an effort to explain the results. The following conclusions are made: (1) As the test atmosphere becomes less reducing, the coating experiences a higher concentration level of chromic oxide at the sliding interface which increases both the friction and wear. (2) Beneficial silver transfer from the parent coating to the counter-face material is less effective in air than in helium or hydrogen. (3) There may be a direct relationship between chromic oxide level present at the sliding interface and the friction coefficient. Author

Degradation Mechanisms in Thermal Barrier Coatings


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The degradation mechanism in thermal barrier coating systems subjected to prolonged heating in air as well as to thermal cycling was studied. Bond coat oxidation was found to be the most important reason for degradation. The oxidation produced NiO as well as Al2O3 in one set of samples, but the variation in initial coating structure made it difficult to resolve systematic differences between isothermally heated and thermally cycled samples. However, the contribution to degradation from changes in substrate composition seemed less in the cycled sample. Author

Ester Oxidation on an Aluminum Surface Using Chemiluminescence

WILLIAM R. JONES, JR., MICHAEL A. MEADOR, and WILFREDO MORALES Jul. 1986 16 p

The oxidation characteristics of a pure ester (trimethylolpropane triheptanoate) were studied by using a chemiluminescence technique. Tests were run in a thin film microoxidation apparatus with an aluminum alloy catalyst. Conditions included a pure oxygen atmosphere and a temperature range of 176 to 206 °C. Results indicated that oxidation of the ester (containing .001 M diphenylanthracene as an intensifier) was accompanied by emission of light. The maximum intensity of light emission was a function of the amount of ester, the concentration of intensifier, and the test temperature. The induction period, or the time to reach one-half of maximum intensity was inversely proportional to test temperature. Decreases in light emission at the later stages of a test were caused by depletion of the intensifier. Author

Mechanical Strength and Tribological Behavior of Ion-Beam Deposited Boron Nitride Films on Non-Metallic Substrates

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An investigation was conducted to examine the mechanical strength and tribological properties of boron nitride (BN) films ion-beam deposited on silicon (Si), fused silica (SiO2), gallium arsenide (GaAs), and indium phosphate (InP) substrates in sliding contact with a diamond pin under a load. The results of the investigation indicate that BN films on nonmetallic substrates, like metal films on metallic substrates, deform elastically and plastically in the interfacial region when in contact with a diamond pin. However, unlike metal films and substrates, BN films on nonmetallic substrates can fracture when they are critically loaded. Not only does the yield pressure (hardness) of Si and SiO2 substrates increase by a factor of 2 in the presence of a BN film, but the critical load needed to fracture increases as well. The presence of films on the brittle substrates can arrest crack formation. The BN film reduces adhesion and friction in the sliding contact. BN
adheres to Si and SiO₂ and forms a good quality film, while it adheres poorly to GaAs and InP. The interfacial adhesive strengths were 1 GPa for a BN film on Si and appreciably higher than 1 GPa for a BN film on SiO₂.

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**HARDNESS OF CaF₂ AND BaF₂ SOLID LUBRICANTS AT 25 TO 670 DEG C**

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Plastic deformation is a prominent factor in determining the lubricating value of solid lubricants. Little information is available and its direct measurement is difficult so hardness, which is an indirect measure of this property was determined for fluoride solid lubricant compositions. The Vickers hardness of BaF₂ and CaF₂ single crystals was measured up to 670 C in a vacuum. The orientation of the BaF₂ sample was near (013) plane and the CaF₂ was about 16 degrees from the degrees from the (111) plane. The BaF₂ has a hardness of 83 kg/sq mm at the 25 C and 9 at the 600 C. The CaF₂ is 170 at 25 C and 13 at 670 C. The decrease in hardness in the temperature range of 25 to 100 C is very rapid and amounts to 40% for both materials. Melts of BaF₂ and CaF₂ were made in a platinum crucible in ambient air with compositions of 50 to 100 wt% BaF₂. The Vickers hardness of these polycrystalline binary compositions at 25 C increased with increasing CaF₂ reaching a maximum of 150 kn/sq mm near the eutectic. The polycrystalline CaF₂ was 14% softer than that of the single crystal surface and BaF₂ was 30% harder than the single crystal surface. It is estimated that the brittle to ductile transition temperature for CaF₂ and BaF₂ is less than 100 C for the conditions present in the hardness test. 

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**COMBUSTION OF VELCRO IN LOW GRAVITY**

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An experimental program was conducted to investigate the low gravity burning characteristics on nylon and Nomex Velcro fastening tapes in an atmosphere of 30-percent oxygen, 70-percent nitrogen at a 70-kPa pressure. The tests were conducted using the NASA Lewis Research Center Zero Gravity Facility. The test results, as documented by high-speed cameras, indicate that both nylon and Nomex burn in low gravity for the full 5.18 sec test time but that Nomex burns less vigorously than nylon. Nylon melts and sputters burning droplets as it burns. Thus, from these limited tests, it appears that Nomex Velcro is less hazardous than nylon Velcro for spacecraft applications. The results also show that residual gas velocities, and by analogy spacecraft air circulation, can enhance the low-gravity combustion.

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**HOT CORROSION ATTACK AND STRENGTH DEGRADATION OF SiC AND Si(SUB)3N(SUB)4**

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Nanoscale and Na₂COC molten salt deposits were used to corrode sintered SiC and Si₃N₄ at 1000 C. The resulting attack produced pitting and grain boundary etching resulting in strength decreases ranging from 15 to 50 percent. Corrosion pits were the predominant sources of fracture. The degree of strength decrease was found to be roughly correlated with the depth of the pit, as predicted from fracture toughness considerations. Gas evolution and bubbling were the major aspects of pit formation. Many of the observations of furnace exposures held true in a more realistic burner rig test.

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**DEFORMATION AND FRACTURE OF SINGLE-CRYSTAL AND SINTERED POLYCRYSTALLINE SILICON CARBIDE PRODUCED BY CAVITATION**

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An investigation was conducted to examine the deformation and fracture behavior of single-crystal and sintered polycrystalline SiC exposed to cavitation. Cavitation erosion experiments were conducted in distilled water at 25 C by using a magnetostriuctive oscillator in close proximity (1 mm) to the surface of SiC. The horn frequency was 20 kHz, and the double amplitude of the vibrating disk was 50 microns. The results of the investigation indicate that the SiC (0001) surface could be deformed in a plastic manner during cavitation. Dislocation etch pits were formed when the surface was chemically etched. The number of defects, including dislocations in the SiC (0001) surface, increased with increasing exposure time to cavitation. The presence of intrinsic defects such as voids in the surficial layers of the sintered polycrystalline SiC determined the zones at which fractured grains and fracture pits (pores) were generated. Single-crystal SiC had superior erosion resistance to that of sintered polycrystalline SiC.
ADDITION POLYMERS FROM 1,4,5,8-TETRAHYDRO-1,4;5,8-DIEPOXYANTHRAcene AND DIAMINE MONOMERS


Nine new condensation polyimides containing the trifluorophenylethylene linkage were synthesized by the amic-acid route. Several other polyimides, including some with the hexafluoroisopropylidene linkage, were also prepared as controls. Amic-acid solutions were characterized by determining their inherent viscosities prior to thermal conversion into polyimide films. Glass transition temperatures (Tg), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), and isothermal weight loss data were obtained for the films. The films were pulverized into molding powders which, in turn, were thermally processed under pressure into neat resin discs. The discs were also characterized by Tg sub g and 316 C and 371 C isothermal weight losses. The film study identified two new polyimides with Tg sub gs greater that 371 C and two new polyimides with low rates of weight loss. The resin discs exhibited the same overall trends in Tgub and weight loss as the respective films, with low rates of weight loss. The polymer discs were thermally processed under pressure into neat resin discs. Because of their high softening points and good thermo-oxidative stability, the polyimide have potential as processible, matrix resins for high temperature composite applications. Author

THERMO-OXIDATIVELY STABLE CONDENSATION POLYIMIDES CONTAINING 1,1,1-TRIARYL-2,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHANE DIHYDRIOD AND DIAMINE MONOMERS


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SOL-GEL SYNTHESIS OF MGO-SIO2 GLASS COMPOSITIONS HAVING STABLE LIQUID-LIQUID IMmiscIBILITY


MgO-SiO2 glasses containing up to 15 mol % MgO, which could not have been prepared by the conventional glass melting method due to the presence of stable liquid-liquid immiscibility, were synthesized by the sol-gel technique. Clear and transparent gels were obtained from the hydrolysis and polycondensation of silicon tetrachloride (TEOS) and magnesium nitrate hexahydrate when the water/TEOS mole ratio was four or more. The gelling time decreased with increase in magnesium content, water/TEOS ratio, and reaction temperature. Magnesium nitrate hexahydrate crystallized out of the gels containing 15 and 20 mol % MgO on slow drying. This problem was partially alleviated by drying the gels quickly at higher temperatures. Monolithic gel samples were prepared using glycerol as the drying control additive. The gels were subjected to various thermal treatments and characterized by several methods. No organic groups could be detected in the glasses after heat treatments to approx. 800 C, but trace amounts of hydroxyl groups were still present. No crystalline phase was found from X-ray diffraction in the gel samples to approx. 890 C. At higher temperatures, alpha quartz precipitated out as the crystalline phase in gels containing up to 10 mol % MgO. The overall activation energy for gel formation in 10MgO-90SiO2 (mol %) system for water/TEOS mole ratio of 7.5 was calculated to be 58.7 kJ/mol. M.G.
ambient, high humidity (100 percent at 60 °C), vacuum (10 to the -6 torr), and high temperature (up to 400 °C) conditions. Fibers with lower graphitization form graphite intercalation compounds (GIC's) which are more stable than those with higher graphitization (i.e., P-55 (most stable) greater than P-75 greater than P-100 greater than P-120 (least stable)). Br2 formed the most stable GIC's followed in order of decreasing stability by ICl, CuCl2, and NiCl2. While Br2 GIC's had the most stability, ICl had the advantages of forming GIC's with slightly greater reduction in resistance (by about 10%) than Br2, and the ability to intercalate P-55 fiber. Transition metal chlorides are susceptible to water vapor and high temperature. The stability of fibers in composites differs.

Author

N87-24565*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF COAL SLURRIES

A pin-on-disc tribometer was used to study the tribological properties of methyl alcohol-coal slurries. Friction coefficients, steel pin wear rates and wear surface morphological studies were conducted on AISI 440C HT and M-50 bearing steels which were slid dry and in solutions of methyl alcohol, methyl alcohol-fine coal particles, and methyl alcohol-fine coal particles-flocking additive. The latter was an oil derived from coal and originally intended to be added to the coal slurry to improve the sedimentation and rheology properties. The results of this study indicated that the addition of the flocking additive to the coal slurry markedly improved the tribological properties, especially wear. In addition, the type of steel was found to be very important in determining the type of wear that took place. Cracks and pits were found on the M-50 steel pin wear surfaces that slid in the coal slurries while 440C HT steel pins showed none. Author

N87-24566*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. EFFECT OF ABRASIVE GRIT SIZE ON WEAR OF UHANGARESE-ZINC FERRITE UNDER THREE-BODY ABRASION

Wear experiments were conducted using replication electron microscopy and reflection electron diffraction to study abrasion and deformed layers produced in single-crystal Mn-Zn ferrites under three-body abrasion. The abrasion mechanism of Mn-Zn ferrite changes drastically with the size of abrasive grits. With 15-micron (1000-mesh) SiC grits, abrasion of Mn-Zn ferrite is due principally to brittle fracture; while with 4- and 2-micron (4000- and 6000-mesh) SiC grits, abrasion is due to plastic deformation and fracture. Both microcracking and plastic flow produce polycrystalline states on the wear surfaces of single-crystal Mn-Zn ferrites. Coefficient of wear, total thickness of the deformed layers, and surface roughness of the wear surfaces increase markedly with an increase in abrasive grit size. The total thicknesses of the deformed layers are 3 microns for the ferrite abraded by 15-micron SiC, 0.9 microns for the ferrite abraded by 4-micron SiC, and 0.8 microns for the ferrite abraded by 1-micron SiC. Author

N87-24573*# Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge. PROCESSING OF LASER FORMED SiC POWDER Final Report

Processing research was undertaken to demonstrate that superior SiC characteristics could be achieved through the use of ideal constituent powders and careful post-synthesis processing steps. Initial research developed the means to produce approximately 1000 A uniform diameter, nonagglomerated, spherical, high purity SiC powders. Accomplishing this goal required major revision of the particle formation and growth model from one based on classical nucleation and growth to one based on collision and coalescence of Si particles followed by their carburization. Dispersions based on pure organic solvents as well as steric stabilization were investigated. Test parts were made by the colloidal pressing technique; both liquid filtration and consolidation (rearrangement) stages were modeled. Green densities corresponding to a random close packed structure were achieved. After drying, parts were densified at temperatures ranging from 1800 to 2100 °C. This research program accomplished all of its major objectives. Superior microstructures and properties were attained by using powders having ideal characteristics and special post-synthesis processing procedures. Author

N87-24574*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. EFFECTS OF SEQUENTIAL TREATMENT WITH FLUORINE AND BROMINE ON GRAPHITE FIBERS

Three pitch based graphite fibers with different degrees of graphitization and one polycrylonitrile (PAN) based carbon fiber from Amoco Corporation were treated with 1 atm, room temperature fluorine gas for 90 hrs. Fluorination resulted in higher electrical conductivity for all pitch fibers. Further bromination after ambient condition defluorination resulted in further increases in electrical defluorination conductivity for less graphitized, less structurally ordered pitch fibers (P-55) which contain about 3% fluorine by weight before bromination. This product can be stable in 200 °C air, or 100% humidity at 60 °C. Due to its low cost, this less graphitized fiber may be useful for industrial application, such as airfoil deicer materials. The same bromination process, however, resulted in conductivity decreases for fluorine rich, more graphitized, structurally oriented pitch fibers (P-100 and P-75). Such decreases in electrical conductivity were partially reversed by heating the fibers at 185 °C in air. Differential scanning calorimetric (DSC) data indicated that the more graphitized fibers (P-100) contained BrF3, whereas the less graphitized fibers (P-55) did not. Author

N87-25476*# Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. Inst. of Technology. STABILITY AND RHEOLOGY OF DISPERSIONS OF SILICON NITRIDE AND SILICON CARBIDE Final Report

The relationship between the surface and colloid chemistry of commercial ultra-fine silicon carbide and silicon nitride powders was examined by a variety of standard characterization techniques and by methodologies especially developed for ceramic dispersions. These include electrophoretic measurement, surface titration, and surface spectroscopies. The effects of powder pretreatment and modification strategies, which can be utilized to augment control of processing characteristics, were monitored with these technologies. Both silicon carbide and nitride were found to
exhibit silica-like surface chemistries, but silicon nitride powders possess an additional amine surface functionality. Colloidal characteristics of materials with a hybrid site interface facilitated understanding and prediction of the behavior of both surface charge and surface potential for these materials. The utility of the model in application to silicon nitride powders was demonstrated.

Author

N87-25480*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. AN EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE OXIDATION RESISTANT MATERIALS FOR SPACE APPLICATIONS IN LEO SHARON RUTLEDGE, BRUCE BANKS, FRANK DIFILIPPO, JOYCE BRADY, THERESIE DEVER, and DEBORAH HOTES (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio.) 1986 16 p Presented at the Workshop on Atomic Oxygen Effects, Pasadena, Calif., 10-11 Nov. 1986; sponsored by JPL. (NASA-TM-100122; E-3669; NAS 1.15:100122) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11C

Ground based testing of materials considered for polymide (Kapton) solar array blanket protection and graphite-epoxy structural member protection was performed in an RF plasma asher. Protective coatings on Kapton from various commercial sources and from NASA Lewis Research Center were exposed to the air plasma; and mass loss per unit area was measured for each sample. All samples evaluated provided some protection to the underlying surface, but metal-oxide-fluoropolymer coatings provided the best protection by exhibiting very little degradation after 47 hr of ash exposure. Mica paint was evaluated as a protective coating for graphite-epoxy structural members. Mica appeared to be resistant to attack by atomic oxygen, but only offered limited protection as a paint. This is believed to be due to the paint vehicle ashing underneath the mica leaving unattached mica flakes lying on the surface. The protective coatings on Kapton evaluated so far are promising but further research on protection of graphite-epoxy support structures is needed.

Author


The tribological behavior of several polyphenyl ethers and polyphenyl thiophen ethers is reported. Tribological areas covered include: surface tension and wettable properties, boundary lubrication, ferrography, thermal and oxidative stability and chemiluminescence.

Author

N87-26232*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SYNTHESIS, PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES, AND POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF GRAPHITE FLUORIDE FIBERS CHING-CHEH HUNG, MARTIN LONG, and MARK STAHL (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio.) Aug. 1987 15 p Prepared for presentation at the Conference on Emerging Technologies in Materials, Minneapolis, Minn., 18-20 Aug. 1987; sponsored by American Inst. of Chemical Engineers. (NASA-TM-100156; E-3669; NAS 1.15:100156) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11G

Graphite fluoride fibers can be produced by fluorinating pristine or intercalated graphite fibers. The higher the degree of graphitization of the fibers, the higher the temperature needed to reach the same degree of fluorination. Pitched based fibers were fluorinated to fluorine-to-carbon atom ratios between 0 and 1. The graphite fluoride fibers with a fluorine-to-carbon atom ratio near 1 have extensive visible structural damage. On the other hand, fluorination of fibers pretreated with bromine or fluorine and bromine result in fibers with a fluorine-to-carbon atom ratio nearly equal to 0.5 with no visible structural damage. The electrical resistivity of the fibers is dependent upon the fluorine to carbon atom ratio and ranged from 0.1 to 10 to the 11th ohm/cm. The thermal conductivity of these fibers ranged from 5 to 73 W/m-k, which is much larger than the thermal conductivity of glass, which is the regular filler in epoxy composites. If graphite fluoride fibers are used as a filler in epoxy or PTFE, the resulting composite may be a high thermal conductivity material with an electrical resistivity in either the insulator or semiconductor range. The electrically insulating product may provide heat transfer with lower temperature gradients than many current electrical insulators. Potential applications are presented.

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N87-26233*# Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. Dept. of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. COMPOSITION OPTIMIZATION OF CHROMIUM CARBIDE BASED SOLID LUBRICANT COATINGS FOR FOIL GAS BEARINGS AT TEMPERATURES TO 650 C Final Contractor Report CHRISTOPHER DELLCARTE Jul. 1987 20 p (Contract NCC3-30) (NASA-CR-179649; E-3681; NAS 1.26:179649) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11G

A test program to determine the optimum composition of chromium carbide based solid lubricant coatings for compliant gas bearings is described. The friction and wear properties of the coatings are evaluated using a foil gas bearing test apparatus. The various coatings were prepared by powder blending, then plasma sprayed onto Inconel 718 test journals and diamond ground to the desired coating thickness and surface finish. The journals were operated against preoxidized nickel-chromium alloy foils. The test bearings were subjected to repeated start/stop cycles under a 14 kPa (2 psi) bearing unit load. The bearings were tested for 9000 start/stop cycles or until the specimen wear reached a predetermined failure level. In general, the addition of silver and eutectic to the chromium carbide base stock significantly reduced foil wear and increased journal coating wear. The optimum coating composition, PS212 (70 wt% metal bonded Cr3C2, 15 wt% Ag, 15% BaF2/CaF2 eutectic), reduced foil wear by a factor of two and displayed coating wear well within acceptable limits. The load capacity of the bearing using the plasma-sprayed coating prior to and after a run-in period was ascertained and compared to polished Inconel 718 specimens.

Author

N87-27053*# Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF CHROMIUM-CARBIDE-BASED SOLID LUBRICANT COATINGS FOR USE TO 760 C Final Report CHRISTOPHER DELLCARTE Aug. 1987 44 p (Contract NCC3-30; DE-AI01-85CE-50162) (NASA-CR-180808; E-3713; DOE/NASA/0030-2; NAS 1.26:180808) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 11H

A research program was described which further developed and investigated chromium carbide based self-lubricating coatings for use to 760 C. A bonded chromium carbide was used as the base stock because of the known excellent wear resistance and the chemical stability of chromium carbide. Additives were silver and barium fluoride/calcium fluoride eutectic. The three coating components were blended in powder form, applied to stainless steel substrates by plasma spraying and then diamond ground to the desired coating thickness. A variety of coating compositions was tested to determine the coating composition which gave optimum tribological results. Coatings were tested in air, helium, and hydrogen at temperatures from 25 to 760 C. Several counterface materials were evaluated with the objective of discovering a satisfactory metal/coating sliding combination for potential applications, such as piston ring/cylinder liner couples.
for Stirling engines. In general, silver and fluoride additions to chromium carbide reduced the friction coefficient and increased the wear resistance relative to the unmodified coating. The lubricant additives acted synergistically in reducing friction and wear.

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METHOD OF PREPARING FIBER REINFORCED CERAMIC MATERIAL Patent

Alternate layers of mats of specially coated SiC fibers and silicon monotes are hot pressed in two stages to form a fiber reinforced ceramic material. In the first stage a die is heated to about 600 C in a vacuum furnace and maintained at this temperature for about one-half hour to remove fugitive binder. In the second stage the die temperature is raised to about 1000 C and the layers are pressed at between 35 and 138 MPa. The resulting preform is placed in a reactor tube where a nitriding gas is flowed past the preform at 1100 to 1400 C to nitride the same.

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COMPARISON OF THE TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF FLUORINATED COKES AND GRAPHITES

The friction, wear, endurance life, and surface morphology of rubbed (burnished) fluorinated graphite and fluorinated coke materials were studied. Two different coke powders, a graphitic carbon powder, and a graphite powder were fluorinated and then tribologically evaluated. In addition, one of the coke powders was reduced in size before fluorinating to evaluate the effect of a finer particle size on the tribological properties. For comparison, graphite and coke powders which were not fluorinated were also tribologically evaluated. Elemental analysis by emission spectroscopy was performed on each sample to determine the impurity content and X-ray diffraction analysis was performed to determine the crystallinity. Coke was found to have very little lubricating ability, but fluorinated coke did possess good lubricating properties. However, the fluorinated graphite and fluorinated carbon (which gave equivalent results) gave superior results to those obtained with the fluorinated cokes. No tribological benefit was found for using small versus a larger particle size of coke, at least when evaluated as a rubbed film.

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LONG-TERM DEPOSIT FORMATION IN AVIATION TURBINE FUEL AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURE

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The degradation behavior of n-dodecane ( singly or in combination with S- and N-containing dopants) was studied using a modified Jet Fuel Thermal Oxidation Tester facility between 200 and 400 C. The products were analyzed by gas chromatography and mass spectrometry. The soluble products consisted mainly of n-alkanes and 1-alkenes, aldehydes, tetrahydrofuran derivatives, dodecanol and dodecanone isomers, C21-C24 alkane isomers, and dodecylhydroperoxide (ROOH) decomposition products. The major products were always the same, with and without dopants, but their distributions varied considerably. The main products were primarily hydrogenation and dibutylsulfide dopants added individually to n-dodecane interfered with the hydrocarbon oxidation at the alkylperoxy radical and the alkylhydroperoxide link, respectively, while the 2,5-dimethylpyrrole dopant inhibited ROOH formation. Pyridine, pyrrrole, and dibenzothiophene added individually showed few significant effects.

I.S.

A87-24577*# Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, Conn.


An analytical study and laboratory tests were conducted to assist NASA in determining the safety and mission suitability of the modified fuel system and flight tests for the Full-Scale Transport Controlled Impact Demonstration (CID) program. This twelve-month study reviewed and analyzed both the use of antiinstigating kerosene (AMK) fuel and the incorporation of a fuel degrader on the operational and performance characteristics of the engines tested. Potential deficiencies and/or failures were identified and approaches to accommodate these deficiencies were recommended to NASA Ames -Dryden Flight Research Facility. The result of flow characterization tests on degraded AMK fuel samples indicated levels of degradation satisfactory for the planned missions of the B-720 aircraft. The operability and performance with the AMK in a ground test engine and in the aircraft engines during the test flights were comparable to those with unmodified Jet A. For the final CID test, the JT-3C-7 engines performed satisfactorily while operating on AMK right up to impact.

Author
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A MARGINAL STABILITY APPROACH

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The major objective of this experimental program was to investigate the effects of fuel property variation on altitude relight characteristics. Four fuels with widely varying volatility properties (JP-4, Jet A, a blend of Jet A and 2040 Solvent, and Diesel 2) were tested in a five-swirl-cup-sector combustor at inlet temperatures and flows representative of windmilling conditions of turbofan engines. The effects of fuel physical properties on atomization were eliminated by using four sets of pressure-atomizing nozzles designed to give the same spray Sauter mean diameter (50 + or - 10 micron) for each fuel at the same design fuel flow. A second series of tests was run with a set of air-blast nozzles. With comparable atomization levels, fuel volatility assumes only a secondary role for first-swirl-cup lightoff and complete blowout. Full propagation first-cup blowoff were independent of fuel volatility and depended only on the combustor operating conditions.

A MARGINAL STABILITY APPROACH

29 MATERIALS PROCESSING

Includes space-based development of products and processes for commercial applications.

A87-10871* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. CELLULAR AND DENDRITIC GROWTH IN A BINARY MELT - A MARGINAL STABILITY APPROACH V. LAXMANAN (NASA, Lewis Research Center; Case Western Reserve University, C leveland, OH) Journal of Crystal Growth (ISSN 0022-0248), vol. 75, June 1986, p. 573-590. NASA-supported research. refs

A simple model for the constrained growth of an array of cells or dendrites in a binary alloy in the presence of an imposed positive temperature gradient in the liquid is proposed, with the dendritic or cell tip radius calculated using the marginal stability criterion of Langer and Muller-Krumbhaar (1977). This approach, an approach adopting the ad hoc assumption of minimum undercooling at the cell or dendrite tip, and an approach based on the stability criterion of Trivedi (1980) all predict tip radii to within 30 percent of each other, and yield a simple relationship between the tip radius and the growth conditions. Good agreement is found between predictions and data obtained in a succinonitrile-acetone system, and under the present experimental conditions, the dendritic tip stability parameter value is found to be twice that obtained previously, possibly due to a transition in morphology from a cellular structure with just a few side branches, to a more fully developed dendritic structure. R.R.
thermoacoustic convection heat transfer mechanism. It is observed that the rate of heat transfer to the air measured during the experiments is consistently higher than that obtained by the conduction-only solution indicating a significant presence of the TAC heat transfer. Further experiments are planned to measure directly (1) the radiative heat transfer contribution to the rise in the air temperature, and (2) the air pressure oscillations within the cylinder that are responsible for the convective heat transfer mode.

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**THE ALLOY UNDERCOOLING EXPERIMENT ON THE COLUMBIA STS 61-C SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION**

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An Alloy Undercooling experiment was performed in an electromagnetic levitator during the Columbia STS 61-C mission in January 1986. One eutectic nickel-tin alloy specimen was partially processed before an equipment failure terminated the experiment. Examination of the specimen showed evidence of undercooling and some unusual microstructural features.

**A08-15320†** Wyle Labs., Inc., Huntsville, Ala.

**EQUIPMENT CONCEPT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR MICROGRAVITY SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS RESEARCH ON SPACE STATION: COMBUSTION TUNNEL, LASER DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM, ADVANCED MODULAR FURNACE, INTEGRATED ELECTRONICS LABORATORY**


This paper concentrates on the materials processing capabilities available at NASA Lewis Research Center (NASA Lewis), Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), and the California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Also included is information on gaining access to these facilities. Author

**A08-16167†** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**SIMULATION OF FLUID FLOWS DURING GROWTH OF ORGANIC CRYSTALS IN MICROGRAVITY**


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Several counter diffusion type crystal growth experiments were conducted in space. Improvements in crystal size and quality are attributed to reduced natural convection in the microgravity environment. One series of experiments called DMOS (Diffusive Mixing of Organic Solutions) was designed and conducted by researchers at the 3M Corporation and flown by NASA on the space shuttle. Since only limited information about the mixing process is available from the space experiments, a series of ground based experiments was conducted to further investigate the fluid dynamics within the DMOS crystal growth cell. Solutions with density differences in the range of 10 to the -7 to 10 to the -4 power g/cc were used to simulate microgravity conditions. The small density differences were obtained by mixing D2O and H2O. Methylene blue dye was used to enhance flow visualization. The extent of mixing was measured photometrically using the 662 nm absorbance peak of the dye. Results indicate that extensive mixing by natural convection can occur even under microgravity conditions. This is qualitatively consistent with results of a simple scaling analysis. Quantitative results are in close agreement with ongoing computational modeling analysis. Author

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**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN MICROGRAVITY SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS DURING SHUTTLE HIATUS**


(NASA-TM-88964; E-3420; NAS 1.15:88964) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 22A

The opportunity to conduct microgravity and related research still exists, even with the temporary delay in the U.S. Space Shuttle program. Several ground-based facilities are available and use of these facilities is highly recommended for the preparation of near and far term shuttle or space station experiments. Drop tubes, drop towers, aircraft, sounding rockets and a wide variety of other ground-based equipment can be used to simulate microgravity. This paper concentrates on the materials processing capabilities available at NASA Lewis Research Center (NASA Lewis), Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), and the California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Also included is information on gaining access to these facilities. Author

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**MICROGRAVITY FLUID MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM**

Apr. 1987 225 p. Symposium held in Cleveland, Ohio, 9-10 Sep. 1986

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The NASA Microgravity Fluid Management Symposium, held at the NASA Lewis Research Center, September 9 to 10, 1986, focused on future research in the microgravity fluid management field. The symposium allowed researchers and managers to review space applications that require fluid management technology, to present the current status of technology development, and to identify the technology developments required for future missions. Author
The 19 papers covered three major categories: (1) fluid storage, acquisition, and transfer; (2) fluid management applications, i.e., space power and thermal management systems, and environmental control and life support systems; (3) project activities and insights including two descriptions of previous flight experiments and a summary of typical activities required during development of a shuttle flight experiment.

**N87-21150**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. CRYOGENIC FLUID MANAGEMENT FLIGHT EXPERIMENT (CFMFE) DAVID M. DEFELICE In its Microgravity Fluid Management Symposium p 119-124 Apr. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A10/MF A01 CSCL 22A

Since its foundation, NASA has excelled in the study and development of microgravity fluid management technology. With the advent of space-based vehicles and systems, the use of and the ability to efficiently manage subcritical cryogens in the space environment has become necessary to our growing space program. The NASA Lewis Research Center is responsible for the planning and execution of a program which will provide advanced in-space cryogenic fluid management technology. A number of future space missions have been identified that will require or could benefit from this technology. These technology needs have been prioritized and the Cryogenic Fluid Management Flight Experiment (CFMFE) is being designed to provide the experimental data necessary for the technological development effort. Author

**N87-21156**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SPACE EXPERIMENT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS JAMES F. DEPAUW In its Microgravity Fluid Management Symposium p 189-200 Apr. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A10/MF A01 CSCL 22A

Described is a process for developing space experiments utilizing the Space Shuttle. The role of the Principal Investigator is described as well as the Principal Investigator's relation with the project development team. Described also is the sequence of events from an early definition phase through the steps of hardware development. The major interactions between the hardware development program and the Shuttle integration and safety activities are also shown. The presentation is directed to people with limited Shuttle experiment experience. The objective is to summarize the development process, discuss the roles of major participants, and list some lessons learned. Two points should be made at the outset. First, no two projects are the same so the process varies from case to case. Second, the emphasis here is on Code EN/Microgravity Science and Applications Division (MSAD). Author

**N87-22865**# Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. THERMOCAPILLARY BUBBLE MIGRATION FOR LARGE MARANGONI NUMBERS Final Report R. BALASUBRAMANIAM May 1987 15 p (Contract NAG3-567) (NASA-CR-179628; E-3515; NAS 1.26:179628) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 22A

The thermocapillary motion of spherical bubbles present in an unbounded liquid with a linear temperature distribution, when the Reynolds number and the Marangoni number are large is analyzed. Previous calculations of the terminal velocity performed for this parametric range did not take into complete consideration the thermal boundary layer present near the surface of the bubble. A scaling analysis is presented for this problem. The thermal boundary layer is analyzed by an integral method. The resulting terminal velocity is lower than the one previously calculated, though it is of the same order of magnitude. Author

**N87-24579**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. GRAVITATIONAL MACROSEGREGATION IN BINARY Pb-SN ALLOY INGOTS V. LAXMANAN, A. STUDER, L. WANG, J. F. WALLACE (Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio.), and E. A. WINSA 1986 36 p Presented at the Low Gravity Science Seminar Series, Boulder, Colo., 17 Feb. 1986; sponsored by Colorado Univ. (NASA-TM-89885; E-3570; NAS 1.15:89885) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 22A

A space shuttle experiment employing the General Purpose (Rocket) Furnace (GPF) in its isothermal mode of operation is manifested on MSL-3, circa 1989. The central aim of this experiment is to investigate the effect of reduced gravity levels on the segregation behavior in a slowly, and isothermally, cooled sample of a binary Pb-15 wt% Sn alloy. This experiment should be able to simulate, in a small laboratory sample, some aspects of the segregation phenomena occurring in large industrial ingots. Ground-based experiments conducted in the single-cavity simulator of the GPF, in support of the microgravity experiment are described in detail. The results of the MSFC experiments are compared with other related experiments conducted at Case Western Reserve University (CWRS), wherein the isothermal constraints were relaxed. The isothermally processed samples indicate a small and gradual increase in fraction eutectic, and a corresponding increase in tin content, from the bottom to the top of the ingot. The radial variations are minimal near the ingot bottom, but there are large radial variations in the top half. In the CWRS experiments, more severe segregations, including segregation defects known as freckles. Follow up experiments employing the GPF without the isothermal constraints, or other suitably modified space shuttle hardware are suggested. Author

**31 ENGINEERING (GENERAL)**

Includes vacuum technology; control engineering; display engineering; cryogenics; and fire prevention.


The technological problems in which heat transfer research is required are briefly reviewed, discussing the role of the government laboratory in this research. The Hot Section Technology Program at NASA Lewis is addressed as an example. A building-block approach to turbine aerothermal research is shown, as is an interactive computational/experimental synergism and an interdisciplinary research methodology for life prediction of turbine engine hot-section components. The main issues for government laboratories as organizers and focusers in this area of research are listed, and challenges and opportunities for the future are indicated. C.D.
31 ENGINEERING (GENERAL)

N87-12708*#/ National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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PLASMA ASSISTED SURFACE COATING/MODIFICATION PROCESSES: AN EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

A broad understanding of the numerous ion or plasma assisted surface coating/modification processes is sought. An awareness of the principles of these processes is needed before discussing in detail the ion nitriding technology. On the basis of surface modifications arising from ion or plasma energizing and interactions, it can be broadly classified as deposition of distinct overlay coatings (sputtering-dc, radio frequency, magnetron, reactive; ion plating-dc, triode) and surface property modification without forming a discrete coating (ion implantation, ion beam mixing, laser beam irradiation, ion nitriding, ion carburizing, plasma oxidation). These techniques offer a great flexibility and are capable in tailoring desirable chemical and structural surface properties independent of the bulk properties. Author

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N87-17937*#/ National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Levis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
ION PLATED GOLD FILMS: PROPERTIES, TRIBOLOGICAL BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

The glow discharge energizing favorably modifies and controls the coating/substrate adherence and the nucleation and growth sequence of ion plated gold films. As a result the adherence, coherence, internal stresses, and morphology of the films are significantly improved. Gold ion plated films because of their graded coating/substrate interface and fine uniform densely packed microstructure not only improve the tribological properties but also induce a surface strengthening effect which improves the mechanical properties such as yield, tensile, and fatigue strength. Consequently significant improvements in the tribological performance of ion plated gold films as compared to vapor deposited gold films are shown in terms of decreased friction/wear and prolonged endurance life. Author

CRYOGENIC GEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR AN ORBITAL TRANSFER VEHICLE ENGINE AND TESTER DESIGN Final Report, Apr. - Nov. 1985

A laser anemometer is described that was developed for use in capturing flow physics in real time are discussed. Finally, data reduction and analysis techniques are discussed and illustrated using examples taken from several LFA turbomachinery applications.

N87-21160*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Levis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
ION BEAM SPUTTER ETCHING PATENTS

An ion beam etching process which forms extremely high aspect ratio surface microstructures using thin sputter masks is utilized in the fabrication of integrated circuits. A carbon rich sputter mask together with unmasked portions of a substrate is bombarded with inert gas ions while simultaneous carbon deposition occurs. The arrival of the carbon deposit is adjusted to enable the sputter mask to have a near zero or even slightly positive increase in thickness with time while the unmasked portions have a high net sputter etch rate.

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N87-21176*/# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Levis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
LASER FRINGE ANEMOMETRY FOR AERO ENGINE COMPONENTS

Advances in flow measurement techniques in turbomachinery continue to be paced by the need to obtain detailed data for use in validating numerical predictions of the flowfield and for use in the development of empirical models for those flow features which cannot be readily modelled numerically. The use of laser anemometry in turbomachinery research has grown over the last 14 years in response to these needs. Based on past applications and current developments, the key issues which are involved when considering the application of laser anemometry to the measurement of turbomachinery flowfields are discussed. Aspects of laser fringe anemometer optical design which are applicable to turbomachinery research are briefly reviewed. Application problems which are common to both laser fringe anemometry (LFA) and laser transit anemometry (LTA) such as seed particle injection, optical access to the flowfield, and measurement of rotor rotational position are covered. The efficiency of various data acquisition schemes is analyzed and issues related to data integrity and error estimation are addressed. Real-time data analysis techniques aimed at capturing flow physics in real time are discussed. Finally, data reduction and analysis techniques are discussed and illustrated using examples taken from several LFA turbomachinery applications.

Author

N87-21183*/# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Levis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
COMBINED FRINGE AND FABRY-PEROT LASER ANEMOMETER FOR 3 COMPONENT VELOCITY MEASUREMENTS IN TURBINE STATOR CASCADE FACILITY
RICHARD G. SEASHOLTZ and LOUIS J. GOLDMAN in AGARD Advanced Instrumentation for Aero Engine Components 15 Nov. 1986 Previously announced as N86-24987 Sponsered by NASA

A laser anemometer is described that was developed for use in a 508 mm diameter annular turbine stator cascade facility. All three velocity components are measured through a single restricted optical port, both within the stator vane row and downstream of the vanes. The measurements are made through a cylindrical window in the casing that matches the tip radius of the cascade. The stator tested has a contoured hub endwall that results in a window in the casing that matches the tip radius of the cascade.
measure the axial and circumferential velocity components. The radial component is measured with a confocal Fabry-Perot interferometer. The two configurations are combined in a single optical system and can operate simultaneously. Data are presented to illustrate the capabilities of the system.

Author

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**BEAM-MODULATION METHODS IN QUANTITATIVE AND FLOW-VISUALIZATION**

ARTHUR J. DECKER In AGARD Advanced Instrumentation for Aero Engine Components 16 p Nov. 1986 Sponsored by NASA

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Heterodyne holographic interferometry and time-average holography with a frequency shifted reference beam are discussed. Both methods will be used for the measurement and visualization of internal transonic flows where the target facility is a flutter cascade. The background and experimental requirements for both methods are reviewed. Measurements using heterodyne holographic interferometry are presented. The performance of the laser required for time-average holography of time-varying transonic flows is discussed.

Author

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**PRELIMINARY PERFORMANCE CHARACTERIZATIONS OF AN ENGINEERING MODEL MULTIPROPELLANT RESISTOJET FOR SPACE STATION APPLICATION**


Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20H

Presented are the results of a program to describe the operational characteristics of an engineering model multipropellant resistojet for application as an auxiliary propulsion system for the space station. Performance was measured on hydrogen, helium, methane, water (steam), nitrogen, air, argon, and carbon dioxide. Thrust levels ranged from 109 to 355 mN, power levels ranged from 167 to 506 W, and specific impulse values ranged from 93 to 385 sec, depending on the propellant, chamber pressure, and heater current level selected. Detailed thermal maps of the heater and heat exchanger were also obtained for operation with carbon dioxide.

Author

**32 COMMUNICATIONS AND RADAR**

Includes radar; land and global communications; communications theory; and optical communications.

**A87-18310** Motorola, Inc., Scottsdale, Ariz.

**BASEBAND PROCESSOR DEVELOPMENT/TEST PERFORMANCE OF A 30/20 GHZ SS-TDMA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**


The baseband processor (BBP) development for the 30/20 GHz Satellite Communication System is described. The SS-TDMA concept for future satellite communications is reviewed, describing the overall system, the satellite payload, and the frequency plan. A brief general description of the BBP is given, and the proof-of-concept model of the BBP is summarized. Key technologies and custom LSI developed for the BBP are listed. Finally, key technology developments and test data are reported for the BBP.

C.D.

**A87-20818** Ohio State Univ., Columbus.

**SMI ADAPTIVE ANTENNA ARRAYS FOR WEAK INTERFERING SIGNALS**

INDER J. GUPTA (Ohio State University, Columbus) IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation (ISSN 0018-926X), vol. AP-34, Oct. 1986, p. 1237-1242. refs (Contract NAG3-536)

The performance of adaptive antenna arrays in the presence of weak interfering signals (below thermal noise) is studied. It is shown that a conventional adaptive antenna array sample matrix inversion (SMI) algorithm is unable to suppress such interfering signals. To overcome this problem, the SMI algorithm is modified. In the modified algorithm, the covariance matrix is redefined such that the effect of thermal noise on the weights of adaptive arrays is reduced. Thus, the weights are dictated by relatively weak signals. It is shown that the modified algorithm provides the desired interference protection.

Author

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**IMAGE DATA COMPRESSION WITH VECTOR QUANTIZATION IN THE TRANSFORM DOMAIN**


In this paper, an algorithm is presented for image data compression based upon vector quantization of the two-dimensional discrete cosine transformed coefficients. The ac energies of the transformed blocks are used to classify them into eight different ac classes. The ac coefficients of the transformed blocks of class one are set to zero, while those of classes two through eight are transmitted by seven different code books. The dc coefficients of all eight classes are scalar quantized by an adaptive uniform quantizer. As a result, only 4.5 bits instead of eight bits are required to transmit the dc coefficient with negligible additional degradation. Overall, this algorithm requires approximately 0.75 bits per pixel and gives an average reconstruction error of 7.1.

Author

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**A HIGH QUALITY IMAGE COMPRESSION SCHEME FOR REAL-TIME APPLICATIONS**


Many image compression or coding techniques have been developed to reduce the amount of bits of information needed to represent digital images. Among these, Vector Quantization (VQ) seems to have the edge; its theoretical distortion is lower than that of other block coding techniques at comparable bit rates. However, the application of Vector Quantization remains limited due to its high computational complexity. Presently, it is limited to low to medium quality image compression. In this paper it is shown that VQ can be mapped onto VLSI implementation via systolic array architecture, making real time application possible. In addition, it is shown that using multistage or cascade VQ high quality images can be obtained at very low bit rates for real time applications while using smaller codebooks than is necessary in single stage VQ. Examples of processed images are presented.

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RADAR CROSS SECTION OF AN OPEN-ENDED CIRCULAR WAVEGUIDE CALCULATION OF SECOND-ORDER DIFFRACTION TERMS
C. S. LEE and S. W. LEE (Illinois, University, Urbana) Radio Science (ISSN 0048-6604), vol. 22, Jan.-Feb. 1987, p. 2-12. refs (Contract NAG3-475)

The radar cross section of an open-ended, semi-infinite circular waveguide is calculated by the geometrical theory of diffraction and the equivalent-current (EC) method. Both single- and double-diffraction terms are included. It is found that the double-diffraction term is stronger than the single-diffraction term for the horizontal polarization at wide-angle incidence. Its inclusion is necessary in order to check with experimental data and the asymptotic expansion of the exact Wiener-Hopf solution. The EC method is used for the single diffraction. On the other hand the double-diffraction term is obtained by using the EC method for axial incidence and geometrical theory of diffraction for wide-angle incidence. These two solutions are matched with a proper matching function. This technique is computationally more efficient than the matching technique of integration over the equivalent currents.

Author

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A NEW FORMULATION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE SCATTERING USING AN ON-SURFACE RADIATION BOUNDARY CONDITION APPROACH
GREGORY A. KRIEGSMANN, ALLEN TAFLOVE (Northwestern University, Evanston, IL), and KORADAR R. UMASHANKAR (Illinois, University, Chicago) IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation (ISSN 0018-926X), vol. AP-35, Feb. 1987, p. 153-161. refs (Contract NAG3-635; NSF MCS-83-00578)

A new formulation of electromagnetic wave scattering by convex, two-dimensional conducting bodies is reported. This formulation, called the on-surface radiation condition (OSRC) approach, is based upon an expansion of the radiation condition applied directly on the surface of a scatterer. It is now shown that application of a suitable radiation condition directly on the surface of a convex conducting scatterer can lead to substantial simplification of the frequency-domain integral equation for the scattered field, which is reduced to just a line integral. For the transverse magnetic case, the integrand is known explicitly. For the transverse electric case, the integrand can be easily constructed by solving an ordinary differential equation around the scatterer surface contour. Examples are provided which show that OSRC yields computed near and far fields which approach the exact results for canonical shapes such as the circular cylinder, square cylinder, and strip. Electrical sizes for the examples are $k_a = 5$ and $k_a = 10$. The new OSRC formulation of scattering may present a useful alternative to present integral equation and uniform high-frequency approaches for convex cylinders larger than $k_a = 1$. Structures with edges or corners can also be analyzed, although more work is needed to incorporate the physics of singular currents at these discontinuities. Convex dielectric structures can also be treated using OSRC.

Author

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20-GHZ PHASED-ARRAY-FED ANTENNAS UTILIZING DISTRIBUTED INDIUR DIOXIDES
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The feasibility of phased-array-fed dual-reflector systems with distributed power and phase control, and utilizing monolithic microwave integrated circuit modules, is demonstrated. Secondary radiation patterns for various antenna configurations, calculated using a method in which the phased array for each scanning direction is simulated by a fictitious point source, are computed to determine the achievable EIRP levels, sidelobe isolation, and cross-polarization isolation. The focal-region-fed Cassegrain reflector was found to be best suited for fixed multiple beam applications, while the phased-array-fed dual-reflector configuration was selected for multiple scanning beams. Key elements of the phased-array design including a radiating square horn and a square orthomode transducer were fabricated and tested.

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RCS OF A COATED CIRCULAR WAVEGUIDE TERMINATED BY A PERFECT CONDUCTOR
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The radar cross section (RCS) of a circular waveguide terminated by a perfect electric conductor is calculated by the geometrical theory of diffraction for the rim diffraction and by a physical optics approximation for the interior irradiation. The interior irradiation is generally more than 10 dB higher than the rim diffraction for $a/\lambda$ equal to or greater than 1 (a is the waveguide radius, $\lambda$ is the free-space wavelength). At low frequencies ($a/\lambda$ about 1), the interior irradiation can be significantly reduced over a broad range of incident angle if the interior waveguide is coated with a thin layer ($D/\lambda$) of lossy magnetic material. Our theoretical prediction is confirmed by measurements. At higher frequencies ($a/\lambda$ about 3), a thin layer of coating is effective for the case of near axial incidence, provided that a good transition of the TE(11) mode near the waveguide opening to the HE(11) mode inside the waveguide is made. A thicker layer of coating is required for the RCS reduction over wider incident angle.

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AN ADVANCED GEOSTATIONARY COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM
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A large geostationary communications platform can offer many attractive possibilities for providing lower cost communications. The platform payload concept described in this paper attempts to exploit these possibilities. The use of a combination of spot and wide-area coverage beams accommodating users in both high- and low-density population areas, and provides a good degree of frequency reuse. A standard channel bandwidth, used for most traffic, facilitates interconnectivity among C-, Ku-, and Ka-band users who may all access the platform. Adoption of a 36-MHz channel bandwidth leads to transmission rates that would be easily handled by low-cost terminals providing direct customer premises service. This also lends itself well to a solution using a large number of solid-state power amplifiers operating in all three frequency bands and sharing a common, redundant, conditioned power supply.

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RAYS VERSUS NODES - PICTORIAL DISPLAY OF ENERGY FLOW IN AN OPEN-ENDED WAVEGUIDE
HIOKING (Texas, University, Austin), RI-CHEE CHO, and SHUNG-WU LEE (Illinois, University, Urbana) IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation (ISSN 0018-926X), vol. AP-35, May 1987, p. 605-607. refs (Contract NAG3-475; NSF ECS-83-11345)

The problem of a plane wave impinging on a semiinfinite parallel-plate waveguide is investigated. It is demonstrated that, for waveguide separation large compared to the wavelength, the fields inside the waveguide obey a single ray optics description. The beam behavior persists for more than 1000 lambda into a 50 lambda waveguide. For a small 3 lambda waveguide, the beam picture begins to blur approximately 5 lambda into the guide.

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AN ADAPTIVE ALGORITHM FOR MOTION COMPENSATED COLOR IMAGE CODING
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This paper presents an adaptive algorithm for motion
compensated color image coding. The algorithm can be used for
video teleconferencing or broadcast signals. Activity segmentation
is used to reduce the bit rate and a variable stage search is
conducted to save computations. The adaptive algorithm is
compared with the nonadaptive algorithm and it is shown that
with approximately 60 percent savings in computing the motion
vector and 33 percent additional compression, the performance of
the adaptive algorithm is similar to the nonadaptive algorithm.
The adaptive algorithm results also show improvement of up to 1
bit/pel over interframe DPCM coding with nonuniform quantization.
The test pictures used for this study were recorded directly from
broadcast video in color. Author

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ACTS EXPERIMENTS PROGRAM
RONALD J. SCHERTLER (NASA, Lewis Research Center,
Cleveland, OH) IN: GLOBEOM '86 - Global Telecommunications
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Volume 1 , New York, Institute of Electrical and Electronics
Engineers, Inc., 1986, p. 584-592. refs
NASA's Advanced Communications Technology Satellite which
will flight test the advanced technologies associated with a Ka-band
communications antenna, on-board signal processing and switching,
and laser communications is described. The ACTS Experiment Program
includes flight system technology experiments, ground system
technology experiments, network control, propagation experiments,
and end-to-end system experiments. Operational communications
modes employing the baseband processor and microwave switch
matrix are presented as well as the antenna coverage pattern.
K.K.

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THE FINITE-DIFFERENCE TIME-DOMAIN (FD-TD) METHOD FOR
ELECTROMAGNETIC SCATTERING AND INTERACTION
PROBLEMS
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The formulation and recent applications of the finite-difference
time-domain (FD-TD) method for the numerical modeling of
electromagnetic scattering and interaction problems are
considered. It is shown that improvements in FD-TD modeling
concepts and software implementation often make it a preferable
choice for structures which cannot be easily treated by conventional
integral equations and asymptotic approaches. Recent FD-TD
modeling validations in research areas including coupling to wires
and wire bundles in free space and cavities, scattering from
surfaces in rel ativistic motion, inverse scattering, and radiation
condition theory, are reviewed. Finally, the advantages and
disadvantages of FD-T, and guidelines concerning when FD-TD
should and should not be used in high-frequency electromagnetic
modeling problems, are summarized. R.R.

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THE STUDY OF MICROSTRIP ANTENNA ARRAYS AND
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A01 CSCL 20N

In February, an initial computer program to be used in analyzing
the four-element array module was completed. This program
performs the analysis of modules composed of four rectangular
patches which are corporately fed by a microstrip line network
terminated in four identical load impedances. Currently, a rigorous
full-wave analysis of various types of microstrip line feed structures
and patches is being performed. These tests include the microstrip
line feed between layers of different electrical parameters. A
method of moments was implemented for the case of a single
dielectric layer and microstrip line feed rectangular patches in which
the primary source is assumed to be a magnetic current ribbon
across the line some distance from the patch. Measured values are
compared with those computed by the program. B.G.

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US LONG DISTANCE FIBER OPTIC NETWORKS:
TECHNOLOGY, EVOLUTION AND ADVANCED CONCEPTS.
VOLUME 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Final Report
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Over the past two decades, fiber optics has emerged as a
highly practical and cost-efficient communications technology. Its
competitiveness vis-a-vis other transmission media, especially
satellite, has become a critical question. This report studies the
likely evolution and application of fiber optic networks in the United
States to the end of the century. The outlook for the technology
of fiber systems is assessed and forecast, scenarios of the
evolution of fiber optic network development are constructed, and
costs to provide service are determined and examined
parametrically as a function of network size and traffic carried.
Volume 1 consists of the Executive Summary. Volume 2 focuses on
fiber optic technology and long distance fiber optic networks.
Volume 3 develops a traffic and financial model of a nationwide
long distance transmission network. Among the study's most
important conclusions are: revenue requirements per circuit for
LATA-to-LATA fiber optic links are less than one tenth of a
minute; multiplex equipment, which is likely to be required in any
competing system, is the largest contributor to circuit costs; the
potential capacity of fiber optic cable is very large and as yet
undefined; and fiber optic transmission combined with other network
optimization schemes can lead to even lower costs than those
identified in this study. Author

US LONG DISTANCE FIBER OPTIC NETWORKS:
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VOLUME 2: FIBER OPTIC TECHNOLOGY AND LONG DISTANCE
NETWORKS Final Report
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The study projects until 2000 the evolution of long distance
fiber optic networks in the U.S. Volume 1 is the Executive Summary.
Volume 2 focuses on fiber optic components and systems that
are directly related to the operation of long-haul networks.
Optimistic, pessimistic and most likely scenarios of technology
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companies implementing fiber long haul networks are also
highlighted, along with an analysis of the market and regulatory
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quantified and forms the basis for the construction of 11-, 15-, 17-, and 23-node networks. Using the technology projections from Volume 2, a financial model identifies cost drivers and determines circuit mile costs between any two LATAs. A comparison of fiber optics with alternative transmission concludes the report. Author

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**N87-13600**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS AND TRENDS IN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS 1986-2000: AN INFORMATION DOCUMENT PREPARED FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SPACE APPLICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
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This is a response to a Space Applications Advisory Committee (SAAC) request for information about the status and trends in satellite communications, to be used to support efforts to conceive and recommend long range goals for NASA communications activities. Included in this document are assessments of: (1) the outlook for satellite communications, including current applications, potential future applications, and impact of the changing environment such as optical fiber networks, the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) standard, and the rapidly growing market for Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSAT); (2) the restrictions imposed by our limited spectrum resource; and (3) technology needs indicated by future trends. Potential future systems discussed include: large powerful satellites for providing personal communications; VSAT compatible satellites with onboard switching and having voice capability; large satellites which offer a pervasive T1 network service (primarily for video-phone); and large geostationary communications facilities which support common use by several carriers. Also, discussion is included of NASA particular needs and possible future systems. Based on the mentioned system concepts, specific technology recommendations are provided for the time frames of now - 1993, 1994 - 2000, and 2000 - 2010. Author

**N87-14569**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
**A DESIGN CONCEPT FOR AN MMIC MICROSTRIP PHASED ARRAY**
R. O. LEE, J. SMETANA, and R. ACOSTA 1986 13 p
Presented at the 1986 Antenna Applications Symposium, Monticello, Ill., 17-19 Sep. 1986; sponsored by Illinois Univ. and RADC (NASA-TM-88834; E-3213; NAS 1.15:88834) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20N

A conceptual design for a microstrip phased array with monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC) amplitude and phase control is described. The MMIC devices used are 20 GHz variable power amplifiers and variable phase shifters recently developed by NASA contractors for applications in future Ka band advanced satellite communication antenna systems. The proposed design concept is for a general NxN element array of rectangular lattice geometry. Subarray excitation is incorporated in the MMIC phased array design to reduce the complexity of the beam forming network and the number of MMIC components required. The proposed design concept takes into consideration the RF characteristics and actual physical dimensions of the MMIC devices. Also, solutions to spatial constraints and interconnections associated with currently available packaging designs are discussed. Finally, the design of the microstrip radiating elements and their radiation characteristics are examined. Author

**N87-16198**# Ohio State Univ., Columbus. ElectroScience Lab.
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Observed solution times were analyzed for the extended gradient and cyclic coordinate search procedures. The times used in the analysis come from computer runs made during a previously-reported experiment conducted to assess the quality of the solutions to a BSS synthesis problem found by the two search methods. The results of a second experiment with a Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) test problem are also presented. Computational results are summarized for mixed integer programming approaches for solving FSS synthesis problems. A promising heuristic algorithm is described. A synthesis model is discussed for orbital arc allotment optimization. Research plans for the near future are also presented. Author

**N87-16953**# Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics.
**INVESTIGATION OF A GAALAS NACH-ZEHNDER ELECTRO-OPTIC MODULATOR M.S. Thesis. Final Contractor Report**
DAVID M. MATERNA Jan. 1987 168 p
(Contract NCC3-54) (NASA-CR-179573; NAS 1.26:179573) Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01 CSCL 09C

A GaAs modulator operating at 0.78 to 0.88 micron wavelength has the potential to be integrated with a GaAs/GaAlAs laser diode for an integrated fiber-optic transmitter. A travelling-wave Mach-Zehnder modulator using the electro-optic effect of GaAs and operating at a wavelength of 0.62 microns has been investigated for the first time. A four-layer Strip-loaded ridge optical waveguide has been designed using the effective index method and single mode waveguides have been designed. The electro-optic effect of GaAs has also been analyzed and a modulator using the electro-optic effect of GaAs has been designed. A coplanar transmission line structure is used in an effort to tap the potentially higher bandwidth of travelling-wave electrodes. The modulator bandwidth has been calculated at 11.95 GHz with a required drive power of 2.335 Watts for full intensity modulation. Finally, some preliminary experiments were performed to characterize a fabrication process for the modulator. Author
APPLICATION OF ADAPTIVE ANTENNA TECHNIQUES TO FUTURE COMMERCIAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATION Final Report, Apr. 1986 - Jan. 1987


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A NEW MODEL FOR BROADBAND WAVEGUARD TO MICROSTRIP TRANSITION DESIGN
GEORGE E. PONCHAK and ALAN N. DOWNEY Dec. 1986 18 p

A new model is presented which permits the prediction of the resonant frequencies created by antipodal finline waveguide to microstrip transitions. The transition is modeled as a tapered transmission line in series with an infinite set of coupled resonant circuits. The resonant circuits are modeled as simple microwave resonant cavities of which the resonant frequencies are easily determined. The model is developed and the resonant frequencies determined for several different transitions. Experimental results are given to confirm the models. Author

BIT-ERROR-RATE TESTING OF HIGH-POWER 30-GHZ TRAVELING WAVE TUBES FOR GROUND-TERMINAL APPLICATIONS
KURT A. SHALKHAUSER and GENE FUJIKAWA Oct. 1986 16 p

The technical feasibility and economic viability of satellite system architectures that are suitable for customer premise service (CPS) communications are investigated. System evaluation is performed at 30/20 GHz (Ka-band); however, the system architectures examined are equally applicable to 14/11 GHz (Ku-band). Emphasis is placed on systems that permit low-cost user terminals. Frequency division multiple access (FDMA) is used on the uplink, with typically 10,000 simultaneous accesses per satellite, each of 64 kbps. Bulk demodulators onboard the satellite, in combination with a baseband multiplexer, convert the many narrowband uplink signals into a small number of wideband data streams for downlink transmission. Single-hop network interconnectivity is accomplished via downlink scanning beams. Each satellite is estimated to weigh 5600 Ib and consume 6850W of power; the corresponding payload totals are 1000 Ib and 5000 W. Nonrecurring satellite cost is estimated at $110 million, with the first-unit cost at $113 million. In large quantities, the user terminal cost estimate is $25,000. For an assumed traffic profile, the required system revenue has been computed as a function of the internal rate of return (IRR) on invested capital. The equivalent user charge per-minute of 64-kbps channel service has also been determined. Author

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A laboratory hardware-based satellite communication system simulator has been used to measure the effects of transmitted signal power changes on the performance of a Ka-band system. Such power changes can be used to compensate for signal fade due to rain attenuation. This paper presents and discusses the results of these measurements.

Author


Based on a comprehensive evaluation of the fundamental Intersatellite Link (ISL) systems characteristics, potential applications of ISLs to domestic, regional, and global commercial satellite communications were identified, and their cost-effectiveness and other systems benefits quantified wherever possible. Implementation scenarios for the cost-effective communications satellite systems employing ISLs were developed for the first launch in 1993 to 1994 and widespread use of ISLs in the early 2000's. Critical technology requirements for both the microwave (60 GHz) and optical (0.85 micron) ISL implementations were identified, and their technology development programs, including schedule and cost estimates, were derived. Author


Intersatellite Link (ISL) applications can improve and expand communication satellite services in a number of ways. As the demand for orbital slots within prime regions of the geostationary arc increases, attention is being focused on ISLs as a method to utilize this resource more efficiently and circumvent saturation. Various GEO-to-GEO applications were developed that provide potential benefits over existing communication systems. A set of criteria was developed to assess the potential applications. Intersatellite link models, network system architectures, and payload configurations were developed. For each of the chosen ISL applications, ISL versus non-ISL satellite systems architectures were derived. Both microwave and optical ISL implementation approaches were evaluated for payload sizing and cost analysis. The technological availability for ISL implementations was assessed. Critical subsystems technology areas were identified, and an estimate of the schedule and cost to advance the technology to the required state of readiness was made. B.G.

Author


The program had two general objectives. The first objective was to develop the two plane rectenna format for space application at 2.45 GHz. The resultant foreplane was a thin-film, etched-circuit format fabricated from a laminate composed of 2 mil Kapton F sandwiched between sheets of 1 oz copper. The thin-film foreplane contains half wave dipoles, filter circuits, rectifying Schottky diode, and dc bussing lead. It weighs 160 grams per square meter. Efficiency and dc power output density were measured at 85% and 1 kw/sq m, respectively. Special testing techniques to measure temperature of circuit and diode without perturbing microwave operation using the fluoroptic thermometer were developed. A second objective was to investigate rectenna technology for use at 20 GHz and higher frequencies. Several fabrication formats including the thin-film scaled from 2.45 GHz, ceramic substrate and silk-screening, and monolithic were investigated, with the conclusion that the monolithic approach was the best. A preliminary design of the monolithic rectenna structure and the integrated Schottky diode were made.

Author

N87-20448*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. UNIQUE BIT-ERROR-RATE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS MARY JO WINDMILLER Mar. 1987 13 p (NASA-TP-2699; E-3322; NAS 1.60:2699) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 17B

Bit-error-rate measurements, necessary to assess the performance of communication systems and components, were required for the ground-based simulation and test bed of a Ka-band, satellite-switched time-division multiple access (SS-TDMA) satellite system at the NASA Lewis Research Center. This report discusses the requirements and design tradeoffs for that system and provides a description of its hardware design.

Author

N87-20450*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF GROUP DELAY DISTORTION ON AN SMSK SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL ROBERT J. KERCZEWSKI Apr. 1987 39 p (NASA-TM-88935; E-3491; NAS 1.15:68935) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 17B

The effects of group delay distortion on an SMSK satellite communications channel have been investigated. Software and hardware simulations have been used to determine the effects of channel group delay variations with frequency on the bit error rate for a 220 Mbps SMSK channel. These simulations indicate that group delay distortions can significantly degrade the bit error rate performance. The severity of the degradation is dependent on the amount, type, and spectral location of the group delay distortion.

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THE USE OF SATELLITES IN NON-GEOSTATIONARY ORBITS
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FOR UNLOADING GEOSTATIONARY COMMUNICATION

SATELLITE TRAFFIC PEAKS. VOLUME 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
K. PRICE, A. TURNER, T. NGUYEN, W. DOONG, and C. WEYANDT
May 1987 23 p (Contract NASA-24891)

The overall objective of this program was to assess the application, economic benefits, and technology and system implications of satellites in non-geostationary (non-GEO) orbits for off-loading peak traffic from GEO communications satellites. The study was organized into four technical tasks which are described in turn. They are: (1) concept development; (2) system definition; (3) economic comparisons; and (4) technology requirements definition. Each of these tasks is defined in detail and the results of each are given.

The characterization and modeling of a microwave GaAs/AlGaAs heterojunction Bipolar Transistor (HBT) are...
discussed. The de-embedded scattering parameters are used to
derive a small signal lumped element equivalent circuit model using
EEsof’s Touchstone software package. Each element in the
equivalent circuit model should have its origin within the
device. The model shows good agreement between the measured
and modeled scattering parameters over a wide range of bias
currents. Further, the h sub 21 (current gain) and the f sub 21 (current gain) calculated from the measured
and those predicted by the model are also in good agreement.
Consequently, the model should also be capable of predicting the
f sub max and the f sub T of other HBTs.

REDUCTION OF THE RADAR CROSS SECTION OF
ARBITRARILY SHAPED CAVITY STRUCTURES
R. CHOU, H. LING, and S. W. LEE Aug. 1987 130 p
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The problem of the reduction of the radar cross section (RCS)
of open-ended cavities was studied. The issues investigated were
reduction through lossy coating materials on the inner cavity wall
and reduction through shaping of the cavity. A method was
presented to calculate the RCS of any arbitrarily shaped structure
in order to study the shaping problem. The limitations of this method
were also addressed. The modal attenuation was studied in a
multilayered coated waveguide. It was shown that by employing
two layers of coating, it was possible to achieve an increase in
both the magnitude of attenuation and the frequency band of
effectiveness. The numerical method used in finding the roots of
the characteristic equation breaks down when the coating thickness
is very lossy and large in terms of wavelength. A new method of
computing the RCS of an arbitrary cavity was applied to study the
effects of longitudinal bending on RCS reduction. The ray and
modal descriptions for the fields in a parallel plate waveguide
were compared. To extend the range of validity of the Shielding
and Bouncing Ray (SBR) method, the simple ray picture must be
modified to account for the beam blurring.

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N87-27848*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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SWEEP FREQUENCY TECHNIQUE FOR DISPERSION
MEASUREMENT OF MICROSTRIP LINES
RICHARD Q. LEE In Illinois Univ., Proceedings of the Antenna
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Microstrip lines used in microwave integrated circuits are
dispersive. Because a microstrip line is an open structure, the
dispersion can not be derived with pure TEM, TE, or TM mode
analysis. Dispersion analysis has commonly been done using a
spectral domain approach, and dispersion measurement has been
made with high Q microstrip ring resonators. Since the dispersion
of a microstrip line is fully characterized by the frequency dependent
phase velocity of the line, dispersion measurement of microstrip
lines requires the measurement of the line wavelength as a function
of frequency. In this paper, a swept frequency technique for
dispersion measurement is described.

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N87-27882*# Ohio State Univ., Columbus. ElectroScience Lab.
OPTIMIZATION OF ORBITAL ASSIGNMENT AND
SPECIFICATION OF SERVICE AREAS IN SATELLITE
COMMUNICATIONS
COU-WAY WANG, CURT A. LEVIS, and O. MERRI B BUYUKDURA
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The mathematical nature of the orbital and frequency
assignment problem for communications satellites is explored, and
it is shown that choosing the correct permutations of the orbit
locations and frequency assignments is an important step in arriving
at values which satisfy the signal-quality requirements. Two
methods are proposed to achieve better spectrum/orbit utilization.
The first, called the delta S concept, leads to orbital assignment
solutions via either mixed-integer or restricted basis entry linear
programming techniques; the method guarantees good single-entry
carrier-to-interference ratio results. In the second, a basis for
specifying service areas is proposed for the Fixed Satellite Service.
It is suggested that service areas should be specified according to
the communications-demand density in conjunction with the
delta S concept in order to enable the system planner to specify
more satellites and provide more communications supply.

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MONOLITHIC MICROWAVE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (MMIC)
TECHNOLOGY FOR SPACE COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATIONS
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Future communications satellites are likely to use gallium
arsenide (GaM) monolithic microwave integrated-circuit (MMIC)
technology in most, if not all, communications payload subsystems.
Multiple-scanning-beam antenna systems are expected to use
GaM MMICs to increase functional capability, to reduce volume,
weight, and cost, and to greatly improve system reliability. RF
and IF matrix switch technology based on GaAs digital integrated
circuits, offers substantial advantages in power consumption and weight over silicon
technologies for high-throughput, on-board baseband processor
systems. For the more distant future pseudomorphic indium gallium
arsenide (InGaAs) and other advanced III-V materials offer the
possibility of MMIC subsystems well up into the millimeter
wavelength region. All of these technology elements are in NASA's
MMIC program. Their status is reviewed.

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APS-WORKSHOP ON CHARACTERIZATION OF MMIC
MONOLITHIC MICROWAVE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (MMIC)
DEVICES FOR ARRAY ANTENNA
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The IEEE AP-S ADCOM is attempting to expand its educational,
tutorial and information exchange activities as a further benefit to
all members. To this end, ADCOM will be forming specialized
workshops on topics of interest to its members. The first such
workshop on Characterization and Packaging of MMIC Devices
for Array Antennas was conceived. The workshop took place on
June 13, 1986 as part of the 1986 International Symposium
sponsored by IEEE AP-S and URSI in Philadelphia, PA, June 9-13,
1986. The workshop was formed to foster the interchange of ideas
among MMIC device users and to provide a forum to collect and
focus information among engineers experienced and interested in
the topics. After brief presentations by the panelists and comments
from attendees on several subtopics, the group was divided into
working committees. Each committee evaluated and made
recommendations on one of the subtopics.

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A design concept for an MMIC (monolithic microwave integrated circuit) microstrip phased array

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A conceptual design for a microstrip phased array with monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC) amplitude and phase controls is described. The MMIC devices used are 20 GHz variable power amplifiers and variable phase shifters recently developed by NASA contractors for applications in future Ka proposed design, which concept is for a general N x N element array of rectangular lattice geometry. Subarray excitation is incorporated in the MMIC phased array design to reduce the complexity of the beam forming network and the number of MMIC components required. GRA

33 ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Includes test equipment and maintainability; components, e.g., tunnel diodes and transistors; microminiaturization; and integrated circuitry.

Several researchers have suggested using hollow cathodes as plasma contactors for electrodynamic tethers, particularly to prevent the shuttle orbiter from charging to large negative potentials. Previous studies have shown that fluid models with anomalous scattering can describe the electron transport in hollow cathode generated plasmas. An improved theory of the hollow cathode plasmas is developed and computational results using the theory are compared with laboratory experiment. Numerical predictions for a hollow cathode plasma source of the type considered for use on the shuttle are presented as are three-dimensional NASCAP/LEO calculations of the emitted ion trajectories and the resulting potentials in the vicinity of the orbiter. The computer calculations show that the hollow cathode plasma source makes vastly superior contact with the ionospheric plasma compared with either an electron gun or passive ion collection by the orbiter.

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DESCRIPTION OF A 20 KILOHERTZ POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM


A single phase, 440 VRMS, 20 kHz power distribution system with a regulated sinusoidal wave form is discussed. A single phase power system minimizes the wiring, sensing, and control complexities required in a multi-sourced redundantly distributed power system. The single phase addresses only the distribution links multiphase lower frequency inputs and outputs accommodation techniques are described. While the 440 V operating potential was initially selected for aircraft operating below 50,000 ft, this potential also appears suitable for space power systems. This voltage choice recognizes a reasonable upper limit for semiconductor ratings, yet will direct synthesis of 220 V, 3 power. A 20 kHz operating frequency was selected to be above the range of audibility, minimize the weight of reactive components yet allow the construction of single power stages of 25 to 30 kW. The regulated sinusoidal distribution system has several advantages. With a regulated voltage, most ac/dc conversions involve rather simple transformer rectifier applications. A sinusoidal distribution system, when used in conjunction with zero crossing switching, represents a minimal source of EMI. The present state of 20 kHz power technology includes computer controls of voltage and/or frequency, low inductance cable, current limiting circuit protection, bi-directional power flow, and motor/generator operating using standard induction machines. A status update and description of each of these items and their significance is presented. M.G.

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ADVANCES IN GALLIUM ARSENIDE MONOLITHIC MICROWAVE INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT TECHNOLOGY FOR SPACE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

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Future communications satellites are likely to use gallium arsenide (GaAs) monolithic microwave integrated-circuit (MMIC) technology in most, if not all, communications payload subsystems. Multiple-scanning-beam antenna systems are expected to use GaAs MMIC's to increase functional capability, to reduce volume, weight, power, and cost, and to greatly improve system reliability. RF and IF matrix switch technology based on GaAs MMIC's is also being developed for these reasons. MMIC technology, including gigabit-rate GaAs digital integrated circuits, offers substantial advantages in power consumption and weight over silicon technologies for high-throughput, on-board baseband processor systems. In this paper, current developments in GaAs MMIC technology are described, and the status and prospects of the technology are assessed.

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PROPOSAL FOR SUPERSTRUCTURE BASED HIGH EFFICIENCY PHOTOVOLTAICS


A novel class of cascade structures is proposed which features multijunction upper subcells, referred to as superstructure high-efficiency photovoltaics (SHEPs). The additional junctions enhance spectral response and improve radiation tolerance by reducing bulk recombination losses. This is important because ternary III-V alloys, which tend to have short minority-carrier diffusion lengths, are the only viable materials for the high-bandgap upper subcells required for cascade solar cells. Realistic simulations of AlGaAs SHEPs show that one-sun AM0 efficiencies in excess of 26 percent are possible.

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POTENTIAL FOR USE OF INP SOLAR CELLS IN THE SPACE RADIATION ENVIRONMENT


Indium phosphide solar cells were observed to have significantly higher radiation resistance than either GaAs or Si after exposure to 10 MeV proton irradiation data and previous 1 MeV electron data together with projected efficiencies for InP, it was found that these latter cells produced more output power than either GaAs or Si after specified fluences of 10 MeV protons and 1 MeV electrons. Estimates of expected performance in a proton dominated space orbit yielded much less degradation for InP when compared to the remaining two cell types. It was concluded that, with continued development to increase efficiency, InP solar cells would perform significantly better than either GaAs or Si in the space radiation environment.

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CARBON AND CARBON-COATED ELECTRODES FOR MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTORS FOR ELECTRON-BEAM DEVICES - A TECHNOLOGY REVIEW


Various aspects of carbon and carbon-coated multistaged depressed collector (MDC) electrode technology are reviewed. The physical properties of untreated graphite electrodes, ion-textured graphite electrodes, and textured, carbon-coated copper electrodes, and surface treatment procedures for these electrodes are described. The secondary electron emissions of the three electrode types are analyzed. MDC fabrication methods are discussed. The performances of MDCs fabricated with untreated graphite electrodes, ion-textured graphite electrodes, and textured, carbon-coated copper electrodes are evaluated. MDC and TWT efficiency levels for tubes fabricated with the three materials are measured.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN MDC AND TWT OVERALL EFFICIENCY THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF CARBON ELECTRODE SURFACES


The effects of secondary electron emission losses on TWT efficiency are investigated and techniques for minimizing these losses are described. The TWT-multistage depressed collector performance was optimized and measured over a wide range of operating conditions using geometrically identical collectors that utilized copper, pyrolytic graphite, and isotropic graphite electrodes. The data reveal that carbon rather than copper electrodes improve the TWT efficiency, and the ion-textured graphite is most effective in minimizing the secondary electron emission losses. It is noted that degradation of the collector efficiency can be limited to a small percentage with the proper MDC design and the use of low secondary electron yield carbon electrode surfaces.
CHARACTERIZATION OF INGAAS/ALGAAAS PSEUDOMORPHIC MODULATION-DOPED FIELD-EFFECT TRANSISTORS

A high-performance pseudomorphic ln(y)/GaAs/(1-y)As/A0.15-GaAs MODFET's have been fabricated and characterized at dc (300 and 77 K) and RF frequencies. Transconductances as high as 310 and 380 mS/mm and drain currents as high as 290 and 310 mA/mm were obtained at 300 and 77 K, respectively, for 1-micron gate lengths and 3-micron source-drain electrode separations. Lack of persistent trapping effects, I-V collapse, and threshold voltage shifts observed with these devices are attributed to the use of low mole fraction Al(x)Ga(1-x)As while still maintaining two-dimensional electron gas concentrations of about 1.3 x 10^12 per sq cm. Detailed microwave S-parameter measurements indicate a current gain cut-off frequency of 24.5 GHz when y = 0.20, which is as much as 100 percent better than similar GaAs/AlGaAs MODFET structures, and a maximum frequency of oscillation of 40 GHz. Author
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**OBSERVATION OF DEEP LEVELS IN CUBIC SILICON CARBIDE**


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A deep level transient spectroscopy (DLTS) study on n-type epitaxial cubic silicon carbide grown on Si substrates has been performed. The results of this study indicate the presence of at least two majority-carrier traps. One trap is located 0.34 eV from the conduction-band edge; and the other trap is located 0.68 eV from the conduction-band edge. These two traps have concentrations of approximately 1 x 10^16 atoms/cm^3. The DLTS spectrum has been investigated as a function of the surface treatment of the SiC. The results of this investigation indicate that one of the levels (SCE2) appears to be formed as a result of high temperature thermal oxidation.

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**RESISTOJET CONTROL AND POWER FOR HIGH FREQUENCY AC BUSES**


Resistojets are operational on many geosynchronous communication satellites which all use dc power buses. Multipropellant resistojets were selected for the Initial Operating Capability (IOC) Space Station which will launch 208 V, 20 kHz power. This paper discusses resistojet heater temperature controllers and passive power regulation methods for ac power systems. A simple passive power regulation method suitable for use with regulated sinusoidal or square wave power was designed and tested using the Space Station multipropellant resistojet. The broadband delivered 20 kHz power to the resistojet heater. Cold start surge current limiting, a power efficiency of 95 percent, and power regulation of better than 2 percent were demonstrated with a two component, 500 W broadband power controller having a mass of 0.6 kg.

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**THEORY OF PLASMA CONTACTORS FOR ELECTRODYNAMIC TETHERED SATELLITE SYSTEMS**


Recent data from ground and space experiments indicate that plasma releases from an object dramatically reduce the sheath impedance between the object and the ambient plasma surrounding it. Available data is in qualitative accord with the theory developed to quantify the flow of current in the sheath. Electron transport in the theory is based on a fluid model of a collisionless plasma with an effective collision frequency comparable to frequencies of plasma oscillations. The theory leads to low effective impedances between the object and the ambient plasma. This is important for the operation of devices using plasma plume interactions. To support such a low impedance mode of operation using an argon plasma source, for example, requires that only one argon ion be injected for each thirty electrons extracted from the ambient plasma. The required plasma flow rates are quite low; to extract one ampere of electron current requires a mass flow rate of about one gram of argon per day.

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**THEORY OF PLASMA CONTACTORS USED IN THE IONOSPHERE**


The use of plasma contactors has been proposed as a means of enhancing the current flow through an electrodynamic tether. A simple isothermal spherical model of the plasma cloud around a contactor is outlined for a plasma contactor which is biased positively with respect to the ambient plasma and hence collects electrons. It is shown that for significant current amplification to occur, the plasma cloud must be turbulent. The amount of current amplification is obtained as a function of the ion current through the contactor. For ion currents of several amperes amplification factors of 2-6 can be obtained for potential drops in the range 100-500 V. For smaller ion currents, much larger amplification factors can be obtained.

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**NEW SIMPLE FEED NETWORK FOR AN ARRAY MODULE OF POWER MICROSTRIP ELEMENTS**


A simple microstripine feed network for an array module comprising four microstrip elements is described. The advantages and disadvantages of the network are discussed as well as a theoretical explanation for the radiation characteristics of array modules using the network.

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**ULTRA SMALL ELECTRON BEAM AMPLIFIERS**


Data on field emission and microfabrication technologies relevant to the development of low-power electron-beam amplifiers and oscillators are discussed. The fabrication of a thin-film field-emission (TFE) cathode for a 1-W electron-beam amplifier is examined. Some TFFE cathodes have been developed and tested in electron guns. Recent experimental results reveal that a beam can be formed from the field-emission cathode, and the TFFE cathode is applicable for devices operating below 3 kV at currents of less than 20 mA. The use of microfabrication techniques to construct slow-wave circuits is studied, and the use of finned structures as the slow-wave circuit for an electron-beam oscillator or amplifier is proposed.

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**A 20 GHZ, HIGH EFFICIENCY DUAL MODE TWT FOR THE ACTS PROGRAM**


The development of a 50 W/10 W dual mode K-band downlink TWT is examined, and its performance is evaluated. The design of the electron gun, RF circuit, and collector for the TWT, which is enclosed in a capsule, are described. It is observed that the high power mode (HPM) power output is at 50 GHz and the low power mode (LPM) output is at 12 GHz; the saturated gain is 52.5 dB for HPM and 3 dB for LPM; the AM-PM is 4.2 dB; the HPM dc power output is 104 W; and the LPM dc output is 42 W.
and the efficiency is 45 percent for the HPM and 28.8 percent for the LPM.

Author


DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND LONG LIFE ENDURANCE TESTING OF CATHODE ASSEMBLIES FOR USE IN MICROWAVE HIGH-POWER TRANSMITTING TUBES Final Report

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The cathode life test program sponsored by NASA Lewis Research Center at Watkins-Johnson Company has been in continuous operation since 1972. Its primary objective has been to evaluate the long life capability of barium dispenser cathodes to produce emission current densities of 2 A sq. cm. or more in an operational environment simulating that of a highpower microwave tube. The life test vehicles were equipped with convergent flow electron guns, drift space tubes with solenoid magnets for electron beam confinement and water-cooled depressed collectors. A variety of cathode types has been tested, including GE Tungstate, Litton Impregnated, Philips Type B and M, Semicron types S and M, and Spectra-Mat Type M. Recent emphasis has been on monitoring the performance of Philips Type M cathodes at 2 A sq. cm. and Spectra-Mat and Semicron Type M cathodes at 4 A sq. cm. These cathodes have been operated at a constant current of 616 mA and a cathode anode voltage of the order of 10 kV. Cathode temperatures were maintained at 1010 C true as measured from black body holes in the backs of the cathodes. This report presents results of the cathode life test program from July 1982 through April 1986. The results include hours of operation and performance data in the form of normalized emission current density versus temperature curves (Miram plots).

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LEWIS EVALUATION OF REGENERATIVE FUEL CELL (RFC) SYSTEMS


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Evaluation of two regenerative fuel cell (RFC) systems was begun in-house, and under contracts and grants. The passive hydrogen-oxygen RFC offers the possibility of a high-energy density, long-life storage system for geosynchronous Earth orbit missions. The hydrogen-bromine RFC offers the combination of high efficiency and moderate energy density that could ideally suit low Earth orbit missions if successfully developed. Either or both of these systems would be attractive additions to the storage options available to designers of future missions.

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FLOODED-STARVED DESIGN FOR NICKEL-CADMIUM CELLS

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A somewhat analogous situation among groupings of alkaline fuel cells is described where the stochastic aspects were much more accurately documented and then it was illustrated how this problem was eliminated using straight forward principles of pore size engineering. This is followed by a suggested method of adapting these same design principles to nickel-cadmium cells. It must be kept in mind that when cells are cycled to typically twenty percent depth of discharge that eighty percent of the weight of the cell is simply dead weight. Some of this dead weight might be pushed into further use by trading it for a scheme that would increase the time during which the cell would be working more closely to its optimum set of operating parameters.

Author
The development of a 20 GHz GaAs FET monolithic power amplifier module for advanced communication applications is described. Four-way power combing of four 0.6 W amplifier modules is used as the baseline approach. For this purpose, a monolithic four-way traveling-wave power divider/combiner was developed. Over a 20 GHz bandwidth (10 to 30 GHz), an insertion loss of no more than 1.2 dB was measured for a pair of back-to-back connected divider/combiners. Isolation between output ports is better than 20 dB, and VSWRs are better than 2:1. A distributed amplifier with six 300 micron gap width FETs and gate and drain transmission line tapers has been designed, fabricated, and evaluated for use as an 0.6 W module. This amplifier has achieved state-of-the-art results of 0.5 W output power with at least 4 dB gain across the entire 2 to 21 GHz frequency range. An output power of 2 W was achieved at a measurement frequency of 18 GHz with four two-stage amplifiers power-combined using a pair of traveling-wave divider/combiners. Another approach is the direct common-source cascading of three power FET stages. An output power of up to 2W with 12 dB gain and 20% power-added efficiency has been achieved with this approach (at 17 GHz). The linear gain was 14 dB at 1 W output. The first two stages of the three-stage amplifier have achieved an output power of 1.6 W with 9 dB gain and 26% power-added efficiency at 16 GHz. 

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THE 20 GHZ GAAS MONOLITHIC POWER AMPLIFIER MODULE DEVELOPMENT Annual Report, 18 May 1983 - 17 May 1984

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The development of a 20 GHz GaAs FET monolithic power amplifier module for advanced communication applications is described. Four-way power combing of four 0.6 W amplifier modules is used as the baseline approach. For this purpose, a monolithic four-way traveling-wave power divider/combiner was developed. Over a 20 GHz bandwidth (10 to 30 GHz), an insertion loss of no more than 1.2 dB was measured for a pair of back-to-back connected divider/combiners. Isolation between output ports is better than 20 dB, and VSWRs are better than 2:1. A distributed amplifier with six 300 micron gap width FETs and gate and drain transmission line tapers has been designed, fabricated, and evaluated for use as an 0.6 W module. This amplifier has achieved state-of-the-art results of 0.5 W output power with at least 4 dB gain across the entire 2 to 21 GHz frequency range. An output power of 2 W was achieved at a measurement frequency of 18 GHz with four two-stage amplifiers power-combined using a pair of traveling-wave divider/combiners. Another approach is the direct common-source cascading of three power FET stages. An output power of up to 2W with 12 dB gain and 20% power-added efficiency has been achieved with this approach (at 17 GHz). The linear gain was 14 dB at 1 W output. The first two stages of the three-stage amplifier have achieved an output power of 1.6 W with 9 dB gain and 26% power-added efficiency at 16 GHz. 

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LOSS-COMPENSATION OF INTENSITY-MODULATING FIBER-OPTIC SENSORS

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This report describes a new type of intensity-modulating fiber-optic sensor which has high immunity to the effects of variations in the losses of the fiber-link. A variable-splitting-ratio transducer is used to differentially modulate the intensities of the light which it transmits and reflects. Using a four-fiber optical link, light is impinged onto the transducer from either direction, and, in each case, the transmitted and reflected light signals are measured. These four signals are then processed to remove the effects of the fiber and connector losses. Loss-compensated sensors of angular position and displacement are described, and their outputs are shown to be highly stable despite considerable variations in the transmissivities of the fiber-link components. 

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SWEPT FREQUENCY TECHNIQUE FOR DISPERSION MEASUREMENT OF MICROSTRIP LINES

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Microstrip lines used in microwave integrated circuits are dispersive. Because a microstrip line is an open structure, the dispersion can not be derived with pure TEM, TE, or TM mode analysis. Dispersion analysis has commonly been done using a spectral domain approach and dispersion measurement has been made with high Q microstrip ring resonators. Since the dispersion of a microstrip line is fully characterized by the frequency dependent phase velocity of the line, dispersion measurement of microstrip lines requires the measurement of the line wavelength as a function of frequency. In this paper, a swept frequency technique for dispersion measurement is described. The measurement was made using an automatic network analyzer with the microstrip line terminated in a short circuit. Experimental data for two microstrip lines on 10 and 30 mil Cuflon substrates were recorded over a frequency range of 2 to 20 GHz. Agreement with theoretical results computed by the spectral domain approach is good. Possible sources of error for the discrepancy are discussed. 

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ABSOLUTE GAIN MEASUREMENT BY THE IMAGE METHOD UNDER MISMATCHED CONDITION

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Purcell's image method for measuring the absolute gain of an antenna is particularly attractive for small test antennas. The method is simple to use and utilizes only one antenna with a reflecting plane to provide an image for the receiving antenna. However, the method provides accurate results only if the antenna is matched to its waveguide. In this paper, a waveguide junction analysis is developed to determine the gain of an antenna under mismatched condition. Absolute gain measurements for two standard gain horn antennas have been carried out. Experimental results agree closely with published data. 

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LEO HIGH VOLTAGE SOLAR ARRAY ARCING RESPONSE MODEL Interim Report, Feb. 1987

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A series of mathematical models were developed that describe the electrical behavior of a large solar cell array floating electrically in the low Earth orbit (LEO) space plasma and struck by an arc at a point of negative bias. There are now three models in this series: ARCII, which is a fully analytical, linearized model; ARCIII, which is an extension of ARCII that includes solar cell inductance as well as load reactance; Nonlinear ARC, which is a numerical model able to treat effects such as non-linearized, i.e., logarithmic solar cell I/V characteristics, conductance switching as a solar cell crosses plasma ground on a voltage excursion and non-ohmic plasma leakage current collection. 

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The development of power Field Effect Transistors (FET) operating in the 20 GHz frequency band is described. The major efforts include GaAs FET device development (both 1 W and 2 W devices), and the development of an amplifier module using these devices. 

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The engineering development of a solid-state transmitter amplifier operating in the 20-GHz frequency range is described.
This effort involved a multitude of disciplines including IMPATT device development, circulator design, multiple-diode circuit design, and amplifier integration and test. The objective was to develop a transistor amplifier demonstrating the feasibility of providing an efficient, reliable, lightweight solid-state transmitter to be flown on a presses to A02/MF A01 CSCL 09A.

PERFORMANCE OF TEXTURED CARBON ON COPPER ELECTRODE MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTORS WITH MEDIUM-POWER TRAVELING WAVE TUBES

PETER RAMINS and ARTHUR N. CURREN Nov. 1986 12 p (NASA-TP-2665; E-3343; NAS 1.60:2665) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09A

Performance of multistage depressed collectors (MDCs) using textured carbon on copper substrate electrode surfaces was evaluated in conjunction with medium-power traveling wave tubes (TWTs). The MDC and TWT overall efficiencies for these electrodes were measured and compared with those obtained with the same TWT and a copper electrode MDC of identical design. Long-term stability of the carbon-coated copper electrode surfaces was investigated by periodic evaluation of TWT-MDC performance over an extended period of continuous wave (CW) operation. Application of textured carbon coating on copper electrode MDC surfaces produced a 13% improvement in both MDC and TWT overall efficiencies for the TWT-MDC tests. During 1600 hr of CW operation with a medium power TWT, no significant changes in MDC performance were noted. This indicated good stability of the textured carbon electrode surfaces. This stability was confirmed by scanning electron microscope examinations of the electrode surfaces before assembly of the MDC and after completion of the test program.


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CALCULATION OF SECONDARY ELECTRON TRAJECTORIES IN MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTORS FOR MICROWAVE AMPLIFIERS

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Computational procedures are reported for treating power losses due to secondary electrons in multistage depressed collectors (MDC) for traveling wave tubes (TWT) and other O-type electron tubes. The MDC is modeled with an advanced, multidimensional computer program. Representative beams of secondary electrons are generated and propagated through the MDC and TWT sections of the secondary electron trajectories. Separate programs are used to calculate representative beams of high-energy primary electron beams and of low-energy true secondaries. The recombination of the MDC model including the true secondary beam allows determination of the secondary emission losses, and, if necessary, redesign of the MDC to improve performance. Recomputation of the MDC model including the primary beams is used to check on possible backstreaming from the MDC to the RF interaction structure of the tube. A comparison with experimentally measured values of TWT and MDC efficiencies is made.

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MICROWAVE PERFORMANCE OF AN OPTICALLY CONTROLLED ALGaaS/GaAs HIGH ELECTRON MOBILITY TRANSISTOR AND GaAs MESFET


Discussed in current and also the microwave characteristics of optically illuminated AlGaAs/GaAs HEMT are experimentally measured for the first time and compared with that of GaAs MESFET. The results showed that the average increase in the gain is 2.89 dB under 1.7 nW/cm optical intensity at 0.83 microns. Further, the effect of illumination on S-parameters is more pronounced when the devices are biased close to pinch off. Novel applications of optically illuminated HEMT as a variable gain amplifier, high speed high frequency photo detector, and mixer are demonstrated.

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SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE OF MMIC-BASED LARGE APERTURE ARRAYS FOR SPACE APPLICATION


The persistent trend to use millimeter-wave frequencies for satellite communications presents the challenge to design large-aperture phased arrays for space applications. These arrays, which comprise 100 to 10,000 elements, are now possible due to the advent of lightweight technology and the availability of monolithic microwave integrated circuits. In this paper, system aspects of optically controlled array design are studied. In particular, two architectures for a 40 GHz array are outlined, and the main system-related issues are examined: power budget, synchronization in frequency and phase, and stochastic effects.
and space TWT's can be made. Author

conclusions on its suitability for electronic countermeasure systems considerably more testing experience is required before definitive without appendage ion pumps. Extended testing indicated good emission yield characteristics in the as-machined state. However, because of its high purity, low cost, simple construction, potential long-term stability of the textured pyrolytic graphite and isotropic particularly true for pyrolytic graphite electrodes and for TWT's beyond that of typical copper electrode collectors. This is collectors. However, preliminary results indicate that some indistinguishable from that of typical production tubes with copper performance of the collectors, in terms of gas evolution, was and performance of the MDC's are described. The bakeout is also be easily realized. The computed results for GaAs at a function of the: (1) frequency; (2) distance of separation between the trough side walls; (3) normalized strip and slot widths; and (4) normalized air gap. Author

TRAVELING-WAVE TUBES COLLECTORS WITH 200-W, CW, 8- TO 18-GHZ TUNING A02/MF A01 CSCL 09C

Three new Coplanar Waveguide (CPW) transmission lines, namely, Suspended CPW (SCPW), Stripline-like Suspended CPW (SSCPW) and Inverted CPW (ICPW), are proposed and also analyzed for their propagation characteristics. The substrate thickness, permittivity and dimensions of housing are assumed to be arbitrary. These structures have the following advantages over conventional CPW. Firstly, the ratio of guide wavelength to free space wavelength is closer to unity which results in larger dimensions and hence lower tolerances. Secondly, the effective dielectric constant is lower and hence the electromagnetic field energies are concentrated more in the air regions which should reduce attenuation. Thirdly, for a prescribed impedance level, the above structures have a wider slot width for identical strip width. Thus, low impedance lines can be achieved with reasonable slot dimensions. Fourthly, in an Inverted CPW shunt mounting of active devices, such as Gunn and IMPATT diodes, between the strip and the metal trough is possible. This feature further enhances the attractiveness of the above structures. Lastly, an E-plane probe type transition from a rectangular waveguide to suspended CPW can also be easily realized. The computed results for GaAs at Ka-band illustrate the variation of normalized guide wavelength, effective dielectric constant and the characteristic impedance as a function of the: (1) frequency; (2) distance of separation between the trough side walls; (3) normalized strip and slot widths; and (4) normalized air gap. Author

TRAVELING-WAVE-TUBE EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT BY A MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTOR Author

A simple method of improving the traveling-wave-tube (TWT) and multistage depressed collector (MDC) efficiency has been demonstrated. The efficiency improvement was produced by the

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N87-20469*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PROPAGATION CHARACTERISTICS OF SOME NOVEL COPLANAR WAVEGUIDE TRANSMISSION LINES ON GAAS AT MM-WAVE FREQUENCIES RAINEE N. SIMONS 1986 16 p Presented at the 1986 Conference on Millimeter Wave/Microwave Measurements and Standards for Miniaturized Systems, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 6-7 Nov. 1986; sponsored by the Army Missile Command (NASA-TM-89855; E-393; NAS 1.15:89855) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09C

N87-20474*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. DESIGN, FABRICATION AND PERFORMANCE OF SMALL, GRAPHITE ELECTRODE, MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTORS WITH 200-W, CW, 8- TO 18-GHZ TRAVELING-WAVE TUBES BEN T. EBIHARA and PETER RAMINS Feb. 1987 22 p (NASA-TP-2693; E-3098; NAS 1.60:2693) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09A

Small multistage depressed collectors (MDC's) which used pyrolytic graphite, ion-beam-textured pyrolytic graphite, and isotropic graphite electrodes were designed, fabricated, and evaluated in conjunction with 200-W, continuous wave (CW), 8- to 18-GHz traveling-wave tubes (TWT's). The design, construction, and performance of the MDC's are described. The bakeout performance of the collectors, in terms of gas evolution, was indistinguishable from that of typical production tubes with copper collectors. However, preliminary results indicate that some additional radiofrequency (RF) and dc beam processing time (and/or longer or higher temperature bakeouts) may be needed beyond that of typical copper electrode collectors. This is particularly true for pyrolytic graphite electrodes and for TWT's without appendage ion pumps. Extended testing indicated good long-term stability of the textured pyrolytic graphite and isotropic graphite electrode surfaces. The isotropic graphite in particular showed considerable promise as an MDC electrode material because of its high purity, low cost, simple construction, potential for compact overall size, and relatively low secondary electron emission yield characteristics in the as-machined state. However, considerably more testing experience is required before definitive conclusions on its suitability for electronic countermeasure systems and space TWT's can be made. Author

N87-20475*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. REFERENCING IN FIBER OPTIC SENSING SYSTEMS GRIGORY ADAMOVSKY 1987 9 p Proposed for presentation at the Technical Symposium of Optics, Electro-Optics and Sensors, Orlando, Fla., 17-22 May 1987; sponsored by the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (NASA-TM-898822; E-3468; NAS 1.15:898822) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09F

Different techniques to account for losses induced by the environment on signals in intensity modulation fiber optic sensing systems are described and analyzed. Author

N87-20477*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.


Resistojets are operational on many geosynchronous communication satellites which all use dc power buses. Multipropellant resistojets were selected for the Initial Operating Capability (IOC) Space Station which will supply 208 V, 20 kHz power. This paper discusses resistojet heater temperature controllers and passive power regulation methods for ac power systems. A simple passive power regulation method suitable for use with regulated sinusoidal or square wave power was designed and tested using the Space Station multipropellant resistojet. The breadboard delivered 20 kHz power to the resistojet heater. Cold start surge current limiting, a power efficiency of 95 percent, and power regulation of better than 2 percent were demonstrated with a two component, 500 W breadboard power controller having a mass of 0.6 kg. Author

N87-21234* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.


A tunable microwave cavity containing ionizable metallic vapor or gases and an apparatus for precisely positioning a microwave coupling tip in the cavity and for precisely adjusting at least one dimension of the cavity are disclosed. With this combined structure, resonance may be achieved with various types of ionizable gases. A coaxial probe extends into a microwave cavity through a tube. One end of the tube is retained in a spherical joint attached in the cavity wall. This allows the coaxial probe to be pivotally rotated. The coaxial probe is sideable within the tube thus allowing the probe to be extended toward or retracted from the center of the cavity. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

N87-21239*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. TRAVELING-WAVE-TUBE EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT BY A LOW-COST TECHNIQUE FOR DEPOSITION OF CARBON ON MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTOR BEN T. EBIHARA, PETER RAMINS, and SHELLY PEET May 1987 14 p (NASA-TP-2718; E-3416; NAS 1.60:2719) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09A

A simple method of improving the traveling-wave-tube (TWT) and multistage depressed collector (MDC) efficiency has been demonstrated. The efficiency improvement was produced by the
application of a thin layer of carbon to the copper electrodes of the MDC by means of a rapid, low-cost technique involving the pyrolysis of hydrocarbon oil in electric arc discharges. Experimental results on a representative TWT and MDC showed an 11 percent improvement in both the TWT and MDC efficiencies as compared to those of the same TWT and MDC efficiencies with bare copper electrode surfaces. An extended test with a 500-W, continuous wave (CW) TWT and small-sized MDC indicated good stability of the carbon coated electrode surfaces after a relatively small initial degradation in TWT overall and apparent MDC efficiencies.


The objective of the advanced detection, isolation, and accommodation (ADIA) program is to improve the overall demonstrated reliability of digital electronic control systems for turbine engines. For this purpose, algorithms were developed which detect, isolate, and accommodate sensor failures using analytical redundancy. Preliminary results of a full scale engine demonstration of the ADIA algorithm are presented. Minimum detectable levels of sensor failures for an F100 turbofan engine control system are determined and compared to those obtained during a previous evaluation of this algorithm using a real-time hybrid computer simulation of the engine.


The effects of radiation on performance are determined for both n(+)-p and p(+)-n GaAs and InP cells and for silicon n(+)-p cells. It is found that the radiation resistance of InP is greater than that of both GaAs and Si under 1 MeV electron irradiation. For silicon, the observed decreased radiation resistance with decreased resistivity is attributed to the presence of a radiation induced boron-oxygen defect. Comparison of radiation damage in both p(+)-n and n(+)-p GaAs cells yields a decreased radiation resistance for the n(+)+p cell attributable to increased series resistance, decreased shunt resistance, and relatively greater losses in the cell's p-region. For InP, the n(+)-p configuration is found to have greater radiation resistance than the p(+)-n cell. The increased loss in this latter cell is attributed to losses in the cell's emitter region. Temperature dependency results are interpreted using a theoretical relation for dVoc/dT which predicts that increased Voc should result in decreased numerical values for dPm/dT. The predicted correlation is observed for GaAs but not for InP a result which is attributed to variations in cell processing.

N87-22900*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. OPTICALLY CONTROLLED MICROWAVE DEVICES AND CIRCUITS: EMERGING APPLICATIONS IN SPACE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS KUL B. BHASIN and RAINEE N. SIMONS Jul. 1987 11 p Prepared for presentation at the International Microwave Symposium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 27-30 Jul. 1987; cosponsored by Brazilian Microwave Society and the IEEE-MTT (NASA-TM-89869; E-3875; NAS 1.15:89869) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09A

Optical control of microwave devices and circuits by an optical fiber has the potential to simplify signal distribution networks in high frequency communications systems. The optical response of two terminal and three terminal (GaAs MESFET, HEMT, PBT) microwave devices are compared and several schemes for controlling such devices by modulated optical signals examined. Monolithic integration of optical and microwave functions on a single semiconductor substrate is considered to provide low power, low loss, and reliable digital and analog optical links for signal distribution.
ISSUES IN SPACE PHOTOVOLTAIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
DENNIS J. FLOOD 30 May 1987 16 p Presented at the 19th Photovoltaic Specialists Conference, New Orleans, La., 4-8 May 1987; sponsored by IEEE (NASA-TM-89922; E-3620; NAS 1.15:89922) Avail: NTIS HC A01 CSCL 09C

Key issues and opportunities in space photovoltaic research and technology are addressed relative to future NASA mission requirements and drivers. Examples are given of future space missions and/or operational capabilities that are on NASA's planning horizon presenting major technology challenges to the use of photovoltaic power generation in space. A brief description of the capabilities ascribed to the competing technologies of nuclear and solar thermal power systems are given. The performance goals that space photovoltaic power systems must meet to remain competitive are described.

A STUDY OF SCHWARZ CONVERTERS FOR NUCLEAR POWERED SPACECRAFT

High power space systems which use low dc voltage, high current sources such as thermoelectric generators, will most likely require high voltage conversion for transmission purposes. This study considers the use of the Schwarz resonant converter for use as the basic building block to accomplish this low-to-high voltage conversion for either a dc or an ac spacecraft bus. The Schwarz converter has the important assets of both inherent fault tolerance and resonant operation; parallel operation in modular form is possible. A regulated dc spacecraft bus requires only a single-stage converter while a constant frequency ac bus requires a cascaded Schwarz converter configuration. If the power system requires constant output power from the dc generator, then a second converter is required to route unneeded power to a ballast load.

A computational procedure for the design of traveling-wave-tube/TWT) refocuser/multistage depressed collector (MDC) system was used to design a short, permanent-magnet refocussing system and a highly efficient MDC for a medium-power, dual mode, 4.8- to 9.6-GHz TWT. The computations were carried out with advanced, multidimensional computer programs which model the electron beam and follow the trajectories of representative charges from the radiofrequency (RF) input of the TWT, through the slow-wave structure and refocussing section, to their points of impact in the depressed collector. Secondary emission losses in the MDC were treated semiquantitatively by injecting representative secondary-electron-emission current into the MDA analysis at the point of impact of each primary beam. A comparison of computed and measured TWT and MDC performance showed very good agreement. The electrodes of the MDC were fabricated from a particular form of isotropic graphite that was selected for its low secondary electron yield, ease of machinability, and vacuum properties.

ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF A DUAL-MODE TRAVELING WAVE TUBE AND MULTISTAGE DEPRESSED COLLECTOR
PETER RAMINS, DALE A. FORCE, and HENRY G. KOSMAHL Aug. 1987 29 p (NASA-TP-2752; E-3470; NASA 1.60:2752) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 09A

It is shown how the complete field of the electron beam may be incorporated into the transmission line mode theory of the traveling wave tube (TWT). The fact that the longitudinal component of the field due to the bunched beam is not used when formulating the beam-to-circuit coupling equation is not well-known. The fundamental partial differential equation for the traveling wave field is developed and compared with the older (now standard) one. The equation can be solved numerically using the same algorithms, but now the coefficients can be updated continuously as the calculation proceeds down the tube. The coefficients in the older equations are primarily derived from preliminary measurements and some trial and error. The newer coefficients can be found by a recursive method, since each has a well defined physical interpretation and can be calculated once a reasonable first trial solution is postulated. The results of the new expression were compared with those of the older forms, as well as to a field theory model to show the ease in which a reasonable fit to the field prediction is obtained. A complete summary of the existing transmission line modeling of the TWT is given to explain the somewhat vague ideas and techniques in the general area of drifting carrier-traveling circuit wave interactions. The basic assumptions and inconsistencies of the existing theory and areas of confusion in the general literature are examined and hopefully cleared up.

COMPUTER CONTROL OF A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE FOR DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING OF THERMAL-WAVE IMAGES

Using a recently developed technology called thermal-wave microscopy, NASA Lewis Research Center has developed a...
computer controlled submicron thermal-wave microscope for the purpose of investigating III-V compound semiconductor devices and materials. This paper describes the system’s design and configuration and discusses the hardware and software capabilities. Knowledge of the Concurrent 3200 series computers is needed for a complete understanding of the material presented. However, concepts and procedures are of general interest.

Author

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RADIATION EFFECTS ON POWER TRANSISTOR PERFORMANCE Final Report, Apr. - Jun. 1987
ALBERT J. FRASCA Jun. 1987 26 p
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The D60T, D62T, and D75T transistors in the nuclear reactor were irradiated with bias voltage and high current I sub c vs. V sub ec curves were obtained to evaluate gain degradation at high power levels. Pre- and post-irradiation high current switching tests were performed to evaluate the response. The gamma ray damage work done at Sandia was correlated with the neutron work done at the O.S.U. reactor with the above specified transistors. Theoretical analysis of damage and electrical performance were conducted in terms of semiconductor physics. The experimental high current pulser was improved in order to measure switching time changes which are less than one microsecond at currents of 100 to 200 amperes for in-situ testing.

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AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF PARASITIC MICROSTRIP ARRAYS
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The characteristics of a parasitic microstrip antenna array with a center-fed patch are experimentally investigated. The parasitic array is composed of identical parasitic patches which are symmetrically arranged and electromagnetically coupled to a center-fed patch. The shape and dimensions of the parasitic patches and their positions relative to the center-fed patch are parameters in the study. To show mutual coupling effects between radiating and nonradiating edges of adjacent patches, the impedance and radiation characteristics of a three-element parasitic array excited with (0.1) mode are examined, and compared to that of a single patch. Experimental data indicate that the presence of parasitic patches has significant effects upon the gain, resonant frequency, and impedance bandwidth of the array.

Author

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DIFFUSION LENGTH MEASUREMENTS IN BULK AND EPITAXIALLY GROWN 3-5 SEMICONDUCTORS USING CHARGE COLLECTION MICROSCOPY
R. P. LEON May 1987 9 p
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Diffusion lengths and surface recombination velocities were measured in GaAs diodes and InP finished solar cells. The basic techniques used was charge collection microscopy also known as electron beam induced current (EBIC). The normalized currents and distances from the pn junction were read directly from the calibration curves obtained while using the line scan mode in an SEM. These values were then equated to integral and infinite series expressions resulting from the solution of the diffusion equation with both extended generation and point generation functions. This expands previous work by examining both thin and thick samples. The surface recombination velocity was either treated as an unknown in a system of two equations, or measured directly using low level beam accelerating voltages. These techniques give accurate results by accounting for the effects of surface recombination and the finite size of the generation volume.

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SPACE STATION POWER SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE
VILNIS BALODIS, ALBERT BERMAN, DARRELL DEVANCE, GERRY LUDLOW, and LEE WAGNER Sep. 1987 115p
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(NASA-CR-180829; NAS 1.26:180829) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 09A

A package of high-power switching semiconductors for the space station have been designed and fabricated. The package includes a high-voltage (600 volts) high current (50 amps) NPN Fast Switching Power Transistor and a high-voltage (1200 volts), high-current (50 amps) Fast Recovery Diode. The package features an isolated collector for the transistors and an isolated anode for the diode. Boron is used as the isolation material resulting in a thermal resistance for both devices of .2 degrees per watt. Additional features include a hermetrical seal for long life – greater than 10 years in a space environment. Also, the package design resulted in a low electrical energy loss with the reduction of eddy currents, stray inductances, circuit inductance, and capacitance. The required package design and device parameters have been achieved. Test results for the transistor and diode utilizing the space station package is given.

Author

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APPARATUS FOR MOUNTING A FIELD EMISSION CATHODE Patent
BEN T. EBIBARA, inventor (to NASA) and RALPH FORMAN, inventor (to NASA) 18 Aug. 1987 6 p Filed 9 May 1985
Supersedes N85-29149 (23 - 18, p 3094)

A field emission cathode is positioned in a pair of intersecting cross grooves, in the end of a ceramic tube by a metal end cap. A spring in electrical contact with the base of the cathode provides the necessary pressure to maintain continuous circumferential electrical contact between the gate film and a raised edge on the end cap. With this structure the cathode chip is self centering and replaceable. Also the gate film of the cathode is not abraded or rubbed during installation, and the holder is readily degassed.

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Proof-of-concept testing was performed on a 20-kHz, resonant power system breadboard from 1981 through 1985. The testing began with the evaluation of a single, 1.0-kW resonant inverter and progressed to the testing of breadboards with higher power levels and more capability. The final breadboard configuration tested was a 25.0-kW breadboard with six inverters providing power to three user-interface modules over a 50-meter, 240-VAC bus. The breadboard demonstrated the ability to synchronize multiple resonant inverters to power a common bus. Single-phase and three-phase 20-kHz power distribution was demonstrated. Simple conversion of 20-kHz to dc and
variable-frequency ac was demonstrated as was bidirectional power flow between 20-kHz and dc. Steady state measurements of efficiency, power-factor tolerance, and conducted emissions and conducted susceptibility were made. In addition, transient responses were recorded for such conditions as start up, shut down, load changes. The results showed the 20-kHz resonant system to be a desirable technology for a spacecraft power management and distribution system with multiple users and a utility-type bus.  

A87-10920* Arizona State Univ., Tempe.  
ON SELF-PRESERVING, VARIABLE-DENSITY, TURBULENT FREE JETS  
R. M. C. SO (Arizona State University, Tempe) and T. M. LIU  
refs  
(Contract NAG3-260; NAG3-167)  
Published experimental data on incompressible, compressible, free binary, and confined binary turbulent axisymmetric jet flows are compiled and characterized, and the effect of varying turbulent diffusivity across the mixing region of a free jet is investigated analytically, applying the similarity solution approach of So and Hwang (1986) to the self-preserving region. It is shown that closed-form solutions, represented by Gaussian error functions and having the turbulent Reynolds number and a profile-shape factor as free parameters, can be obtained if the turbulent diffusivities of momentum, mass, or heat are assumed to be different and to vary in both the streamwise and radial directions. An entrainment function uniquely related to the turbulent Reynolds number is derived, and good agreement between theoretical predictions and experimental measurements is demonstrated in graphs.  

A87-10922* Arizona State Univ., Tempe.  
ON SIMILARITY SOLUTIONS FOR TURBULENT AND HEATED ROUND JETS  
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(David W. Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center, Annapolis, MD) Zeitschrift fuer angewandte Mathematik und Physik (ISSN 0044-2275), vol. 37, July 1986, p. 624-631.  
refs  
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Commonly used empirical correlations for incompressible, heated round jets are shown to represent similarity solutions of the governing jet equations. These solutions give rise to self-similar eddy viscosities. Not all the similarity solutions are physically valid because some lead to zero eddy viscosities at the jet centerline. One physically valid solution is found to correlate best with round jet measurements and it gives a Gaussian error function description for the normalized mean velocity and temperature. Heat and momentum fluxes thus calculated are also in good agreement with measurements. Therefore, in addition to the classical similarity solution obtained by assuming constant eddy viscosity, another similarity solution to the jet equations is found where the eddy viscosity is self-similar.  

A87-12060* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.  
THE GENERATION OF CAPILLARY INSTABILITIES ON A LIQUID JET  
refs  
The coupling between imposed disturbances and capillary instabilities on a liquid jet is examined. It is shown that in most physical situations the forcing produces neutral waves, which can then turn into growing waves as the profile relaxes or may be amplified nonlinearly by a mechanism of the type considered by Akylas and Benney (1980). The effectiveness of the coupling is expressed quantitatively by numerically computed values of the 'coupling coefficient'.  

Author
**34 FLUID MECHANICS AND HEAT TRANSFER**

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**NONLINEAR CRITICAL LAYERS ELIMINATE THE UPPER BRANCH OF SPATIALLY GROWING TOLLMIEN-SCHLICHTING WAVES**


This letter is concerned with the effect of nonlinear critical layers on spatially growing Tollmien-Schlichting waves in a Blasius boundary layer. It is shown that they effectively eliminate the upper branch of the neutral stability curve predicted by strictly linear theory.

Author

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**HEAT TRANSFER IN THE STAGNATION REGION OF THE JUNCTION OF A CIRCULAR CYLINDER PERPENDICULAR TO A FLAT PLATE**

J. N. HINCKEL (Instituto de Estudios Avanzados, Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil) and H. T. NAGAMATSU (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY) International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer (ISSN 0017-9050), vol. 29, July 1986, p. 999-1005. refs

The heat transfer rate in the stagnation region of the junction of a circular cylinder perpendicular to a flat plate was measured for a range of Reynolds numbers varying from 3.0 x 10^4 to the 4th to 7.0 x 10^5 to the 5th and a flow Mach number of 0.14. The measurements were performed in a shock-tube facility using a reflected shockwave technique and thin-film platinum heat gages. The heat flux was measured for both the plate and the circular cylinder. A substantial increase in the heat transfer rate in the stagnation region was observed. The influence of the cylinder over the flat plate extended beyond 3/4 cylinder diameter for low Reynolds numbers. For high Reynolds numbers the maximum increase in the heat transfer rate was observed to be approximately 100 percent, but for very low Reynolds numbers a maximum increase in the heat flux to the plate by a factor of 5 was observed. The variations in the heat transfer rate to the stagnation point of the cylinder was very small.

Author

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**FINITE ANALYTIC NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL CHANNEL FLOW OVER A BACKWARD-FACING STEP**

K.-S. HO (Garrett Turbine Engine Co., Phoenix, AZ) and C.-J. CHEN (Iowa, University, Iowa City) IN: Applied numerical modeling San Diego, CA, Univelt, Inc., 1986, p. 723-729. refs

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A backward-facing step channel flow over a backward-facing step is investigated. The finite analytic (FA) method is used to obtain the numerical solution. The FA solutions predict the recirculation zone lengths and the recirculated mass flow rates for Reynolds numbers, Re, of 25, 50, 73, 125, 191 and 229 which correlate well with experimental measurements. The general flow patterns of the recirculation region flows for the Reynolds numbers considered in this study are similar to each other.

Author

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**LIQUID FUEL SPRAY PROCESSES IN HIGH-PRESSURE GAS FLOW**


Atomization of single liquid jets injected downstream in high pressure and high velocity airflow was investigated to determine the effect of airstream pressure on mean drop size as measured with a scanning radiometer. For aerodynamic - wave breakup of liquid jets, the ratio of orifice diameter D sub o to measured mean drop diameter D sub m which is assumed equal to D sub 32 or Sauter mean diameter, was correlated with the product of the Weber and Reynolds numbers WeRe and the dimensionless group G^1/square root of c to the 0.4 (G1/square root of c) to the 0.15 for values of WeRe 1 million and an airstream pressure range of 0.10 to 2.10 MPa.

G.L.C.

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**COMPARISON OF PRESSURE-STRAIN CORRELATION MODELS FOR THE FLOW BEHIND A DISK**

R. S. AMANO (Wisconsin, University, Milwaukee) AIAA Journal (ISSN 0001-1452), vol. 24, Nov. 1986, p. 1870-1872. (Contract NAG3-546)

Attention is given to the behavior of Reynolds stresses in the separated wake region behind a disk that is subjected to a normal fashion to a long cylinder of small diameter. Computations of the turbulent flow were made in a region beyond a disk by using the second-order closure model of turbulence. It is found that the models of Naot et al. (1970) and Lauder et al. (1975) yield similar results and are reliable; the energy distribution may nevertheless be improved for the case of reattaching shear flows by taking the effects of mean strain into account.

O.C.

**A87-22361** Dayton Univ., Ohio.

**NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF EXCITED JET MIXING LAYERS**


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(AIAA PAPER 87-0016)

A numerical simulation of unsteady flow in jet mixing layers, both with and without external excitation, has been performed by solving the time-dependent compressible Navier-Stokes equations. Computations were performed on a CRAY X-MP computer using MacCormick's explicit finite difference algorithm. Different excitation methods were investigated and were shown to be very effective in controlling the well organized periodic production, shedding and pairing of large scale vortex structures. It is found that pressure excitation was generally more effective than temperature excitation, and that grid refinement results in substantial improvement in the resolution of unsteady features. The location and orientation, in addition to the frequency, of the excitation source are shown to have a significant influence on the production and interaction of large scale vortex structures in the jet mixing layer.

R.R.

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**EVALUATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES FOR THE CALCULATION OF INTERNAL RECIRCULATING FLOWS**


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The performance of discrete methods for the prediction of fluid flows can be enhanced by improving the convergence rate of solvers and by increasing the accuracy of the discrete representation of the equations of motion. This paper evaluates the gains in solver performance that are available when various acceleration methods are applied. Various discretizations are also examined and two are recommended because of their accuracy and robustness. Insertion of the improved discretization and solver accelerator into a TEACH code, that has been widely applied to combustor flows, illustrates the substantial gains that can be achieved.

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TWO-PHASE FLOW MEASUREMENTS OF A SPRAY IN A TURBULENT FLOW

The dynamics of spray drop interaction with a turbulent coflowing air stream were investigated using a Phase Doppler Particle Analyzer to determine the instantaneous ensemble of particle size and attitudes. Detailed measurements obtained included spray drop size, axial and radial velocity, angle of trajectory, drop Reynolds number, and size-velocity correlations. The gas-phase flow field was also ascertained via the behavior of the smallest drops. Also investigated were the drag coefficients of droplets in a turbulent air cross flow for both monodispersions and polydispersions. Most notable aspects of the coflow included the effect of air streams with velocities significantly different from the spray sheet. Local changes in number density were produced as a result of lateral convection and streamwise accelerations and decelerations of the flows. The droplet drag measurements showed similar behavior for monodispersions and polydispersions and similar trends to previously obtained data. The measurements also pointed out other studies which would assist in creating an improved drag law for polydispersed drops in a turbulent environment.

A87-22389*# Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, N.Y.
ENDWALL HEAT TRANSFER IN THE JUNCTION REGION OF A CIRCULAR CYLINDER NORMAL TO A FLAT PLATE AT 30 AND 60 DEGREES FROM STAGNATION POINT OF THE CYLINDER

The objective of this experimental study was to investigate the influence of horseshoe vortex on the heat transfer on a flat plate near the base of a protruding cylinder. The partial shock reflection technique was used to produce the flow Mach number of 0.14 which simulated the mean inlet flow Mach number for the first stage vanes of the turbine after combustor. Fast response thin-film platinum heat gages were used to measure the heat transfer flux for radial distances of 0.75, 0.875, 1.0, 1.125 cylinder diameter. For a low Reynolds number of 20,000, r/D = 0.75, and angular location from the stagnation point = 60 deg, the maximum increase in the heat transfer rate with the cylinder was observed to be approximately 460 percent greater than without the cylinder. On the other hand, the increase in the heat flux for a high Reynolds number of 300,000 was approximately 70 percent greater. For the heat gages located along 30 deg and 60 deg angular locations from the stagnation point, the strong effect of the horseshoe vortex was observed in the junction region. The increase in the heat transfer rate depended on the type of boundary layer and on the boundary layer thickness ahead of the cylinder.

A87-22426*# Aerometrics, Inc., Mountain View, Calif.
LASER VELOCIMETRY IN TURBULENT FLOW FIELDS - PARTICLE RESPONSE

Measurements of the particle response in a decelerating flow and highly turbulent flow in the downstream flow field. The measurements of the particle size and velocity served to quantify the particle response to the prevailing flow field. In the case of a flow incident upon a cylinder, the particle lag for a range of sizes and turbulent flow fields were obtained. Simultaneous measurements of the particle size and velocity served to quantify the gas-phase flow field ahead of the cylinder. Author

THREE-DIMENSIONAL TRAJECTORY ANALYSES OF TWO DROP SIZING INSTRUMENTS - PMS OAP AND PMS FSSP

Flow-induced distortions of water drop fluxes and speeds as seen by the PMS optical array probe (OAP) and the PMS forward scattering spectrometer probe (FSSP) are estimated via three-dimensional flow and trajectory calculation methods. The sensitivities of the instruments to water drop diameter, angle of attack, and free stream air speed are determined. The instruments are first placed in isolation and then mounted under the wing of a Twin Otter airplane. For the wing-mounted OAP at 4-deg angle of attack, partial flow stagnation under the upturned wing causes a significant decrease in both the flux and speed for small water drops. For the wing-mounted FSSP, sensitivity is found to both angle of attack and free stream air speed.

DUCT FLOWS WITH SWIRL

The physics of the flow interaction between swirl and secondary flow was studied in duct bends relevant to the design of advanced aircraft nozzle systems. Both laminar and turbulent subsonic flows were investigated in generic duct bends for different amounts of swirl. The flow calculations are based on an economical three-dimensional spatial marching method employed in an existing computer code (PEPSIG). The computational method and code were extended to allow azimuthal periodicity and solutions in which the polar coordinate singularities are interior to the flow field. These extensions are needed to address swirling flow and twisted centerlines arising in out-of-plane bends. It was found that the appropriate amount of swirl can reduce total pressure loss relative to nonswirling cases. This conclusion was found to be insensitive to computational mesh.

A87-22549*# Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater.
TWO OPPOSED LATERAL JETS INJECTED INTO SWIRLING CROSSFLOW

Experiments have been conducted to obtain the time-mean and fluctuating properties of the jet and crossflow. The experiments were conducted with a low-momentum, nonreacting flowfield. A jet-to-crossflow velocity ratio of R = 4 was used throughout the experiments, with swirl vane angles of 0 deg (swirler removed), 45 and 70 degrees used with the crossflow.
Flow visualization techniques used were neutrally-buoyant helium-filled soap bubbles and multiparticle photography in order to obtain the gross flowfield characteristics. Measurements of time-mean and turbulent quantities were obtained utilizing a six-orientation single hot-wire technique. For the nonswirling case, the jets were found not to penetrate past the test-section centerline, time-mean and turbulent quantities were obtained utilizing a data management scheme are given that provide for the rapid

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in contrast to the single lateral jet with the same jet-to-crossflow velocity ratio. In the swirling cases, the crossflow remains in a narrow region near the wall of the test section. The opposed jets are swept from their vertical courses into spiral trajectories close to the confining walls. Extensive results are presented in n × x plane plots.


MODELING FREE CONVECTIVE GRAVITATIONAL EFFECTS IN CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION


In this paper, a combined fluid-mechanics, mass-transport, and chemistry model describing CVD in an open-tube atmospheric-pressure flow reactor is developed. The model allows gas-phase reactions to proceed to equilibrium and accounts for finite reaction rates at the surface of the deposition substrate. The model is a useful intermediate step toward a model employing fully rate-limited chemistry. The model is used to predict the effects of free convection on flow patterns, temperature and species-concentration profiles, and local deposition rates for silicon deposited by silane pyrolysis. These results are discussed in terms of implications for CVD of silicon and other compounds, microgravity studies, and techniques for testing and validating the model.

A87-22645* Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N.Y.

AN L-U IMPLICIT MULTIGRID ALGORITHM FOR THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL EULER EQUATIONS


(AIAA PAPER 87-0453)

An L-U implicit multigrid scheme is developed for the calculation of three-dimensional transonic flow through rotating cascades. This numerical method solves the unsteady Euler equations of gas dynamics in a finite-volume form. The implicit scheme makes it possible to take a much larger time step than is normally permitted in most explicit schemes, while the multigrid method is incorporated to accelerate the convergence rate for steady state calculations. Using this method, computational storage requirements are comparable to those of explicit schemes, while operation counts are considerably less than those found in the more widely-used ADI schemes.

A87-22706* Texas Univ., Austin.

AN ADAPTIVE FINITE ELEMENT STRATEGY FOR COMPLEX FLOW PROBLEMS


(AIAA PAPER 87-0557)

An adaptive finite element methods for steady and unsteady flow problems in two-dimensional domains are described. Details of a data management scheme are given that provide for the rapid implementation of various CFD algorithms on changing unstructured meshes. The results of several numerical experiments on subsonic and supersonic flow problems are discussed.

A87-22859* Houston Univ., Tex.

COHERENT STRUCTURES AND TURBULENCE


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The present state of understanding of coherent structures is examined with attention focused on their spatial details and dynamical significance. The characteristic measures of coherent structures are discussed and it is emphasized that coherent vorticity is the crucial property. A general scheme for educing structures in any transitional or fully turbulent flow is presented. The role of coherent structures in aerodynamic noise generation is studied and it is argued that the structure breakdown process is the dominant mechanism of noise generation.

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A87-23449* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

PREDICTION AND RATIONAL CORRELATION OF THERMOPHORETICALLY REDUCED PARTICLE MASS TRANSFER TO HOT SURFACES ACROSS LAMINAR OR TURBULENT FORCED-CONVECTION GAS BOUNDARY LAYERS

SULEYMAN A. GOKOGLU (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) and DANIEL E. ROSNER (Yale University, New Haven, CT) Chemical Engineering Communications (ISSN 0098-6445), vol. 44, 1986, p. 107-119. refs

(AIAA PAPER 87-0453)

A formulation previously developed to predict and correlate the thermophoretically-augmented submicron particle mass transfer rate to cold surfaces is found to account for the thermophoretically reduced particle mass transfer rate to overheated surfaces such that thermophoresis brings about a 10-decade reduction below the convective mass transfer rate expected by pure Brownian diffusion and convection alone. Thermophoretic blowing is shown to produce effects on particle concentration boundary-layer (BL) structure and wall mass transfer rates similar to those produced by real blowing through a porous wall. The applicability of the correlations to developing BL-situations is demonstrated by a numerical example relevant to wet-steam technology.

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A87-23653* Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park.

TURBULENCE MODELING FOR COMPLEX SHEAR FLOWS


(AIAA PAPER 87-0557)

(AIAA PAPER 87-0060)

The central difference scheme (CDS) is a second order accurate scheme which is free of numerical diffusion (in the second order sense) and is simple to implement: However, for grid Peclet numbers larger than 2, the CDS leads to over- and undershoots and is unstable. The present paper describes a method, called CONDIF, which retains the essential nature of the CDS but eliminates the over- and undershoots. It leads to unconditionally stable solutions for grid Peclet numbers larger than 2 and it is argued that the structure breakdown process is the dominant mechanism of noise generation.

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AN UNCONDITIONALLY-STABLE CENTRAL DIFFERENCING SCHEME FOR HIGH REYNOLDS NUMBER FLOWS

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The central difference scheme (CDS) is a second order accurate scheme which is free of numerical diffusion (in the second order sense) and is simple to implement: However, for grid Peclet numbers larger than 2, the CDS leads to over- and undershoots and is unstable. The present paper describes a method, called CONDIF, which retains the essential nature of the CDS but eliminates the over- and undershoots. It leads to unconditionally stable solutions for grid Peclet numbers larger than 2 and it is argued that the structure breakdown process is the dominant mechanism of noise generation.
the local gradients. In the worst case the scheme yields results similar to those of the hybrid scheme. This paper reports the results obtained from CONDIF for a number of test problems which have been widely used for comparative study of numerical schemes in the published literature. For most of these problems, the CONDIF results are significantly more accurate than the hybrid scheme at high Peclet numbers. In particular, the CONDIF scheme depicts much lower level of numerical diffusion than the hybrid scheme even when the Peclet number is very high and the flow is at large angles to the grid. 


The paper examines the performance of the flux-spline scheme for convection-diffusion. Computations are presented for a number of test cases, both linear and nonlinear. It is shown that in all cases the flux-spline scheme yields results which are superior to those obtained with the lower-order formulations such as hybrid differencing. In order to improve the computational efficiency, the flux-spline scheme has been combined with a direct solution algorithm for the continuity and momentum equations. Such an approach eliminates the need for an equation for pressure or pressure correction and is found to be rapidly convergent.


The mechanisms by which heat release affects the fluid dynamics in a turbulent reacting mixing layer are studied by direct numerical simulation. In agreement with previous laboratory experiments, the heat release is observed to lower the rate at which the mixing layer grows and to reduce the rate at which chemical products are formed. The baroclinic torque and thermal expansion in the mixing layer are shown to produce changes in the flame vortex structure that act to produce more diffuse vortices than in the constant density case, resulting in lower rotation rates of fluid elements. Previously unexplained anomalies observed in the mean velocity profiles of reacting jets and mixing layers are shown to result from vorticity generation by baroclinic torques. The density reductions also lower the generation rates of turbulent kinetic energy and the turbulent shear stresses, resulting in less turbulent mixing of fluid elements. Calculations of the energy in the various wave numbers show that the heat release has a stabilizing effect on the growth rates of individual modes. A linear stability analysis of a simplified model problem confirms this, showing that low density fluid in the mixing region will result in a shift of the frequency of the unstable modes to lower wave numbers (longer wavelengths). The growth rates of the unstable modes decrease, contributing to the slower growth of the mixing layer.


Effects of droplet interactions on drag, evaporation, and combustion of a planar droplet array, oriented perpendicular to the approaching flow, are studied numerically. The three-dimensional Navier-Stokes equations, with variable thermophysical properties, are solved using finite-difference techniques. Parameters investigated include the droplet spacing, droplet Reynolds number, approaching stream oxygen concentration, and fuel type. Results are obtained for the Reynolds number range of 5 to 100, droplet spacings from 2 to 24 diameters, oxygen concentrations of 0.1 and 0.2, and methanol and n-butanol fuels. The calculations show that the gasification rates of interacting droplets decrease as the droplet spacings decrease. The reduction in gasification rates is significant only at small spacings and low Reynolds numbers. For the present array orientation, the effects of interactions on the gasification rates diminish rapidly for Reynolds numbers greater than 10 and spacings greater than 6 droplet diameters. The effects of adjacent droplets on drag are shown to be small.


The interaction of a deflected jet with a confined tubular nonexpanded cross flow with swirl is investigated experimentally, applying a multiple-spark photographic visualization technique at jet/cross-flow velocity ratios 2.4, and 6 and inlet-swirler vane angles 0, 45, and 70 deg in the test facility described by Lilley (1985). The visualization technique is described, and the results are presented graphically and briefly characterized. Phenomena observed include jet mixing and spreading, elevation of the vortex core, and reduction of the swirl strength in the lower part of the test section.


A numerical study is performed examining flow and heat transfer characteristics in a channel with periodically corrugated walls. The complexity of the flow in this type of channel is demonstrated by such phenomena as flow impingement on the walls, separation at the bend corners, flow reattachment, and flow recirculation. Because of the strong anisotropic nature of the turbulent flow in the channel, the full Reynolds-stress model was employed for the evaluation of turbulence quantities. Computations are made for several different corrugation periods and for different Reynolds numbers. The results computed by using the present model show excellent agreement with experimental data for mean velocities, the Reynolds stresses, and average Nusselt numbers. The study was further extended to a channel flow where fins are inserted at bends in the channel. It was observed that the insertion of fins in the flow passage has a visible effect on flow patterns and skin friction along the channel wall.
The heat transfer process and will raise the wall temperature. This effect is due to the fact of the Reynolds' equation for an isoviscous, incompressible lubricant. Starvation is effected by systematically reducing the fluid inlet level. The pressures are taken to be ambient at the inlet meniscus boundary and Reynolds' boundary condition is applied for film rupture in the exit region. Results are presented for the dynamic performance of the starved contacts in combined rolling and normal motion for both normal approach and separation. During normal approach the dynamic load ratio (i.e. ratio of dynamic to steady state load capacity) increases considerably with increase in the inlet starvation. The effect of starvation on the dynamic peak pressure ratio is relatively small. Further, it has been observed that with increasing starvation, film thickness effects become significant in the dynamic behavior of the nonconformal contacts. For significantly starved contacts the dynamic load ratio increases with increase in film thickness during normal approach and a similar reduction is observed during separation. A similar effect is noted for the dynamic peak pressure ratio.

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EFFECT OF FLOW OSCILLATIONS ON AXIAL ENERGY TRANSPORT IN A POROUS MATERIAL
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The effects of flow oscillations on axial energy diffusion in a porous medium, in which the flow is continuously disrupted by the irregularities of the porous structure, are analyzed. The formulation employs an internal heat transfer coefficient that couples the fluid and solid temperatures. The final relationship shows that the axial energy transport per unit cross-sectional area and time is directly proportional to the axial temperature gradient and the square of the maximum fluid displacement.

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A87-27716* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
INFLUENCE OF OSCILLATION-INDUCED DIFFUSION ON HEAT TRANSFER IN A UNIFORMLY HEATED CHANNEL

An analysis of the effect of flow oscillations on laminar flow heat transfer in a channel with uniform heat addition is presented. It is shown that the effect of flow oscillations will be to reduce the channel heat transfer coefficient. This effect is due to the fact that the heat addition along the channel wall produces an increasing fluid temperature along the channel length. The flow oscillations interacting with this positive temperature gradient will induce a heat flow back toward the channel inlet. This will tend to inhibit the heat transfer process and will raise the wall temperature required to transfer away a given amount of heat at the channel wall.

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A87-27839* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
STARVATION EFFECTS ON THE HYDRODYNAMIC LUBRICATION OF RIGID NONCONFORMAL CONTACTS IN COMBINED ROLLING AND NORMAL MOTION
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The effect of inlet starvation on the hydrodynamic lubrication of lightly loaded rigid nonconformal contacts in combined rolling and normal motion is determined through a numerical solution of the Reynolds' equation for an isoviscous, incompressible lubricant. Starvation is effected by systematically reducing the fluid inlet level. The pressures are taken to be ambient at the inlet meniscus boundary and Reynolds' boundary condition is applied for film rupture in the exit region. Results are presented for the dynamic performance of the starved contacts in combined rolling and normal motion for both normal approach and separation. During normal approach the dynamic load ratio (i.e. ratio of dynamic to steady state load capacity) increases considerably with increase in the inlet starvation. The effect of starvation on the dynamic peak pressure ratio is relatively small. Further, it has been observed that with increasing starvation, film thickness effects become significant in the dynamic behavior of the nonconformal contacts. For significantly starved contacts the dynamic load ratio increases with increase in film thickness during normal approach and a similar reduction is observed during separation. A similar effect is noted for the dynamic peak pressure ratio.

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THE NEAR FIELD BEHAVIOR OF TURBULENT GAS JETS IN A LONG CONFINEMENT
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The near-field behavior of a turbulent gas jet (8.73 mm in diameter) in a long confinement was studied using a test rig with a confinement area ratio of about 205 and a length-to-jet diameter ratio of about 1700. Experiments were carried out with CO2, air, and He/air jets at different jet velocities, using a laser Doppler velocimeter for velocity and turbulence measurements and hot-wire anemometers for a detailed examination of the turbulent shear field of an air jet. The air column inside the tunnel was seen to be first compressed by the jet and then to be slowly pushed out of the tunnel, causing the jet to spread rapidly and to decay quickly. As a result, an equilibrium turbulence field is established in the first two diameters of the jet which bears a similarity to that found in self-preserving turbulent free jets and jets in short confinement. However, in contrast to the cases of the two latter jet types, the near field of jets in a long confinement is independent of jet fluid densities and velocities.

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A87-30281* # Tel-Aviv Univ. (Israel).
COHERENT MOTION IN EXCITED FREE SHEAR FLOWS
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The application of the inviscid instability approach to externally excited turbulent free shear flows at high Reynolds numbers is explored. Attention is given to the cases of a small-deficit plane turbulent wake, a plane turbulent jet, an axisymmetric jet, the nonlinear evolution of instabilities in free shear flows, the concept of the 'preferred mode', vortex pairing in turbulent mixing layers, and experimental results for the control of free turbulent shear layers. The special features often attributed to pairing or to the preferred mode are found to be difficult to comprehend; the concept of feedback requires further substantiation in the case of incompressible flow.

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The rotor could be rotated either clockwise or counterclockwise.

Sets of circular cylindrical bars, 1.59 and 3.18 mm in diameter, were employed to obtain the cylindrical leading edge region of a turbine airfoil. Spanwise numbers ranged from 0.63 to 2.50. Wakes were generated by a wheel rotating in annular flow, generating rotor wakes. Spanwise Reynolds numbers ranged from 35,000 to 175,000. Strouhal numbers were obtained by developing an extension of a thin film gauge technique in a steady flow tunnel. The unsteady heat transfer effects were measured for a circular cylinder in crossflow located downstream of a rotating spoked wheel wake generator in a steady flow tunnel. The unsteady heat transfer effects were obtained by developing an extension of a thin film gauge technique employed to date exclusively in short-duration facilities. The time-average thin film results and conventional steady-state heat transfer measurements were compared. Time-averaged wake-induced stagnation heat transfer enhancement levels above the nowake case were about 10 percent for the four cylinder configurations and three Reynolds numbers (Re = 10,000, 30,000, and 60,000). The test channel was heated by thin stainless steel foils with a thickness of 0.000025 m, and instrumented with 180 thermocouples. The brass ribs of a square cross-section were thickness of 0.000025 m, and instrumented with 180 thermocouples. The brass ribs of a square cross-section were located downstream of a rotating spoked wheel wake generator to simulate the inlet condition of the turbine blade cooling passages.

Local heat transfer coefficient distribution of a square channel with two opposite ribbed walls was determined. The square channel was connected to a sudden contraction entrance in order to simulate the inlet condition of the turbine blade cooling passages. The test channel was heated by thin stainless steel foils with a thickness of 0.000025 m, and instrumented with 180 thermocouples. The brass ribs of a square cross-section were glued periodically, in line, onto the top and bottom walls of the foil-heated channel in patterns to achieve the desired spacing and angle-of-attack. The local heat transfer coefficients on the smooth side and the ribbed side walls, at the channel entrance and the downstream regions, were measured for eight rib configurations and three Reynolds numbers (Re = 10,000, 30,000, and 60,000).
equations are more complex, this complexity is required for adequate treatment of high frequency disturbances, especially when the base flow Mach number is large; under such circumstances, the simplifying assumptions of tangent gas theory are not applicable.

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A87-31406* Akron Univ., Ohio.
MUTIPLY SCALED CONSTRAINED NONLINEAR EQUATION SOLVERS
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To improve the numerical stability of nonlinear equation solvers, a partitioned multiply scaled constraint scheme is developed. This scheme enables hierarchical levels of control for nonlinear equation solvers. To complement the procedure, partitioned convergence checks are established along with self-adaptive partitioning schemes. Overall, such procedures greatly enhance the numerical stability of the original solvers. To demonstrate and motivate the development of the scheme, the problem of nonlinear heat conduction is considered. In this context the main emphasis is given to successive substitution-type schemes. To verify the improved, numerical characteristics associated with partitioned multiply scaled solvers, results are presented for several benchmark examples.

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A87-31680* Arizona Univ., Tucson.
ON THE SPATIAL INSTABILITY OF PIECEWISE LINEAR FREE SHEAR LAYERS

The main goal of this paper is to clarify the spatial instability of a piecewise linear free shear flow. This is done by obtaining numerical solutions to the Orr-Sommerfeld equation of high Reynolds numbers. The velocity profile chosen is very much like a piecewise linear one, with the exception that the corners have been rounded so that the entire profile is infinitely differentiable. It is found that the (viscous) spatial instability of this modified profile is virtually identical to the inviscid spatial instability of the piecewise linear profile and agrees qualitatively with the inviscid results for the tanh profile when the shear layers are convectively unstable. The unphysical features, previously identified for the piecewise linear velocity profile, arise only when the flow is absolutely unstable. It is concluded that there is nothing wrong with the inviscid spatial instability of piecewise linear shear flows. Author

A87-32190* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Efficient Numerical Simulation of an Electrothermal De-Icer Pad

In this paper, a new approach to calculate the transient thermal behavior of an iced electrothermal de-icer pad was developed. The method of spines was used to obtain the temperature distribution within the layered pad. Splines were used in order to create a tridiagonal system of equations that could be directly solved by Gauss elimination. The Stefan problem was solved using the enthalpy method along with a recent implicit technique. Only one to three iterations were needed to locate the melt front during any time step. Computational times were shown to be greatly reduced over those of an existing one dimensional procedure without any reduction in accuracy; the curent technique was more than 10 times faster. Author

A87-32326* National Aerospace Lab., Kakuda (Japan).
VOLUME-ENERGY PARAMETERS FOR HEAT TRANSFER TO SUPERCRITICAL FLUIDS

Reduced Nusselt numbers of supercritical fluids from different sources were grouped by several volume-energy parameters. A modified bulk expansion parameter was introduced based on a comparative analysis of data scatter. Heat transfer experiments on liquefied methane were conducted under near-critical conditions in order to confirm the usefulness of the parameters. It was experimentally revealed that heat transfer characteristics of near-critical methane are similar to those of hydrogen. It was shown that the modified bulk expansion parameter and the Gibbs-energy parameter grouped the heat transfer data of hydrogen, oxygen and methane including the present data on near-critical methane. It was also indicated that the effects of surface roughness on heat transfer were very important in grouping the data of high Reynolds numbers. Author

A87-34724* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
AN LU-SSOR SCHEME FOR THE EULER AND NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS

A new multigrid relaxation scheme, lower-upper symmetric successive overrelaxation (LU-SSOR) is developed for the steady-state solution of the Euler and Navier-Stokes equations. The scheme, which is based on central differences, does not require flux splitting for approximate Newton iteration. Application to transonic flow shows that the new method is efficient and robust. The vectorizable LU-SSOR scheme needs only scalar diagonal inversions. Author

A87-34725* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
COMPARISON OF THREE EXPLICIT MULTIGRID METHODS FOR THE EULER AND NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS

Three explicit multigrid methods, Ni's method, Jameson's finite-volume method and a finite-difference method based on Brandt's work, are described and compared for two model problems. All three methods use an explicit multistage Runge-Kutta scheme on the fine grid, and this scheme is also described. Convergence histories for inviscid flow over a bump in a channel for the fine-grid scheme alone show that convergence rate is proportional to Courant number and that implicit residual smoothing can significantly accelerate the scheme. Ni's method was slightly slower than the implicitly-smoothed scheme alone. Brandt's and Jameson's methods are shown to be equivalent in form but differ in their node versus cell-centered implementations. They are about 8.5 times faster than Ni's method in terms of CPU time. Results for an oblique shock/boundary layer interaction problem verify the applicability of the finite-difference code. All methods showed considerably on the stretched viscous grid but Brandt's method was still 2.1 times faster than Ni's method. Author
34 FLUID MECHANICS AND HEAT TRANSFER

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PERFORMANCE STUDIES ON AN AXIAL FLOW COMPRESSOR STAGE


A low-speed, medium loaded axial flow compressor stage is studied experimentally and theoretically. The flow compressor facility, composed of an inlet guide vane row, a rotor blade row, and a stator blade row, and the principles of the streamline curvature method (SCM) and the Douglas-Neumann cascade program are described. The radial distribution of the flow properties, the rotor blade static pressure distribution, and the lift coefficient and relative flow angle derived experimentally and theoretically are compared. It is determined that there is good correlation between the experimental flow properties and the SCM data, the Douglas-Neumann cascade program and experimental rotor blade static pressure data, and the experimental and theoretical lift coefficients only in the midspan region. Modifications to the SCM and the Douglas-Neumann cascade program in order to improve their accuracy are discussed.

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A87-37256* Arizona Univ., Tucson.

THE EVOLUTION OF INSTABILITIES IN THE AXISYMMETRIC JET. I - THE LINEAR GROWTH OF DISTURBANCES NEAR THE NOZZLE. II - THE FLOW RESULTING FROM THE INTERACTION BETWEEN TWO WAVES

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The modal distribution of coherent structures evolving near the nozzle of a circular jet was studied experimentally and theoretically, with particular attention given to the effects produced on the instability modes by transverse curvature, flow divergence, inhomogeneous inflow conditions, and the detailed shape of the mean velocity profile. Experiments were performed using a specially constructed air-jet facility; hot-wire anemometers were used in conjunction with Disa Model 55P11 sensors for flow measurements. The linear model used as a transfer function is capable of predicting the spectral distribution of the velocity perturbations in a jet. Consideration was also given to studies of leading nonlinear interactions generated by waves externally superimposed on an axisymmetric jet; theoretical predictions were verified experimentally.

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A87-38956* # Arizona State Univ., Tempe.

MODELLING OF JET- AND SWIRL-STABILIZED REACTING FLOWS IN AXISYMMETRIC COMBUSTORS


Theoretical predictions and reactive flows with and without swirl are analyzed, with particular attention given to the flow fields of a gas-fueled nonpremixed swirl-stabilized combustor and a premixed opposed-jet combustor. Local mean flow properties, including velocity, temperature, and major species concentrations, are calculated by solving numerically the governing partial differential equations with associated submodels for turbulence and combustion. The results of the study indicate that the constant-density k-epsilon turbulence model provides a satisfactory representation of the aerodynamics in most practical combustor flows. The exception is the case of jet-stabilized combustor flow, due to the fact that the k-epsilon model cannot replicate the highly dissipative phenomenon found in such flows.

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TIME-MARCHING SOLUTION OF INCOMPRESSIBLE NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS FOR INTERNAL FLOW

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Primitive variables with central differencing on a staggered grid are used in the present, factored ADI finite-difference scheme for artificial compressibility method solution of the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations, leading to a close coupling between velocity and pressure that both enhances stability and eliminates the need for artificial damping. Computational efficiency is enhanced through the use of a spatially variable, fixed Courant number-based time-step. The numerical results obtained for a driven cavity at Re of 10,000, with local cell Re as high as 100, exhibit no flow variable spatial oscillations on a 40 x 40 stretched grid solution.

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EFFECTS OF MULTIPLE ROWS AND NONCIRCULAR ORIFICES ON DILUTION JET MIXING


A87-39812* # Florida Univ., Gainesville.

NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF THE FLOWFIELD IN A MOTORED TWO-DIMENSIONAL WANKEL ENGINE

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TWO COMPONENT LASER VELOCIMETER MEASUREMENTS OF TURBULENCE PARAMETERS DOWNSTREAM OF AN AXISYMMETRIC SUDDEN EXPANSION 
RICHARD D. GOULD, WARREN H. STEVENSON, and H. DOYLE THOMPSON (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN) IN: International Symposium on Applications of Laser Anemometry to Fluid Mechanics, 3rd, Lisbon, Portugal, July 7-9, 1986, Proceedings } 
Lisbon, Instituto Superior Tecnico, 1986, p. 1.2 (6 p.). refs (Contract NAG3-502)

Simultaneous two-component laser velocimeter measurements were made in an axisymmetric sudden expansion flowfield. A specially designed correction lens was employed to correct optical aberrations introduced by the circular tube. This lens system allowed the accurate simultaneous measurement of axial and radial velocities in the test section. The experimental measurements were compared to predictions generated by a code which employed the k-epsilon turbulence model. Possible sources of differences observed between model predictions and the measurements are discussed. 

Author

A87-40932* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 
TURBULENT SOLUTIONS OF THE NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS 

Analytical and numerical approaches to the mechanics of turbulent flow are examined in a general introduction and illustrated with graphs. Topics discussed include the averaged and unaveraged basic equations, numerical solutions and methods, homogeneous fluctuations and turbulence with no mean flow, uniformly sheared fluctuations and turbulence, inhomogeneous fluctuations and turbulence in a developing shear layer, and steady-state homogeneous turbulence with a spatially periodic body force. 

T. K.

A87-41173* Houston Univ., Tex. 
A MODEL FOR FLUID FLOW DURING SATURATED BOILING ON A HORIZONTAL CYLINDER 
K. KHEYRANDISH, C. DALTON, and J. H. LIENHARD (Houston, University, TX) ASME, Transactions, Journal of Heat Transfer (ISSN 0022-1481), vol. 109, May 1987, p. 485-490. refs (Contract NAG3-537; NSF MEA-82-18708)

A model has been developed to represent the vapor removal pattern in the vicinity of a cylinder during nucleate flow boiling across a horizontal cylinder. The model is based on a potential flow representation of the liquid and vapor regions and an estimate of the losses that should occur in the flow. Correlation of the losses shows a weak dependence on the Weber number and a slightly stronger dependence on the saturated liquid-to-vapor density ratio. The vapor jet thickness, which is crucial to the prediction of the burnout heat flux, and the shape of the vapor film are predicted. Both are verified by qualitative experimental observations. 

Author

A87-41655* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 
THE GENERATION OF TOLLMIEN-SCHLICHTING WAVES BY LONG WAVELENGTH FREE STREAM DISTURBANCES 

The paper is primarily concerned with explaining how very long wavelength free stream disturbances are able to generate very short wavelength Tollmien-Schlichting waves in laminar boundary layers. Consideration is given to the case where the disturbances are of small amplitude and have harmonic time dependence and where the Mach number is effectively zero. It is shown that the free stream wavelength reduction occurs as a result of nonparallel flow effects which can arise from: (1) the slow viscous growth of the boundary layer, and (2) small but abrupt changes in surface geometry that produce only very weak static pressure variations. Analyses of these two mechanisms are carried out by linearizing the unsteady motion about an appropriate steady flow and asymptotically expanding the result in inverse powers of an appropriate Reynolds number. The analyses are compared with each other and with available experimental data, and they are used to explain the physics of the two mechanisms. 

Author

A87-41665* Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park. 
THE HUB WALL BOUNDARY LAYER DEVELOPMENT AND LOSSES IN AN AXIAL FLOW COMPRESSOR ROTOR PASSAGE 

The hub wall boundary layer development in a compressor stage including the rotor passage is experimentally investigated. A miniature five-hole probe was employed to measure the hub wall boundary layer inside the inlet guide vane passage, upstream and far downstream of the rotor. The hub wall boundary layer inside the rotor passage was acquired using a rotating miniature five-hole probe. The boundary layer is well behaved upstream and far downstream of the rotor. The migration of the hub wall boundary layer towards the suction surface corner is observed. The limiting streamline angles and static pressure distribution across the stage were also measured. The mean velocity profiles and the integral properties upstream, inside and downstream of the rotor, and the losses are presented and interpreted. 

Author

A87-42376* Stanford Univ., Calif. 
AN EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LONGITUDINAL VORTEX PAIRS EMBEDDED IN A TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER 

The mean streamwise development of pairs of longitudinal vortices embedded in an otherwise two-dimensional turbulent boundary layer was studied. Planes of closely spaced measurements of the three components of mean velocity were obtained at several streamwise locations, and the vorticity and circulation were calculated. Skin-friction measurements were also made. It was found that the rate of vorticity spreading in a vortex was greatly increased by close proximity of other vortices. The rate of streamwise circulation decrease was significantly greater for counterrotating vortices than for co-rotating vortices. Boundary-layer thinning and increased skin friction occurred in regions where the secondary flow induced by the pairs was directed toward the wall; the boundary layer was thickened and skin friction reduced where the secondary flow was directed away from the wall. 

Author

A87-42648* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 
PARTICLE-LADEN SWIRLING FREE JETS - MEASUREMENTS AND PREDICTIONS 

A theoretical and experimental investigation of single-phase and particle-laden weakly swirling jets was conducted. The jets were injected vertically downward from a 19 mm diameter tube with swirl numbers ranging from 0 to 0.33. The particle-laden jets had a single loading ratio (0.2) with particles having an SMD of 39 micrometers. Mean and fluctuating properties of both phases
were measured using nonintrusive laser based methods while particle mass flux was measured using an isokinetic sampling probe. The continuous phase was analyzed using both a baseline k-epsilon turbulence model and an extended version with modifications based on the flux Richardson number to account for effects of streamline curvature. To highlight effects of interphase transport rates and particle/turbulence interactions, effects of the particles were analyzed as follows: (1) locally homogeneous flow (LHF) analysis, where interphase transport rates are assumed to be infinitely fast; (2) deterministic separated flow (DSF) analysis, where finite interphase transport rates are considered but particle/turbulence interactions are ignored; and (3) stochastic separated flow (SSF) analysis, where both effects are considered using random-walk computations.

**A87-43048** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. **LIQUID SHEET RADIATOR** DONALD L. CHUBB and K. ALLAN WHITE, III (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA Thermophysics Conference, 22nd, Honolulu, HI, June 8-10, 1987. 12 p. Previously announced in STAR as N87-18786. refs (AIAA PAPER 87-1525)

A new external flow radiator concept, the liquid sheet radiator (LSR), is introduced. The LSR sheet flow is described and an expression for the length/width (l/w) ratio is presented. A linear dependence of l/w on velocity is predicted that agrees with experimental results. Specific power for the LSR is calculated and is found to be nearly the same as the specific power of a liquid droplet radiator (LDR). Several sheet thicknesses and widths were experimentally investigated. In no case was the flow found to be unstable.


**A87-43715** Toledo Univ., Ohio. **NUMERICAL PREDICTION OF COLD TURBULENT FLOW IN COMBUSTOR CONFIGURATIONS WITH DIFFERENT CENTERBODY FLAME HOLDERS** C. N. YUNG, T. G. KEITH, JR., and K. J. DEWITT (Toledo University, OH) ASME, Winter Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, Dec. 7-12, 1986. 9 p. refs (Contract NAG3-355) (ASME PAPER 86-WA-HT-50)

A numerical study of cold turbulent flow in a combustor containing a centerbody flame holder is presented. The axisymmetric Navier-Stokes equations incorporating a k-epsilon turbulence model were solved in a nonorthogonal curvilinear coordinate system. The finite volume method, applied to a staggered grid system, was used to discretize the differential equations. These finite differenced equations were then solved iteratively utilizing the SIMPLE algorithm described by Patankar (1980). Solutions were obtained for two combustor duct geometries with various centerbody flame holders which included a disk, a cone, and a sphere. The extent of mixing due to these bodies was evaluated. A comparison with previously obtained experimental data yielded moderately good agreement.

**A87-44842** University of Southern California, Los Angeles. **THE DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE OF A MULTI-STREAM DROPLET GENERATOR FOR THE LIQUID DROPLET RADIATOR** MELISSA ORMEE, T. FARHAN, G. PHAM VAN DIEP, E. P. MUNTZ (Southern California, University, Los Angeles, CA), and ALAN WHITE (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) AIAA Thermophysics Conference, 22nd, Honolulu, HI, June 8-10, 1987. 26 p. refs (Contract NAS3-25068; F04611-84-K-0026) (AIAA PAPER 87-1538)

Results are presented for the performance capabilities of a multistream droplet generator suitable for use in a spacecraft liquid droplet radiator heat-rejection system. The nozzle-motion mode of stream perturbation initiation was tested with a single droplet stream and found to produce data similar to those generated with the resonant cavity mode of perturbation. Tests then proceeded to a 26-orifice array; the streams of the array responded to the perturbation satisfactorily, forming uniformly separated drops.

**A87-44930** Flow Research, Inc., Kent, Wash. **ON DIRECT NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF TURBULENT REACTING FLOWS** W.-H. JOU (Flow Research Co., Kent, WA) and JAMES J. RILEY (Washington, University, Seattle) AIAA, Fluid Dynamics, Plasma Dynamics, and Lasers Conference, 19th, Honolulu, HI, June 8-10, 1987. 24 p. Research supported by the Johns Hopkins University. refs (Contract NAS3-25351; NAS3-24229; F49620-85-C-0067; N00014-84-C-0359; N00014-87-K-0174) (AIAA PAPER 87-1324)

A description of the emerging field of direct numerical simulations of turbulent, chemically reacting flows is presented. The types of direct numerical simulations, physical issues related to implementing the simulations, as well as the various numerical methods used are described. Examples are presented of recent applications of direct numerical simulations to a variety of problems, displaying both the potential of the method and also some of its limitations. Finally, our view of the potential role of direct numerical simulations in future research on turbulent, chemically reacting flows is presented.

**A87-44940** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. **SPANWISE STRUCTURES IN TRANSITIONAL FLOW AROUND CIRCULAR CYLINDERS** H. J. KIM (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH; Minnesota, University, Minneapolis), H. HIGUCHI, and C. FARELL (Minnesota, University, Minneapolis) AIAA, Fluid Dynamics, Plasma Dynamics, and Lasers Conference, 19th, Honolulu, HI, June 8-10, 1987. 5 p. refs (AIAA PAPER 87-1383)

An experimental investigation of the flow around a smooth circular cylinder at the beginning of the critical transition, where the drag coefficient starts to decrease, was carried out. The measurements disclosed the presence of spanwise structures occurring symmetrically on both sides of the cylinder, associated with large amplitude, low frequency flow components. Mean pressure maps and spanwise cross correlations of pressures and velocities are presented.
TURBULENT POLYDISPERSE SPRAYS BY 'EQUIVALENT' TEMPERATURE. Thus, if the layer initially has a uniform temperature, jet atomization, where it was found that the loss of droplets due to vaporization and dispersion of small droplets and therefore should provide better agreement with atomization theory.

Analysis is found that applies in a 'fully developed' region following an initial cooling length. In this developed region, the solution shows that there is a constant emittance based on the local heat loss and local bulk mean layer temperature. This emittance is a function of the velocity distribution, optical thickness, and scattering albedo.

GAS PARTICLE RADIATOR


The performance of a new space radiator concept, the gas particle radiator (GPR), is studied. The GPR uses a gas containing submicron particles as the radiating medium contained between the radiator's emitting surface and a transparent window. For a modest volume fraction of submicron particles and gas thickness, it is found that the emissivity is determined by the window material. The effect of Coriolis force and buoyancy on heat transfer, buoyancy is identified as the cause of an average Nusselt number that is 20-30 percent lower than expected from previous nonrotating data. A heuristic model is proposed which predicts that the impingement jets nearest the blade roots should deflect inward, due to a centripetal force generated by their tangential velocity counter to the blade motion. Potentially serious thermal stresses may be anticipated from rotation effects in the course of blade design.

FINITE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION FOR A GENERALIZED REYNOLDS EQUATION WITH HOMOGENEOUS TWO-PHASE FLOW


An attempt is made to relate elements of two-phase flow and kinetic theory to the modified generalized Reynolds equation and to the energy equation, in order to arrive at a unified model simulating the pressure and flows in journal bearings, hydrostatic journal bearings, or squeeze film dampers when a two-phase situation occurs due to sudden fluid depressurization and heat generation. The numerical examples presented furnish a test of the algorithm for constant properties, and give insight into the effect of the shaft fluid heat transfer coefficient on the temperature profiles. The different level of pressures achievable for a given angular velocity depends on whether the bearing is thermal or
This paper compares a finite element solution of a modified Reynolds equation with a finite difference solution of the Navier-Stokes equation for a power law fluid. Both the finite element and finite difference formulation are reviewed. Solutions to spiral flow in parallel and conical geometries are compared. Comparison with experimental results are also given. The effects of the assumptions used in the Reynolds equation are discussed.

**Author**

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**TWO-PHASE MEASUREMENTS OF A SPRAY IN THE WAKE OF A BLUFF BODY**


The dynamics of spray drop interaction with the turbulent, recirculating wake of a flat disk bluff body were investigated using a phase Doppler particle analyzer to determine drop size and velocity and the gas-phase velocity. Detailed measurements obtained included spray drop size, axial and radial velocity, angle of trajectory, and size-velocity correlations. The gas-phase velocity was determined from seeding of the two-phase flow. Results showed dramatic differences in drop behavior for various size classes when interacting with the turbulent flow field. Small drops were quickly entrained and recirculated, while initially, the larger drops continued in the general direction of the spray cone. Further downstream, significant numbers of large drops recirculated, generating a bifurcated size-velocity correlation. These lateral convections and streamwise accelerations and decelerations strongly influenced the number density along with size and velocity distributions. The complex interaction of the spray with the turbulent air-flow points out the need for spatially-resolved measurements as the Sauter mean diameter. Author

**A87-47158** *Brown Univ., Providence, R. I.*

**NONLINEAR BINARY-MODE INTERACTIONS IN A DEVELOPING MIXING LAYER**

D. E. NIKITOPULOS and J. T. C. LIU (Brown University, Providence, RI) Journal of Fluid Mechanics (ISSN 0022-1120), vol. 179, June 1987, p. 345-370. DARPA-supported research. refs

This paper presents the formulation and results of two-wave interactions in a spatially developing shear layer, directed at understanding and interpreting the physical mechanisms that underlie the results of quantitative observation. The study confirms the existence of Kelly’s (1967) mechanism that augments the growth of a subharmonic disturbance by extracting energy from its fundamental or vice versa. This mechanism is shown to be strongest in the region where the fundamental begins the return energy to the mean flow and the two wave modes are of comparable energy levels. It is found that the initial conditions and, especially, the initial phase angle between the two disturbances play a very significant role in the modal development and that of the shear layer itself. A doubling of the shear-layer thickness is shown to take place; the two successive plateaux in its growth are attributed to the peaking in the energy production rates of the fundamental and subharmonic fluctuations. Author

**A87-48047** *National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.*

**SHEAR FLOW INSTABILITY GENERATED BY NON-HOMOGENEOUS EXTERNAL FORCING**

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An experiment has been designed and conducted in order to ascertain whether instability waves can be generated by nonhomogeneous forcing, using a biconvex vane located outside the mixing layer whose oscillation was induced by an electromagnetic shaker through a linkage. The vane was oscillated at 20 Hz, and the resulting spectra were computed by a spectrum analyzer. The data are judged to provide an example of instability waves generated solely through nonhomogeneous forcing. O.C.

**A87-48450** *National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.*

**SEPARATION OF VARIABLES SOLUTION FOR NON-LINEAR RADIATIVE COOLING**


A separation of variables solution has been obtained for transient radiative cooling of an absorbing-scattering plane layer. The solution applies after an initial transient period required for adjustment of the temperature and scattering source function distributions. The layer emittance, equal to the instantaneous heat loss divided by the fourth power of the instantaneous mean temperature, becomes constant. This emittance is a function of only the optical thickness of the layer and the scattering albedo; its behavior as a function of these quantities is considerably different than for a layer at constant temperature. Author

**A87-48572** *National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.*

**THERMODYNAMIC ANALYSIS AND SUBSCALE MODELING OF SPACE-BASED ORBIT TRANSFER VEHICLE CRYOGENIC PROPELLANT RESUPPLY**


(AIAA PAPER 87-1764)

The resupply of the cryogenic propellants is an enabling technology for spacecraft-based orbit transfer vehicles. As part of the NASA Lewis ongoing efforts in microgravity fluid management, thermodynamic analysis and subscale modeling techniques were developed to support an on-orbit test bed for cryogenic fluid management technologies. Analytical results have shown that subscale experimental modeling of liquid resupply can be used to validate analytical models when the appropriate target temperature is selected to relate the model to its prototype system. Further analyses were used to develop a thermodynamic model of the tank cooldown process which is required prior to the no-vent fill operation. These efforts were incorporated into two FORTRAN programs which were used to present preliminary analytical results. Author
The experiments involved internally air-impingement cooled, both been successfully verified by high velocity burner rig experiments. A corrosive salt vapor deposition theory based modelling of high temperature corrosion by fused salt condensates SULEYMAN A. GOKOGLU (NASA, Lewis Research Center; Case University, Minneapolis) ASME, Transactions, Journal of Turbomachinery (ISSN 0889-504X), vol. 109, July 1987, p. 443-452. Research supported by the University of Minnesota and AMOCO Foundation. refs (Contract NAG3-286) (ASME PAPER 85-MT-60)

The test section of the present experiment to ascertain the effects of convexus curvature and freestream turbulence on boundary layer momentum and heat transfer during natural transition provided a two-dimensional boundary layer flow on a uniformly heated curved surface, with bending to various curvature radii, R. Attention is given to results for the cases of R = infinity, 180 cm, and 90 cm, each with two freestream turbulence intensity levels. While the mild convexus curvature of R = 180 cm delays transition, further bending to R = 90 cm leads to no significant further delay of transition. Cases with both curvature and higher freestream disturbance effects exhibit the latter’s pronounced dominance. These data are pertinent to the development of transition prediction models for gas turbine blade design. O.C.

A87-48751* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF THE FLOW FIELD AND FUEL SPRAYS IN AN IC ENGINE
H. L. NGUYEN, H. J. SCHOCK (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), J. I. RAMOS (Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA), M. H. CARPENTER (NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA), and J. D. STEGEMAN (Toledo, University, OH) SAE, International Congress and Exposition, Detroit, MI, Feb. 23-27, 1987. 28 p. Research supported by the U.S. Spain Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation. refs (Contract NAG3-21; NAG3-889; NAG3-533) (SAE PAPER 870599)

A two-dimensional model for axisymmetric piston-cylinder configurations is developed to study the flow field in two-stroke direct-injection Diesel engines under motored conditions. The model accounts for turbulence by a two-equation model for the turbulence kinetic energy and its rate of dissipation. A discrete droplet model is used to simulate the fuel spray, and the effects of the gas phase turbulence on the droplets is considered. It is shown that a fluctuating velocity can be added to the mean droplet velocity every time step if the step is small enough. Good agreement with experimental data is found for a range of ambient pressures in Diesel engine-type microenvironments. The effects of the intake swirl angle in the spray penetration, vaporization, and mixing in a uniflow-scavenged two-stroke Diesel engine are analyzed. It is found that the swirl increases the gas phase turbulence levels and the rates of vaporization. C.D.

A87-49551* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION OF CORROSIVE VAPOR DEPOSITION RATE THEORY IN HIGH VELOCITY BURNER RIGS

The ability to predict deposition rates is required to facilitate modelling of high temperature corrosion by fused salt condensates in turbine engines. A corrosive salt vapor deposition theory based on multicomponent chemically frozen boundary layers (CFBL) has been successfully verified by high velocity burner rig experiments. The experiments involved internally air-impingement cooled, both rotating full and stationary segmented cylindrical collectors located in the crossflow of sodium-seeded combustion gases. Excellent agreement is found between the CFBL theory and the experimental measurements for both the absolute amounts of Na2SO4 deposition rates and the behavior of deposition rate with respect to collector temperature, mass flowrate (velocity) and Na concentration.

A87-52049* Michigan State Univ., East Lansing.

A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF TRANSVERSE VORTICITY MEASUREMENTS IN A LARGE PLANE SHEAR LAYER

An evaluation is made of the roles played in four-wire hot wire probe arrays by the influence of (1) the transverse velocity component on pitch angle measurement; (2) the instantaneous spatial gradient of the pitch angle on transverse vorticity computation; (3) the uncertainties in the magnitude of instantaneous pitch angle spatial gradient in the transverse vorticity computation; and (4) the spatial dimension of the microcirculation domain and the evaluation of transverse vorticity. Attention is given to the probe configuration and its computation algorithm. O.C.

A87-52320* Stanford Univ., Calif.

SIMULTANEOUS MEASUREMENTS OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL VELOCITY AND PRESSURE FIELDS IN COMPRESSIBLE FLOWS THROUGH IMAGE-INTENSIFIED DETECTION OF LASER-INJECTED FLUORESCENCE

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TRANSITION BOILING HEAT TRANSFER AND THE FILM TRANSITION REGIME
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The Berenson (1960) flat-plate transition-boiling experiment has been recreated with a reduced thermal resistance in the heater, and an improved access to those portions of the transition boiling regime that have a steep negative slope. Tests have been made in Freon-113, acetone, benzene, and n-pentane boiling on horizontal flat copper heaters that have been mirror-polished, 'roughened', or teflon-coated. The resulting data reproduce and clarify certain features observed by Berenson: the modest surface concentration. Author
FLUID MECHANICS AND HEAT TRANSFER

A87-54365* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. GENERATION OF TOLLMIIEN-SCHLICHTING WAVES ON INTERACTIVE MARGINALLY SEPARATED FLOWS M. E. GOLDSTEIN, S. J. LEIB (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and S. J. COWLEY (Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, England) Journal of Fluid Mechanics (ISSN 0022-1120), vol. 161, Aug. 1987, p. 485-517. refs. This paper is concerned with the interaction of very-long-wavelength free-stream disturbances with the small but abrupt changes in the mean flow that occur near the minimum-skin-friction point in an interactive marginally separated boundary layer. The source frequency is chosen so that the eigensolutions with that frequency have an 'interactive' structure in the region of marginal separation. The eigensolution wavelength scale must then differ from the lengthscale of the marginal separation, and a composite expansion technique has to be used to obtain the solution. The initial instability wave amplitude turns out to be exponentially small, but eventually dominates the original disturbance owing to its exponential growth. It then begins to decay but ultimately turns into a standard spatially growing Tollmien-Schlichting wave much farther downstream. 

A87-54366* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. A NOTE ON THE GENERATION OF TOLLMIIEN-SCHLICHTING WAVES BY SUDDEN SURFACE-CURVATURE CHANGE M. E. GOLDSTEIN and LENNART S. HULTGREN (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Fluid Mechanics (ISSN 0022-1120), vol. 181, Aug. 1987, p. 519-525. refs. This note is primarily concerned with the generation of spatially growing Tollmien-Schlichting waves by the interaction of very long-wavelength free-stream disturbances with a discontinuity in the curvature of a bounding surface (whose slope may or may not be continuous). The theory is combined with a numerical solution of the local Orr-Sommerfeld equation, and the result is used to predict the Tollmien-Schlichting amplitude in a relevant experiment carried out by Leehey and Shapiro (1980). The calculated results are in satisfactory agreement with their observations.
constructive O-type grid generation technique, suitable for cascades with rounded trailing edges, was developed and used to construct the C3X turbine cascade coordinate grid. Two-dimensional calculations were performed employing the Navier-Stokes procedure for the C3X turbine cascade, and the predicted pressure coefficients and heat transfer rates were compared with the experimental data. Three-dimensional Navier-Stokes calculations were also performed.

B.G.

GAS FLOW ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEAT TRANSFER NONROTATING 3D PROGRAM
R. A. CRAWFORD In NASA. Lewis Research Center Turbine Engine Hot Section Technology, 1984 5 p Oct. 1984 (Contract NAS3-23976)
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The experimental contract objective is to provide a complete set of benchmark quality data for the flow within a large rectangular turning duct. The data are to be used to evaluate and verify three-dimensional internal viscous flow models and computational codes. The analytical contract objective is to select such a computational code and define the capabilities of this code to predict the experimental results. Details of the proper code operation will be defined and improvements to the code modeling capabilities will be formulated. Author

N87-11224# United Technologies Research Center, East Hartford, Conn.
ASSESSMENT OF A 3-D BOUNDARY LAYER CODE TO PREDICT HEAT TRANSFER AND FLOW LOSSES IN A TURBINE
Avail: NTIS HC A17/MF A01 CSCL 20D

Zonal concepts are utilized to delineate regions of application of three-dimensional boundary layer (DBL) theory. The zonal approach requires three distinct analyses. A modified version of the 3-DBL code named TABLET is used to analyze the boundary layer flow. This modified code solves the finite difference form of the compressible 3-DBL equations in a nonorthogonal surface coordinate system which includes coriolis forces produced by coordinate rotation. These equations are solved using an efficient, implicit, fully coupled finite difference procedure. The nonorthogonal surface coordinate system is calculated using a general analysis based on the transfinite mapping of Gordon which is valid for any arbitrary surface. Experimental data is used to determine the boundary layer edge conditions. The boundary layer edge conditions are determined by integrating the boundary layer edge equations, which are the Euler equations at the edge of the boundary layer, using the known experimental wall pressure distribution. Starting solutions along the inflow boundaries are estimated by solving the appropriate limiting form of the 3-DBL equations.

N87-11961# Wisconsin Univ., Milwaukee. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering.
THIRD-MOMENT CLOSURE OF TURBULENCE FOR PREDICTIONS OF SEPARATING AND REATTACHING SHEAR FLOWS: A STUDY OF REYNOLDS-STRESS CLOSURE MODEL Final Report
R. S. AMANO and P. GOEL Sep. 1986 91 p (Contract NAS3-546)
(NASA-CR-177055; NAS 1.26:177055; TF/66/9) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 20D

A numerical study of computations in backward-facing steps with flow separation and reattachment, using the Reynolds stress closure is presented. The highlight of this study is the improvement of the Reynolds-stress model (RSM) by modifying the diffusive transport of the Reynolds stresses through the formulation, solution and subsequent incorporation of the transport equations of the third moments, bar-(u)(j)bar(u)(k), into the turbulence model. The diffusive transport of the Reynolds stresses, represented by the gradients of the third moments, attains greater significance in recirculating flows. The third moments evaluated by the development and solution of the complete transport equations are superior to those obtained by existing algebraic correlations. A low-Reynolds number model for the transport equations of the third moments is developed and considerable improvement in the near-wall profiles of the third moments is observed. The values of the empirical constants utilized in the development of the model are recommended. The Reynolds-stress closure is consolidated by incorporating the equations of k and e, containing the modified diffusion coefficients, and the transport equations of the third moments into the Reynolds stress equations. Computational results obtained by the original k-e model, the original RSM and the consolidated and modified RSM are compared with experimental data. Overall improvement in the predictions is seen by consolidation of the RMS and a marked improvement in the profiles of bar-(u)(j)bar(u)(k) obtained around the reattachment region.

M.G.

N87-11962# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
EFFECT OF VIBRATION AMPLITUDE ON VAPOR CAVITATION IN JOURNAL BEARINGS

Computational movies were used to analyze the formation and collapse of vapor cavitation bubbles in a submerged journal bearing. The effect of vibration amplitude on vapor cavitation was studied for a journal undergoing circular whirl. The boundary conditions were implemented using Eilroed's algorithm, which conserves mass flow through the cavitation bubble as well as through the oil-film region of the bearing. The vibration amplitudes for the different cases studied resulted in maximum eccentricity ratios ranging from 0.4 to 0.9. The minimum eccentricity ratio reached in each case was 0.1. For the least vibration amplitude studied in which the eccentricity ratio varied between 0.1 and 0.4, no vapor cavitation occurred. The largest vibration amplitude (i.e., eccentricity ratios of 0.1 to 0.9) resulted in vapor cavitation present 76 percent of one complete orbit. Author

N87-13661# General Motors Corp., Indianapolis, Ind. Allison Gas Turbine Div.
TURBINE VANE EXTERNAL HEAT TRANSFER, VOLUME 2. NUMERICAL SOLUTIONS OF THE NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS FOR TWIN AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL TURBINE CASCADES WITH HEAT TRANSFER Final Report
(NASA-CR-174828; NAS 1.26:174828; ALLISON-EDR-11984) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 20D

The application of the time-dependent ensemble-averaged Navier-Stokes equations to transonic turbine cascade flow fields was examined. In particular, efforts focused on an assessment of the procedure in conjunction with a suitable turbulence model to calculate steady turbine flow fields using an O-type coordinate system. Three cascade configurations were considered. Comparisons were made between the predicted and measured surface pressures and heat transfer distributions wherever available. In general, the pressure predictions were in good agreement with the data. Heat transfer calculations also showed good agreement when an empirical transition model was used. However, further work in the development of laminar-turbulent transitional models is indicated. The calculations showed most of the known features associated with turbine cascade flow fields. These results indicate the ability of the Navier-Stokes analysis to predict, in reasonable amounts of computation time, the surface pressure distribution, heat transfer rates, and viscous flow.
development for turbine cascades operating at realistic conditions.

N87-15441*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. 

TWO- AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL VISCOUS COMPUTATIONS OF A HYPERSONIC INLET FLOW

The three-dimensional parabolized Navier-Stokes code has been used to investigate the flow through a Mach 7.4 inlet. A two-dimensional parametric study of grid resolution, turbulence modeling and effect of gamma has been done and compared with experimental results. The results show that mesh resolution of the shock waves, real gas effects and turbulence length scaling are very important to get accurate results for hypersonic inlet flows. In addition a three-dimensional calculation of the Mach 7.4 inlet has been done on a straight sideplate configuration. The results show that the glancing shock/boundary layer interaction phenomena causes significant three-dimensional flow in the inlet.

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EVALUATION OF SEALS FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE CYROGENIC TURBONI-CIIMACHINES

An approach to computing flow and dynamic characteristics for seals or bearings is discussed. The local average velocity was strongly influenced by inlet and exit effects and fluid injection, which in turn drove zones of secondary flow. For the restricted three-dimensional model considered, the integral averaged results were in reasonable agreement with selected data. Unidirectional pressure measurements alone were insufficient to define such flow variations. However, for seal and bearing leakage correlations the principles of corresponding states were found to be useful. Also discussed are three phenomena encountered during testing of three eccentric nonrotating seal configurations for the Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) Program. Fluid injection, chocking within a seal, and pressure profile crossover are related to postulated zones of secondary flow or separation and to direct stiffness.

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ANALYSIS OF VISCOUS TRANSONIC FLOW OVER AIRFOIL SECTIONS

A full Navier-Stokes solver has been used to model transonic flow over three airfoil sections. The method uses a two-dimensional, implicit, conservative finite difference scheme for solving the compressible Navier-Stokes equations. Results are presented as prescribed for the Viscous Transonic Airfoil Workshop to be held at the AIAA 25th Aerospace Sciences Meeting. The NASA 0012, RAE 2822 and Jones airfoils have been investigated for both attached and separated transonic flows. Predictions for pressure distributions, load, skin friction coefficients, boundary layer displacement thickness and velocity profiles are included and compared with experimental data when possible. Overall, the results are in good agreement with experimental data.

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A GENERAL METHOD FOR UNSTEADY STAGNATION REGION HEAT TRANSFERR AND RESULTS FOR MODEL TURBINE FLOWS
TUNKER CEBECI (California State Univ., Long Beach), ANDREAS KRAINER (Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.), ROBERT J. SIMONEAU, and MAX F. PLATZER 1987 8 p Proposed for presentation at the 2nd Thermal Engineering Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 22-27 Mar. 1987; sponsored by the ASME and JSME (NASA-TM-88903; E-3329; NAS 1.15:88903) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20D

Recent experiments suggest that the heat-transfer characteristics of stator blades are influenced by the frequency of passing of upstream rotor blades. The calculation of these effects requires that the movement of the stagnation point with variations in freestream velocity is properly represented together with the possible effects of turbulence characteristics on the thin leading edge boundary layer. A procedure to permit the achievement of these purposes is described for laminar flows in this paper together with results of its application to two model problems which demonstrate its abilities and quantify the influence of wake characteristics on fluid-dynamic and heat-transfer properties of the flow and their effects on surface heat transfer.

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MEASUREMENT OF HEAT TRANSFER AND PRESSURE DROP IN RECTANGULAR CHANNELS WITH TURBULENCE PROMOTERS Final Report

Periodic rib turbulators were used in advanced turbine cooling designs to enhance the internal heat transfer. The objective of the present project was to investigate the combined effects of the rib angle of attack and the channel aspect ratio on the local heat transfer and pressure drop in rectangular channels with two opposite ribbed walls for Reynolds number varied from 10,000 to 60,000. The channel aspect ratio (W/H) was varied from 1 to 2 to 4. The rib angle of attack (alpha) was varied from 90 to 60 to 45 degree. The highly detailed heat transfer coefficient distribution on both the smooth side and the ribbed side walls from the channel sharp entrance to the downstream region were measured. The results showed that, in the square channel, the heat transfer for the slant ribs (alpha = 30 -45 deg) was about 30% higher that of the transverse ribs (alpha = 90 deg) for a constant pumping power. However, in the rectangular channels (W/H = 2 and 4, ribs on W side), the heat transfer at alpha = 30 -45 deg was only about 5% higher than 90 deg. The average heat transfer and friction correlations were developed to account for rib spacing, rib angle, and channel aspect ratio over the range of roughness Reynolds number. GRA
variables, makes a distinction between an initial region and a fully developed region. Such a distinction is important in determining the role that the turbulence intensity of the coolant plays in affecting film-cooling effectiveness in the slot exit. The results of the analysis were used in the correlation of the results of a well-designed film-cooling experiment. The result of the analysis and experiment was equations that predicted film-cooling efficiency within + or - 4% average deviation for lateral-free-stream turbulence intensities up to 24% and blowing rates up to 1.9. These equations should be used in determining the optimum quantity of cooling air required for protecting the wall of a combustor.

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VELOCITY PROFILES IN LAMINAR DIFFUSION FLAMES


Velocity profiles in vertical laminar diffusion flames were measured by using laser Doppler velocimetry (LDV). Four fuels were used: n-heptane, iso-octane, cyclohexane, and ethyl alcohol. The velocity profiles for the fuels, although very different in the peak velocities. The data compared favorably with the theoretical velocity predictions. The differences could be attributed to errors in experimental positioning and in the prediction of temperature profiles. Error in the predicted temperature profiles are probably due to the difficulty in predicting the radiative heat losses from the flame.

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THERMOMECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF PLASMA-SPRAYED ZRO2-Y2O3 COATINGS INFLUENCED BY PLASTICITY, CREEP AND OXIDATION


Thermocycling of ceramic-coated turbomachine components produced high thermomechanical stresses that are mitigated by plasticity and creep but aggravated by oxidation, with residual stresses exacerbated by all three. These residual stresses, coupled with the thermocyclic loading, lead to high compressive stresses that cause the coating to spall. A ceramic-coated gas path seal is modeled with consideration given to creep, plasticity, and oxidation. The resulting stresses and possible failure modes are discussed.

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LIQUID SHEET RADIATOR

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A new external flow radiator concept, the liquid sheet radiator (LSR), is introduced. The LSR sheet flow is described and an expression for the length/width (l/w), ratio is presented. A linear dependence of l/w on velocity is predicted that agrees with experimental results. Specific power for the LSR is calculated and is found to be nearly the same as the specific power of a liquid droplet radiator (LDR). Several sheet thicknesses and widths were experimentally investigated. In no case was the flow found to be unstable.

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The conceptual design selected for detailed system analysis and optimization is the reciprocating gadolinium core in a regenerative fluid column within the bore of a superconducting magnet. The thermodynamic properties of gadolinium are given. A computerized literature search for relevant papers was conducted and is being analyzed. Contact was made with suppliers of superconducting magnets and accessories, magnetic materials, and various types of hardware. A description of the model for the thermal analysis of the core and regenerator fluids is included.

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MODELING TURBULENT, REACTING FLOW

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Several of the approximations or models involved in the development of a numerical combustor flow code are examined. In the first section, the importance of numerical accuracy is illustrated, and the impact that improved-accuracy schemes have on slowing convergence is demonstrated. Solution algorithms that can speed convergence are discussed and some performance features of these algorithms are illustrated. A sample calculation displaying the importance of boundary conditions on a three-dimensional numerical prediction is presented. The inaccuracy of a current turbulence model in highly turbulent (nonequilibrium) regions is described. Finally, the surprisingly good performance of a six-flux model in describing radiation heat transfer is displayed. In all the areas examined, continued research is still needed, but valuable engineering tools are available today.

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TWO-PHASE FLOW

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An experimental program to characterize the spray from candidate nozzles for icing-cloud simulation is discussed. One candidate nozzle, which is currently used for icing research, has been characterized for flow and drop size. The median-volume diameter (MVD) from this air-assist nozzle is compared with a candidate nozzle, which is currently used for icing research. The new experimental spray facility is discussed, and the drop-size instruments are discussed in detail. Since there is no absolute standard for drop-size measurements and there are other limitations, such as drop-size range and velocity range, several instruments are used and results are compared. A two-phase model was developed at Pennsylvania State University. The model uses the k-epsilon model of turbulence in the continuous phase. Three methods for treating the discrete phase are used: (1) a locally homogeneous flow (LHF) model, (2) a deterministic separated flow (DSF) model, and (3) a stochastic separated flow (SSF) model. In the LHF model both phases have the same velocity and temperature at each point. The DSF model provides interphase transport but ignores the effects of turbulent fluctuations. In the SSF model the phases interact with turbulent eddies whose properties are determined by the k-epsilon turbulence model. The two-phase flow model has been extended to include the effects of evaporation and combustion.

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**EXPERIMENTS AND MODELING OF DILUTION JET FLOW FIELDS**

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Experimental and analytical results of the mixing of single, double, and opposed rows of jets with an isothermal or variable-temperature main stream in a straight duct are presented. This study was performed to investigate flow and geometric variations typical of the complex, three-dimensional flow field in the dilution zone of gas-turbine-engine combustion chambers. The principal results, shown experimentally and analytically, were the following: (1) variations in orifice size and spacing can have a significant effect on the temperature profiles; (2) similar distributions can be obtained, independent of orifice diameter, if momentum-flux ratio and orifice spacing are coupled; (3) a first-order approximation of the mixing of jets with a variable-temperature main stream can be obtained by superimposing the main-stream and jets-in-an-isothermal-crossflow profiles; (4) the penetration of jets issuing mixing is slower and is asymmetric with respect to the jet centerplanes, which shift laterally with increasing downstream distance; (5) double rows of jets give temperature distributions similar to those from a single row of equally spaced, equal-area circular holes; (6) for opposed rows of jets, with the orifice centerlines staggered, the optimum ratio of orifice spacing to duct height is one-half the optimum value for single-side injection at the same momentum-flux ratio and (7) for opposed rows of jets, with the orifice centerlines staggered, the optimum ratio of orifice spacing to duct height is twice the optimum value for single-side injection at the same momentum-flux ratio. Author

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**A FINITE DIFFERENCE SCHEME FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL STEADY LAMINAR INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW**


A finite difference scheme for three-dimensional steady laminar incompressible flows is presented. The Navier-Stokes equations are expressed conservatively in terms of velocity and pressure increments (delta form). First order upwind differences are used for first order partial derivatives of velocity increments resulting in a diagonally dominant matrix system. Central differences are applied to all other terms for second order accuracy. The SIMPLE pressure correction algorithm is used to satisfy the continuity equation. Numerical results are presented for cubic cavity flow problems for Reynolds numbers up to 2000 and are in good agreement with other numerical results. Author

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**FLOWFIELD MEASUREMENTS IN A SEPARATED AND REATTACHED FLAT PLATE TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER**


The separation and reattachment of a large-scale, two-dimensional turbulent boundary layer at low subsonic speed on a flat plate has been studied experimentally. The separation bubble was 55 cm long and had a maximum bubble thickness, measured to the height of the mean dividing streamline, of 17 cm, which was twice the thickness of the inlet boundary layer. A combination of laser velocimetry, hot-wire anemometry, pneumatic probing techniques, and flow visualization were used as diagnostics. Principal findings were that an outer inviscid rotational flow was defined which essentially convected over the blockage associated with the inner, viscously dominated bubble recirculation region. A strong backflow region in which the flow moved upstream 100 percent of the time was measured near the test surface over the central 35 percent of the bubble. A laminar backflow boundary layer having pseudo-turbulent characteristics including a log-linear velocity profile was generated under the highly turbulent backflow. Velocity profile shapes in the reversed flow region matched a previously developed universal backflow profile at the upstream edge of the separation region but not in the steady backflow region downstream. A smoke flow visualization movie and hot-film measurements revealed low frequency nonperiodic flapping at reattachment. However, forced flow fraction data at reattachment and mean velocity profiles in the redeveloping boundary layer downstream of reattachment correlated with backward-facing step data when the axial dimension was scaled by the distance from the maximum bubble thickness to reattachment. Author

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**STATUS OF COMMERCIAL FUEL CELL POWERPLANT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**


The primary focus is on the development of commercial Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cell (PAFC) powerplant systems because the PAFC, which has undergone extensive development, is currently the closest fuel cell system to commercialization. Shorter discussions are included on the high temperature fuel cell systems which are not as mature in their development, such as the Molten Carbonate Fuel Cell (MCFC) and the Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC). The alkaline and the Solid Polymer Electrolyte (SPE) fuel cell systems are also discussed, but these discussions are limited to their prospects for commercial development. Currently, although the alkaline fuel cell continues to be used for important space applications there are no commercial development programs of significant size in the USA and only small efforts outside. The market place for fuel cells and the status of fuel cell programs in the USA receive extensive treatment. The fuel cell efforts outside
the USA, especially the large Japanese programs, are also discussed.

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**SELECTION OF HIGH TEMPERATURE THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE MATERIALS FOR ADVANCED SOLAR DYNAMIC SPACE POWER SYSTEMS**


Under the direction of NASA's Office of Aeronautics and Technology (OAST), the NASA Lewis Research Center has initiated an in-house thermal energy storage program to identify combinations of phase change thermal energy storage media for use with a Brayton and Stirling Advanced Solar Dynamic (ASD) space power system operating between 1070 and 1400 K. A study has been initiated to determine suitable combinations of thermal energy storage (TES) phase change materials (PCM) that result in the smallest and lightest weight ASD power system possible. To date the heats of fusion of several fluoride salt mixtures with melting points greater than 1025 K have been verified experimentally. The study has indicated that these salt systems produce large ASD systems because of their inherent low thermal conductivity and low density. It is desirable to have PCMs with high densities and high thermal conductivities. Therefore, alternate phase change materials based on metallic alloy systems are also being considered as possible TES candidates for future ASD space power systems.

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**UNSTEADY STATOR/ROTOR INTERACTION**

Philip C. E. Jorgenson and Rodrick V. Chima In *Its Structural Integrity and Durability of Reusable Space Propulsion Systems p 5-11 1987* Avail: NTIS HC A10/MF A01 CSCL 20D

The major thrust of the computational analysis of turbomachinery to date has been the steady-state solution of isolated blades using mass-averaged inlet and exit conditions. Unsteady flows differ from the steady solution due to interaction of pressure waves and wakes between blade rows. To predict the actual complex flow conditions one must look at the time accurate solution of the entire turbomachine. Three quasi-three-dimensional Euler and thin layer Navier-Stokes equations are solved for unsteady turbomachinery flows.

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**SIMULATION OF MULTISTAGE TURBINE FLOWS**


A flow model has been developed for analyzing multistage turbomachinery flows. This model, referred to as the average passage flow model, describes the time-averaged flow field with a typical passage of a blade row embedded within a multitude configuration. Computer resource requirements, supporting empirical modeling, formulation code development, and multitasking and storage are discussed. Illustrations from simulations of the space shuttle main engine (SSME) fuel turbine performed to date are given.

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**PROGRESS IN THE PREDICTION OF UNSTEADY HEAT TRANSFER ON TURBINES BLADES**


Progress toward developing a general method for predicting unsteady heat transfer on turbine blades subject to blade-passing frequencies and Reynolds numbers relevant to the Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) is discussed. The method employs an inviscid/viscous interactive procedure which has been tested extensively for steady subsonic and transonic external airfoil problems. One such example is shown. The agreement with experimental data and with Navier-Stokes calculations yields confidence in the technique. The technique is extended to account for wake generated unsteadiness. The flow reversals around the stagnation point caused by the nonuniform onset velocity are accounted for by using the Characteristic Box scheme developed by Cebeci and Stewartson. The coupling between the inviscid and viscous methods is achieved by using a special procedure, which, with a novel inverse finite-difference boundary-layer method, allows the calculations to be performed for a wide range of flow conditions, including separation. Preliminary results are presented for the stagnation region of turbine blades for both laminar and turbulent flows. A laminar model problem corresponding to a flow on a circular cylinder which experiences the periodic passing of wakes from turbine blades is presented to demonstrate the ability of the method to calculate flow reversals around the stagnation region.

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**A LINEARIZED EULER ANALYSIS OF UNSTEADY FLOWS IN TURBOMACHINERY Final Report**


A method for calculating unsteady flows in cascades is presented. The model, which is based on the linearized unsteady Euler equations, accounts for blade loading shock motion, wake motion, and blade geometry. The mean flow through the cascade is determined by solving the full nonlinear Euler equations. Assuming the unsteadiness in the flow is small, then the Euler equations are linearized about the mean flow to obtain a set of linear variable coefficient equations which describe the small amplitude, harmonic motion of the flow. These equations are discretized on a computational grid via a finite volume operator and solved directly subject to an appropriate set of linearized boundary conditions. The steady flow, which is calculated prior to the unsteady flow, is found via a Newton iteration procedure. An important feature of the analysis is the use of shock fitting to model steady and unsteady shocks. Use of the Euler equations with the unsteady Rankine-Hugoniot shock jump conditions correctly models the generation of steady and unsteady entropy and vorticity at shocks. In particular, the low frequency shock displacement is correctly predicted. Results of this method are presented for a variety of test cases. Predicted unsteady transonic flows in channels are compared to full nonlinear Euler solutions obtained using time-accurate, time-marching methods. The agreement between the two methods is excellent for small to moderate levels of flow unsteadiness. The method is also used to predict unsteady flows in cascades due to blade motion (flutter problem) and incoming disturbances (gust response problem).

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The vortical evolution of mixing layers subject to various types of forcing is numerically simulated using pseudospectral methods. The effect of harmonic forcing and random noise in the initial conditions is examined with some results compared to experimental data. Spanwise forcing is found to enhance streamwise vorticity in a nonlinear process leading to a slow, secondary growth of the shear layer. The effect of forcing on a chemical reaction is favorably compared with experimental data at low Reynolds numbers. Combining harmonic and subharmonic forcing is shown to both augment and later destroy streamwise vorticity. Author

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COMPUTATION OF FULL-COVERAGE FILM-COOLED AIRFOIL TEMPERATURES BY TWO METHODS AND COMPARISON WITH HIGH HEAT FLUX DATA

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Two methods were used to calculate the heat flux to full-coverge film cooled airfoils and, subsequently, the airfoil wall temperatures. The calculated wall temperatures were compared to observed temperatures obtained in the Hot Section Facility operating at real engine conditions. Gas temperatures and pressures up to 1900 K and 18 atm with a Reynolds number up to 1.9 million were investigated. Heat flux was calculated by the convective heat transfer coefficient adiabatic wall method and by the superposition method which incorporates the film injection effects in the heat transfer coefficient. The results of the comparison indicate the first method can predict the experimental data reasonably well. However, superposition overpredicted the heat flux to the airfoil without a significant modification of the turbulent Prandtl number. The results suggest that additional research is required to model the physics of full-coverge film cooling where there is significant temperature/density differences between the gas and the coolant. Author


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The development of a computational capability to handle viscous flows with explicit time-marching method based on the finite volume approach is summarized. Emphasis is placed on the extensions to the computational procedure which allow the handling of shock induced separation and large regions of strong backflow. Appendices contain abstracts of papers and whole reports generated during the contract period. 

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STRAIGHT CYLINDRICAL SEAL FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE TURBOMACHINES
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A straight cylindrical seal configuration representing the seal for a high-performance turbopump (e.g., the space shuttle main engine fuel pump) was tested under static (nonrotating) conditions. The test data included critical mass flux and pressure profiles over a wide range of inlet temperatures and pressures for fluid nitrogen and fluid hydrogen with the seal in concentric and fully eccentric positions. The critical mass fluxes (or leakage rates) for the concentric and fully eccentric configurations were nearly the same when based on stagnation conditions upstream of the seal. The fully eccentric configuration pressure profiles of the gas and liquid were different. Further, the pressure differences between the maximum and the minimum clearance positions were highly dependent on the geometric conditions, the temperature, and the absolute pressure at both the inlet and the exit. The pressure differences were greatest in the inlet region. The results, although complex, tend to follow the corresponding-states principles for critical flows. Gaseous injection near the seal exit plane significantly
altered the pressure profiles and could be used to control turbomachine instabilities.  

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**THREE-STEP CYLINDRICAL SEAL FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE TURBOMACHINES**

A three-step cylindrical seal configuration representing the seal for a high performance turbopump (e.g., the space shuttle main engine fuel pump) was tested under static (nonrotating) conditions. The test data included critical mass flux and pressure profiles over a wide range of inlet temperatures and pressures for fluid nitrogen and fluid hydrogen with the seal in concentric and fully eccentric positions. The critical mass flux (leakage rate) was 70% that of an equivalent straight cylindrical seal with a correspondingly higher pressure drop based on the same flow areas of 0.3669 sq cm but 85% that of the straight seal based on the third-step face area of 0.44 sq cm. The mass flux for the three step cylindrical seal in the fully eccentric and concentric positions were essentially the same, and the trends in flow coefficient followed those of a simple axisymmetric seal configuration. However, for inlet stagnation temperatures less than the thermodynamic critical temperature the pressure profiles exhibited a flat region throughout the third step of the seal, with the pressure magnitude dependent on the inlet stagnation temperature. Such profiles represent an extreme positive direct stiffness. These conditions engendered a crossover in the pressure profile upstream of the postulated choke that resulted in a local negative stiffness. Flat and crossover profiles resulting from choking within the seal are practically unknown to the seal designer. However, they are of critical importance to turbomachinery stability and must be integrated into any dynamic analysis of a seal of this configuration. In addition, choking is highly dependent on geometry, inlet-to-backpressure ratio, and inlet temperature and can occur within the seal even though the backpressure is above the critical pressure.

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**SPACE STATION EXPERIMENT DEFINITION: LONG-TERM CRYOGENIC FLUID STORAGE Final Report**

The conceptual design of a space station Technology Development Mission (TDM) experiment to demonstrate and evaluate cryogenic fluid storage and transfer technologies is presented. The experiment will be deployed on the initial operational capability (IOC) space station for two years. The experiment design is modular in design, consisting of three phases to test the following technologies: passive thermal technologies (phase 1), fluid transfer (phase 2), and active refrigeration (phase 3). Use of existing hardware was a primary consideration throughout the design effort. A conceptual design of the experiment was completed, including configuration sketches, system schematics, equipment specifications, and space station resources and interface requirements. These requirements were entered into the NASA Space Station Mission Data Base. A program plan was developed defining a twelve-year development and flight plan. Program cost estimates are given.

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**STABILITY OF A RIGID ROTOR SUPPORTED ON FLEXIBLE OIL JOURNAL BEARINGS**

A theoretical analysis and numerical calculations for the stability characteristics of oil journal bearings, including the effect of elastic distortions in the bearing liner. Graphical results are presented for (1) steady-state load, (2) stiffness and damping coefficients, and (3) the stability. These results are given for various slenderness ratios, eccentricity ratios, and elasticity parameters. The lubricant is first assumed to be incompressible. The analysis is then extended to the case of a pressure-dependent viscosity. It has been found that stability decreases with increase of the elasticity parameter of the bearing liner for heavily loaded bearings.

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**INTERNAL COMPUTATIONAL FLUID MECHANICS ON SUPERCOMPUTERS FOR AEROSPACE PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

A survey is presented of three-dimensional calculations of hypersonic, transonic, and subsonic internal flowfields conducted at the Lewis Research Center. A steady state Parabolized Navier-Stokes (PNS) solution of flow in a Mach 5.0, mixed compression inlet, a Navier-Stokes solution of flow in the vicinity of a terminal shock, and a PNS solution of flow in a diffusing S-bend with vortex generators are presented and discussed. All of these calculations were performed on either the NASA Cray-2 or the Lewis Research Center Cray XMP.

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**TURBULENCE MODELING AND SURFACE HEAT TRANSFER IN A STAGNATION FLOW REGION**

A theoretical analysis and numerical calculations for the stability characteristics of oil journal bearings, including the effect of elastic distortions in the bearing liner. Graphical results are presented for (1) steady-state load, (2) stiffness and damping coefficients, and (3) the stability. These results are given for various slenderness ratios, eccentricity ratios, and elasticity parameters. The lubricant is first assumed to be incompressible. The analysis is then extended to the case of a pressure-dependent viscosity. It has been found that stability decreases with increase of the elasticity parameter of the bearing liner for heavily loaded bearings.

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**APPLICATION OF TURBULENCE MODELING TO PREDICT SURFACE HEAT TRANSFER IN STAGNATION FLOW REGION OF CIRCULAR CYLINDER**

A theoretical analysis and numerical calculations for the turbulent flow field and for the effect of freestream turbulence on the surface heat transfer rate of a stagnation flow are presented.

Author
The emphasis is on the modeling of turbulence and its augmentation of surface heat transfer rate. The flow field considered is the region near the forward stagnation point of a circular cylinder in a uniform turbulent mean flow. The free stream is steady and incompressible with a Reynolds number of the order of 10 to the 5th power and turbulence intensity of less than 5 percent. For this analysis, the flow field is divided into three regions: (1) a uniform free-stream region where the turbulence is homogeneous and isotropic; (2) an external viscous flow region where the turbulence is distorted by the interaction of the mean flow velocity; and, (3) an anisotropic turbulent boundary layer region over the cylinder surface. The turbulence modeling techniques used are the kappa-epsilon two-equation model in the external flow region and the time-averaged turbulence transport equation in the boundary layer region. The turbulence double correlations, the mean velocity, and the mean temperature within the boundary layer are solved numerically from the transport equations. The surface heat transfer rate is calculated as functions of the free-stream turbulence longitudinal microscale, the turbulence intensity, and the Reynolds number.

For an aspect ratio of 1.4, particle diameters based on averaged particle diameters for the laser imaging system ranged from 95 microns to 92 microns over the same range of aspect ratios. For a uniform free stream region where turbulence is well developed, the primary objective was to obtain detailed measurements which would be of use to modelers. Quantities measured included mean axial and radial velocities, Reynolds stresses, and turbulent triple products. In addition, simultaneous time resolved temperature measurements were made in the reacting flow field following an axisymmetric generator was used to produce particles of 98 microns (volumetric diameter) to 1.4 were used in this investigation. Results indicated that the spray analyzer was excited by plane waves, and that the instability waves grew about 50 percent less in peak root mean square amplitude, and saturate further upstream compared to corresponding waves in a jet without swirl having the same axial mass flux. The preferred Strouhal number based on the mass-averaged axial velocity and nozzle exit diameter for both swirling and nonswirling flows is 0.4. So far no change in the mean velocity components of the swirling jet is observed as a result of excitation.

A phase/Doppler spray analyzer (P/DSA) and a laser imaging system was used to study the response of a P/DSA to nonspherical particles. Methanol particles with an aspect ratio ranging from 0.7 to 1.4 were used in this investigation. Results indicated that the P/DSA was quite sensitive to particle shape. A Berglund-Liu generator was used to produce particles of 98 microns (volumetric diameter). The P/DSA instrument measured particle sizes ranging from 142 microns for a particle of aspect ratio 0.7, to 84 microns for an aspect ratio of 1.4. Particle diameters based on averaged x and y diameters for the laser imaging system ranged from 95 microns to 92 microns over the same range of aspect ratios.
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PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF TWO INTERFEROMETRIC DROPLET SIZING TECHNIQUES


In this paper, two interferometric techniques (Visibility/Intensity Validation and Phase Doppler) are critically examined in characterizing the spray of an air-assist nozzle with Sauter mean diameter of less than 35 microns. The two techniques are compared to each other and are evaluated against a Malvern diffraction unit. The capability of each in detecting the fringe shift of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer for a given local reference beam. Whereas the ordinary interferometer records instantaneous conditions, the new one records average conditions and to the diffraction method. The Phase Doppler technique is more easily applied to the spray, due largely to its broadened size and velocity ranges. The consistency of the interferometric results raises questions with regard to the use of the Malvern's most frequently applied distribution model.

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VISCOMETER FOR LOW FREQUENCY, LOW SHEAR RATE MEASUREMENTS


A cost-effective, self-referenced torsion-oscillator viscometer with low 0.5 Hz frequency and very low 0.05/s shear rate is designed to precisely study shear-sensitive fluids such as microemulsions, gels, polymer solutions and melts, colloidal solutions undergoing coagulation, and liquid mixtures near critical points. The viscosities are obtained from measurements of the logarithmic decrement of an underdriven oscillator. The viscometer is found to have a resolution of 0.2 percent when used with liquid samples and a resolution of 0.4 percent when used with a dense gaseous sample. The design is compatible with submillikelvin temperature control.

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LARGE APERTURE INTERFEROMETER WITH PHASE-CONJUGATE SELF-REFERENCE BEAM


A large aperture self-referencing interferometer consisting of a Twyman-Green interferometer using a self-pumped phase conjugator in series with test section optics is described and experimentally demonstrated. This interferometer provides twice the fringe shift of a Mach-Zehnder (M-Z) interferometer for a given optical phase change induced within the test section. It also provides greater irradiance in the reference beam than does a conventional interferometer. The interferometer is particularly useful in studying the optical phase change induced within the test section. It also provides a reference channel in the time domain by generating a train of optical pulses from one initial pulse. A theoretical model is developed, and experimental data are shown to compare well with the theory. Possible sources of error and instability are identified, and ways to enhance the performance of the system are proposed.

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A COMPUTERIZED TEST SYSTEM FOR THERMAL-MECHANICAL FATIGUE CRACK GROWTH


A computerized testing system to measure fatigue crack growth under thermal-mechanical fatigue conditions is described. Built around a servohydraulic machine, the system is capable of a push-pull test under stress-controlled or strain-controlled conditions in the temperature range of 25 to 1050 °C. Temperature and mechanical strain are independently controlled by the closed-loop system to simulate the complex in-service strain-temperature relationship. A d-c electrical potential method is used to measure crack growth rates. The correction procedure of the potential signal to take into account powerline and RF-induced noises and thermal changes is described. It is shown that the potential drop technique can be used for physical mechanism studies and for modelling crack tip processes.

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FIBER-OPTIC THERMOMETER USING TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT ABSORPTION, BROADBAND DETECTION, AND TIME DOMAIN REFERENCING


A fiber-optic thermometer based on temperature dependent absorption in Nd(3+) doped glass is demonstrated over the 298-573 K range. A broadband detection technique allows the use of the complete spectrum of a pulse modulated light emitting diode. A fiber-optic recirculating loop is employed to construct a reference channel in the time domain by generating a train of pulses from one initial pulse. A theoretical model is developed, and experimental data are shown to compare well with the theory. Possible sources of error and instability are identified, and ways to enhance the performance of the system are proposed.

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THIN-FILM TEMPERATURE SENSORS FOR GAS TURBINE ENGINES PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS


The erosion and corrosion of thermocouples used to measure the temperature in turbine engines are studied. Structural and metallurgical interactions and instabilities at thermocouple interfaces are analyzed. Consideration is given to the adhesion, dielectric quality, surface topography, and hardness of the thermal oxides; it is observed that the structural and thermoelectric stability of thin-film thermocouple elements depends on adhesion, surface topography, and dielectric strength. The electrical conductivity and impurity content of the oxide scale are evaluated. Methods for improving the adhesion of thermocouples on the alumina surfaces are described. Compositional inhomogeneities in the sensors and contamination of the thermocouple elements are examined. The fabrication of the thermocouples is discussed. It is noted that Al2O3 and Si3N4 are useful for developing stable thermocouple elements on the surface of the blades and vanes.

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LASER ANEMOMETRY MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES FOR FIBER-OPTIC SENSORS AND ITS APPLICATION TO DISPLACEMENT MEASUREMENTS


This report describes a new type of intensity-modulating fiber-optic sensor which has high immunity to the effects of variations in the losses of the fiber-link. A variable-splitting-ratio transducer is used to differentially modulate the intensities of the light which it transmits and reflects. Using a four-fiber optical link, light is impinged onto the transducer from either direction, and in each case, the transmitted and reflected signals are measured. These four signals are then processed to remove the effects of the fiber and connector losses. Loss-compensated sensors of angular position and displacement are described, and their outputs are shown to be highly stable despite considerable variations in the transmissivities of the fiber-link components. Author

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FIBER-OPTIC PHOTOELASTIC PRESSURE SENSOR WITH FIBER-LOSS COMPENSATION

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A new fiber-optic pressure sensor is described that has high immunity to the effects of fiber-loss variations. This device uses the photoelastic effect to modulate the proportion of the light from each of two input fibers that is coupled into each of two output fibers. This four-fiber link permits two detectors to be used to measure the sensor’s responses to the light from each of two independently controlled sources. These four detector outputs are processed to yield a loss-compensated signal that is a stable and sensitive pressure indicator. Author

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AN ANEMOMETER FOR HIGHLY TURBULENT OR RECIRCULATING FLOWS

P. A. DURBIN, D. J. MCKINZIE (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and E. J. DURBIN (Princeton University, NJ) Experiments in Fluids (ISSN 0723-4864), vol. 5, no. 3, 1987, p. 184-188. refs

An anemometer which determines flow velocity by ionizing air and sensing the convective displacement of the ions is described. It is suited to measurements in low speed, highly unsteady gas flows. Comparisons to hot wire spectra suggest the corona anemometer has adequate frequency response to make it a useful tool for fluid dynamics measurement. Author

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LASER ANEMOMETRY MEASUREMENTS OF NATURAL CIRCULATION FLOW IN A SCALE MODEL PWR REACTOR SYSTEM


The natural circulation of a single phase fluid in a scale model of a pressurized water reactor system during a postulated grade core accident is analyzed. The fluids utilized were water and SF6. The design of the reactor model and the similitude requirements are described. Four LDA tests were conducted: water with 28 kW of heat in the simulated core, with and without the participation of simulated steam generators; water with 28 kW of heat in the simulated core, with the participation of simulated steam generators and with cold upflow of 12 lbm/min from the lower plenum; and SF6 with 0.9 kW of heat in the simulated core and without the participation of the simulated steam generators. For the water tests, the velocity of the water in the center of the core increases with vertical height and continues to increase in the upper plenum. For SF6, it is observed that the velocities are an order of magnitude higher than those of water; however, the velocity patterns are similar. I.F.

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FEASIBILITY OF MAPPING VELOCITY FLOWFIELDS IN AN SSME POWERHEAD USING LASER ANEMOMETRY TECHNIQUES


Nonintrusive anemometry measurement techniques are investigated for a NASA study of steady and unsteady aerothermal flow phenomena present in three engine component flow environments in the Space Shuttle Main Engine powerhead: (1) high-pressure fuel turbopump burner; (2) turbine; and (3) turnaround duct. Issues considered include identification of feasible means of optical access to the high-pressure high-temperature measurement flow regions, and measurement system compatibility with the test environment. Descriptions of the two-component LDV and Laser Two Focus measurement systems are given whose capabilities include measurement of the time-averaged values of velocity magnitude and flow direction, turbulence intensity, and velocity component correlations. R.R.

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LINEAR CAPACITIVE DISPLACEMENT SENSOR WITH FREQUENCY READOUT

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A simple, inherently linear technique for measuring changes in the separation of the mirrors of an optical cavity is reported. The capacitor, made up of the reflective metallic coatings, is part of a feedback loop which adjusts the frequency of an oscillator to be proportional to the mirror separation. A linearity of 0.2 percent full
The analysis of a proposed new technique for capacitance type blade tip clearance measurement is presented. The capacitance between the blade tip and a mounted capacitance electrode within a guard ring forms one of the feedback elements of a high speed operational amplifier. The differential equation governing the operational amplifier circuit is formulated and solved for two types of inputs to the amplifier - a constant voltage and a ramp. The resultant solution shows an output that contains a term that is proportional to the derivative of the product of the input voltage and the time constant of the feedback network. The blade tip clearance capacitance is obtained by subtracting the output of a balancing reference channel followed by integration. The proposed sampled data algorithm corrects for environmental effects and varying rotor speeds on-line, making the system suitable for turbine instrumentation. System requirements, block diagrams, and a typical application are included.

A flow visualization was studied by using neutrally buoyant, helium-filled soap bubbles, to determine the effect of injection hole geometry on the trajectory of an air jet in a crossflow and to investigate the mechanisms involved in jet deflection. Experimental variables were the blowing rate, and the injection hole geometry cusp facing upstream (CUS), cusp facing downstream (CDS), round, swirl passage, and oblong. It is indicated that jet deflection is governed by both the pressure drag forces and the entrainment of free-stream fluid into the jet flow. For injection hole geometries with similar cross-sectional areas and similar mass flow rates, the jet configuration with the larger aspect ratio experienced a greater deflection. Entrainment arises from lateral shearing forces on the sides of the jet, which set up a dual vortex motion within the jet and thereby cause some of the main-stream fluid momentum to be swept into the jet flow. This additional momentum forces the jet configuration with the larger aspect ratio to move. The resultant solution shows an output that contains terms that are related to the deflection of the jet and the mass flow rate through the hole. The analysis includes the effects of the blowing rate and the injection hole geometry on the deflection of the jet. The results are used to design and optimize injection hole geometries for specific applications. The analysis is validated through experimental data and computational fluid dynamics simulations. It is concluded that the proposed technique provides a useful tool for the design and optimization of injection hole geometries in jet engines.

**FLOW VISUALIZATION STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF INJECTION HOLE GEOMETRY ON AN INCLINED JET IN CROSSFLOW**


A demonstration test was conducted to apply speckle photography to the measurement of strains on a sample of combustor liner material in a cyclic fatigue rig. A system for recording specklegrams was assembled and shipped to the NASA Lewis Research Center, where it was set up and operated during rig tests. Data in the form of recorded specklegrams were sent back to United Technologies Research Center for processing to extract strains. Difficulties were found in the form of warping and bowing of the sample, which degraded the data. Steps were taken by NASA personnel to correct this problem and further tests were run. Final data processing indicated erratic patterns of strain on the burner liner sample.

**DEMONSTRATION OF LASER SPECKLE SYSTEM ON BURNER LINER CYCLIC RIG** Final Report


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meter techniques that promise to overcome these difficulties have been experimentally evaluated: modulated transmission (MODTRAN) and photothermal deflection spectroscopy (PDS). Both techniques are based on light absorption by smoke, which is closely related to smoke density. They are variations on direct transmission measurements which produce a modulated signal that can be easily measured with phase sensitive detection. The MODTRAN and PDS techniques were tested on low levels of smoke and diluted samples of NO2 in nitrogen, simulating light adsorption due to smoke. The results are evaluated against a set of ideal smoke meter criteria that include a desired smoke measurement range of 0.1 to 12 mg cu.m. (smoke numbers of 1 to 50) and a frequency response of 1 per second. The MODTRAN instrument is found to be inaccurate for smoke levels below 3 mg/cu.m. and is able to make a only about once every 20 seconds because of its large sample cell. The PDS instrument meets nearly all the characteristics of an ideal smoke meter: it has excellent sensitivity over a range of smoke levels from 0.1 to 20 mg/cu.m. (smoke numbers of 1 to 60) and good frequency response (1 per second).

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EVALUATION OF DIFFUSE-ILLUMINATION HOLOGRAPHIC CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A FLUTTER CASCADE
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Since 1979, the Lewis Research Center has examined holographic cinematography for three-dimensional flow visualization. The Nd:YAG lasers used were Q-switched, double-pulsed, and frequency-doubled, operating at 20 pulses per second. The primary subjects for flow visualization were the shock waves produced in two flutter cascades. Flow visualization was by diffuse-illumination, double-exposure, and holographic interferometry. The performances of the lasers, holography, and diffuse-illumination interferometry are evaluated in single-window wind tunnels. The fringe-contrast factor is used to evaluate the results. The effects of turbulence on shock-wave visualization in a transonic flow are discussed. The depth of field for visualization of a turbulent structure is demonstrated to be a measure of the relative density and scale of that structure. Other items discussed are the holographic emulsion, tests of coherence and polarization, effects of windows and diffusers, hologram bleaching, laser configurations, influence and handling of specular reflections, measurement of fringe localization, noise sources, and coherence requirements as a function of the pulse energy. Holography and diffuse illumination interferometry are also reviewed.

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GAS PARTICLE RADIATOR Patent Application
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A gas particle radiator adapted to operate in a microgravity space environment having a transparent boundary which transmits energy in the infrared spectrum, and a gas particle mixture that yields high absorption and emittances are described.
fabricated and tested for similarity of spray profiles. A scattered-light scanner was used to measure a characteristic drop diameter, which was correlated with nitrogen gas flowrate. The exponent of 1.33 for nitrogen gas flowrate is identical to that predicted by atomization theory for liquid jet breakup in the acceleration-wave regime. This is higher than the value of 1.2 which was previously obtained at a sampling distance of 4.4 cm downstream of the atomizer. The difference is attributed to the fact that drop-size measurements obtained at a 2.2 cm sampling distance are less affected by vaporization and dispersion of small droplets and therefore should give better agreement with atomization theory. Profiles of characteristic drop diameters were also obtained by making at least five line-of-sight measurements across the spray at several horizontal positions above and below the center line of the spray.

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THE CHEMICAL SHOCK TUBE AS A TOOL FOR STUDYING HIGH-TEMPERATURE CHEMICAL KINETICS

THEODORE A. BRABBS In its NASA-Chinese Aeronautical Establishment (CAE) Symposium p 207-224 1986

The combustion of hydrocarbons is our primary source of energy today, the chemical reactions, or pathway, by which even the simplest hydrocarbon reacts with atmospheric oxygen to form CO2 and water may not always be known. Furthermore, even when the reaction pathway is known, the reaction rates are always under discussion. The shock tube has been an important tool for building a data base of reaction rates important in the combustion of hydrocarbon fuels. Although combustion of hydrocarbons is our primary source of energy today, the chemical reactions, or pathway, by which even the simplest hydrocarbon reacts with atmospheric oxygen to form CO2 and water may not always be known. Furthermore, even when the reaction pathway is known, the reaction rates are always under discussion. The shock tube has been an important tool for building a data base of reaction rates important in the combustion of hydrocarbon fuels.

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35 INSTRUMENTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

and heating and cooling rates of 250 K/min and 10 K/min. The two heat sink wires were made of palladium base alloy. Although significant progress was made, it was concluded that a considerable additional effort would be needed to fully optimize and evaluate these candidate systems.

Author


Local heat transfer coefficients were measured along the midchord of a three-times-size turbine vane airfoil in a static cascade operated at room temperature over a range of Reynolds numbers. The test surface consisted of a composite of commercially available materials: A Mylar sheet with a layer of cholesteric liquid crystals, which change color with temperature, and a heater made of a polyester sheet coated with vapor-deposited gold, which produces uniform heat flux. After the initial selection and calibration of the composite sheet, accurate, quantitative, and continuous heat transfer coefficients were mapped over the airfoil surface. Tests were conducted at two free-stream turbulence intensities: 0.6 percent, which is typical of wind tunnels; and 10 percent, which is typical of real engine conditions. In addition to a smooth airfoil, the effects of local leading-edge sand roughness were also examined for a value greater than the critical roughness. The local heat transfer coefficients are presented for both free-stream turbulence intensities for inlet Reynolds numbers from 1.20 to 5.5 x 10 to the 5th to the 5th power. Comparisons are also made with analytical values of heat transfer coefficients obtained from the STAN boundary layer code.

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N87-22772*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PROGRESS ON THIN-FILM SENSORS FOR SPACE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGY WALTER S. KIM In its Structural Integrity and Durability of Reusable Space Propulsion Systems p 39-42 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A10/MF A01 CSCL 14B

The objective is to develop thin-film thermocouples for Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) components. Thin-film thermocouples have been developed for aircraft gas turbine engines and are in use for temperature measurement on turbine blades to 1800 F. The technology established for aircraft gas turbine engines will be adapted to the materials and environment encountered in the SSME. Specific goals are to expand the existing in-house thin-film sensor technology and to test the survivability and durability of thin-film sensors in the SSME environment.

Author


A laser anemometer offers a nonintrusive means for obtaining flow field information. Current research at NASA Lewis Research Center is focused on instrumenting a warm turbine facility with a laser anemometer system. In an effort to determine the laser anemometer system best qualified for the warm turbine environment, the performance of a conventional laser fringe anemometer and a two spot time of flight system were compared with a new, modified time of flight system, called a Four Spot laser anemometer. The comparison measurements were made in highly turbulent flows near walls. The Four Spot anemometer uses ellipsoidal spots to increase the flow acceptance angle to be comparable to that of a Laser Fringe Anemometer. Also, the Four Spot uses an optical code that vastly simplifies the pulse detection processor. The results of the comparison measurements will exemplify which laser anemometer system is best suited to the hostile environment typically encountered in warm rotating turbomachinery.

Author


A laser speckle, differential strain measurement system was built and tested for future applications in hostile environments. One dimensional electronic correlation of speckle pattern movement allows a quasi-real time measurement of strain. The system was used successfully to measure uniaxial strain reaching into plastic deformation of a test specimen, at temperatures ranging to 450 C. A resolution of 16 microstrain is given by the photodiode array sensor pitch and the specimen to sensor separation. The strain measurement limit of the gauge is determined by air density perturbations causing decorrelation of the reference and shifted speckle patterns, and may be improved by limiting convective flow in the immediate vicinity of the test specimen.

Author


An examination was made into various techniques to be used to measure static strain in gas turbine liners at temperatures up to 1150 K (1600 F). The methods evaluated included thin film and wire resistive devices, optical fibers, surface acoustic waves, the laser speckle technique with a heterodyne readout, optical surface image and reflective approaches and capacitive devices. A preliminary experimental program to develop a thin film capacitive device was dropped because calculations showed that it would be too sensitive to thermal gradients. In a final evaluation program, the laser speckle technique appeared to work well up to 1150 K when it was used through a relatively stagnant air path. The surface guided acoustic wave approach appeared to be interesting but to require too much development effort for the funds available. Efforts to develop a FeCrAl resistive strain gage system were only partially successful and this part of the effort was finally reduced to a characterization study of the properties of the 25 micron diameter FeCrAl (Kanthal A-1) wire. It was concluded that this particular alloy was not suitable for use as the resistive element in a strain gage above about 1000 K.

Author
AMPLITUDE SPECTRUM MODULATION TECHNIQUE FOR ANALOG DATA PROCESSING IN FIBER OPTIC SENSING SYSTEM WITH TEMPORAL SEPARATION OF CHANNELS


A novel technique to analyze analog data in fiber optic sensing systems with temporal separation of channels is proposed. A theoretical explanation of the process is presented and an experimental setup that was used to obtain data is described.  

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OPTICAL STRAIN MEASUREMENT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT Final Report


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THIN FILM STRAIN GAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Final Report


A number of optical techniques used for the analysis of in-plane displacements or strains are reviewed. The application would be for the high temperature, approximately 1430 C (2600 F), tensile testing of ceramic composites in an oxidizing atmosphere. General descriptions of the various techniques and specifics such as gauge lengths and sensitivities are noted. Also, possible problems with the use of each method in the given application are discussed.  

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HIGH TEMPERATURE STATIC STRAIN GAGE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT, TASKS 1 AND 2 Interim Report

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Results are presented for the first two tasks to develop resistive strain gage systems for use up to 1250 K on blades and vanes in gas turbine engines under tests. The objective of these two tasks was to further improve and evaluate two static strain gage alloys identified as candidates in a previous program. Improved compositions were not found for either alloy. Further efforts on the Fe-11.9Al-10.6Cr weight percent alloy were discontinued because of time dependent drift problems at 1250 K in air. When produced as a 6.5 micrometer thick sputtered film, the Pd-13Cr weight percent alloys is not sufficiently stable for this use in air at 1250 K and a protective overcoat system will need to be developed.  

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includes auxiliary systems (nonpower); machine elements and processes; and mechanical equipment.

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FACTORS THAT AFFECT THE FATIGUE STRENGTH OF POWER TRANSMISSION SHAFTING AND THEIR IMPACT ON DESIGN
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A long-standing objective in the design of power transmission shafting is to eliminate excess shaft material without compromising operational reliability. A shaft design method is presented which accounts for variable amplitude loading histories and their influence on limited life designs. The effects of combined bending and torsional loading are considered along with a number of application factors known to influence the fatigue strength of shafting materials. Among the factors examined are surface condition, size, stress concentration, residual stress and corrosion fatigue. Author

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A SIMPLE METHOD FOR MONITORING SURFACE TEMPERATURES IN PLASMA TREATMENTS
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A method consisting of applying temperature markers on the specimen is described for measuring the highest temperature reached by very thin films in situ during deposition. In the first test setup, lowering the input power to 500 W only effected the 177-C marker, while increasing the input power to 1.25 kW effected the 274-C marker. In tests conducted in a dc plasma with markers placed on the uncooled cathode in Ar plasma, the maximum temperatures indicated by the thermocouple matched a change in color of the markers, and no effect of earlier sublimation or decomposition was noted.

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OVERVIEW OF THE 1986 FREE-PISTON STIRLING SP-100 ACTIVITIES AT THE NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER

An overview of the NASA Lewis Research Center SP-100 free-piston Stirling engine activities is presented. These activities include a free-piston Stirling space-power technology feasibility demonstration project as part of the SP-100 program being conducted in support of the Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Defense (DOD), and NASA. The space-power Stirling advanced technology effort, under SP-100, addresses the status of the 25 kW Space Power Demonstrator Engine (SPDE) including test results. Future space-power projections are presented along with a description of a study that will investigate the feasibility of scaling a single-cylinder free-piston Stirling space-power module to the 150 kW power range. Design parameters and conceptual design features will be presented for a 25 kW, single-cylinder free-piston Stirling space-power converter. A description of a hydrodynamic gas bearing concept is presented whereby the displacer of a 1 kW free-piston Stirling engine is modified to demonstrate the bearing concept. And finally, the goals of a conceptual design for a 25 kW Solar Advanced Stirling Conversion System capable of delivering electric power to an electric utility grid are discussed. Author

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TESTING OF A VARIABLE-STROKE STIRLING ENGINE

Testing of a variable-stroke Stirling engine at NASA Lewis has been completed. In support of the DOE Stirling Engine Highway Vehicle Systems Program, the engine was tested for about 70 hours total with both He and H2 working fluids over a range of pressures and strokes. A direct comparison was made of part-load efficiencies obtained with variable-stroke (VS) and variable-pressure operation. Two failures with the variable-angle swash-plate drive system limited testing to low power levels. These failures are not thought to be caused by problems inherent with the VS concept but do emphasize the need for careful design in the area of the crossheads.

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EVALUATION OF STIRLING ENGINE APPENDIX GAP LOSSES

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The efficiency of a Stirling engine can be strongly influenced by the heat transfer losses associated with its appendix gap region. The cyclic energy flows in this region are related to the temperature gradient along the piston and cylinder partition walls, the reciprocating motion of the piston, the pressure variation in the Stirling cycle and the leakage flow across the cold-end seal. This paper outlines a numerical model to simulate these cyclic energy flows and the subsequent effort to correlate it with engine test data. The sensitivity of the appendix gap loss to selected parameters and comparisons with test results are presented.

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THERMAL SHAFT EFFECTS ON LOAD-CARRYING CAPACITY OF A FULLY COUPLED, VARIABLE-PROPERTIES CRYOGENIC JOURNAL BEARING
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The purpose of this work was to perform a rather complete analysis for a cryogenic (oxygen) journal bearing. The Reynolds equation required coupling and simultaneous solution with the fluid energy equation. To correctly account for the changes in the fluid viscosity, the fluid energy equation was coupled with the shaft and bearing heat conduction energy equations. The effects of pressure and temperature on the density, viscosity, and load-carrying capacity were further discussed as analysis parameters, with respect to relative eccentricity and the angular velocity. The isothermal fluid case and the adiabatic fluid case represented the limiting boundaries. The discussion was further extrapolated to study the Sommerfeld number dependency on the fluid Nusselt number and its consequence on possible total loss of load-carrying capacity and/or seizure (catastrophic failure).

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COMPARISON OF HIRS' EQUATION WITH MOODY'S EQUATION FOR DETERMINATION OF ROTORDYNAMIC COEFFICIENTS OF ANNUAL PRESSURE SEALS
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The rotordynamic coefficients of an incompressible-flow annular pressure seal were determined using a bulk-flow model in conjunction with two different friction factor relationships. The first, Hirs' equation, assumes the friction factor is a function of Reynolds number only. The second, Moody's equation, approximates Moody's diagram and assumes the friction factor is a function of both Reynolds number and relative roughness. For each value of relative roughness, Hirs' constants were determined so that both equations gave the same magnitude and slope of the friction factor. For smooth seals, both relationships give the same results. For rough seals, Moody's equation predicts 44 percent greater direct stiffness, 35 percent greater cross-coupled stiffness, 19 percent smaller cross-coupled damping, 59 percent smaller cross-coupled inertia, and nominally the same direct damping and direct inertia.

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A FULLY COUPLED VARIABLE PROPERTIES THERMOHYDRAULIC MODEL FOR A CRYOGENIC HYDROSTATIC JOURNAL BEARING
M. J. Braun, R. R. Wheeler, III (Akron, University, OH), and R. C. Hendricks (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) ASME and ASLE, Joint Tribology Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Oct. 20-22, 1986. 10 p. refs
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The goal set forth here is to continue the work started by Braun et al. (1984-1985) and present an integrated analysis of the behavior of the two row, 20 staggered pockets, hydrostatic cryogenic bearing used by the turbopumps of the Space Shuttle main engine. The variable properties Reynolds equation is fully coupled with the two-dimensional fluid film energy equation. The three-dimensional equations of the shaft and bushing model the boundary conditions of the fluid film energy equation. The effects of shaft eccentricity, angular velocity, and inertia pressure drops at pocket edge are incorporated in the model. Their effects on the bearing fluid properties, load carrying capacity, mass flow, pressure, velocity, and temperature form the ultimate object of this paper.

Author

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THE EFFECTS OF ENGINE SPEED AND INJECTION CHARACTERISTICS ON THE FLOW FIELD AND FUEL/AIR MIXING IN MOTORED TWO-STROKE DIESEL ENGINES
(Contract NAS3-21; NAG3-689)
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A numerical analysis is presented on the effects of the engine speed, injection angle, droplet distribution function, and spray cone angle on the flow field, spray penetration and vaporization, and turbulence in a turbocharged motored two-stroke diesel engine. The results indicate that the spray penetration and vaporization, velocity, and turbulence kinetic energy increase with the intake swirl angle. Good spray penetration, vaporization, and mixing can be achieved by injecting droplets of diameters between 50 and 100 microns at pockets along the 90-120 deg cone at about 315 deg before top-dead-center for an intake swirl angle of 30 deg. The spray penetration and vaporization were found to be insensitive to the turbulence levels within the cylinder. The results have also indicated that squish is necessary in order to increase the fuel vaporization rate and mixing.

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A TWO-DIMENSIONAL NUMERICAL STUDY OF THE FLOW INSIDE THE COMBUSTION CHAMBER OF A MOTORED ROTARY ENGINE
(SAE PAPER 860815)

A numerical study was performed to investigate the unsteady, multidimensional flow inside the combustion chambers of an idealized, two-dimensional, rotary engine under motored conditions. The numerical study was based on the time-dependent, two-dimensional, density-weighted, ensemble-averaged conservation equations of mass, species, momentum, and total energy valid for two-component ideal gas mixtures. The ensemble-averaged conservation equations were closed by a K-epsilon model of turbulence. This K-epsilon model of turbulence was modified to account for some of the effects of compressibility, streamline curvature, low- Reynolds number, and preferential stress dissipation. Numerical solutions to the conservation equations were obtained by the highly efficient implicit-factored method of Beam and Warming. The grid system needed to obtain solutions were generated by an algebraic grid generation technique based on transfinite interpolation. Results of the numerical study are presented in graphical form illustrating the flow patterns during intake, compression, gaseous fuel injection, expansion, and exhaust.

Author

COMPARISONS BETWEEN THERMODYNAMIC AND ONE-DIMENSIONAL COMBUSTION MODELS OF SPARK-IGNITION ENGINES
(Contract USSJCSTC-020; NAG3-21)

Results from a one-dimensional combustion model employing a constant eddy diffusivity and a one-step chemical reaction are compared with those of one-zone and two-zone thermodynamic models to study the flame propagation in a spark-ignition engine. One-dimensional model predictions are found to be very sensitive to the eddy diffusivity and reaction rate data. The average mixing temperature found using the one-zone thermodynamic model is higher than those of the two-zone and one-dimensional models during the compression stroke, and that of the one-dimensional model is higher than those predicted by both thermodynamic models during the expansion stroke. The one-dimensional model is shown to predict an accelerating flame even when the front approaches the cold cylinder wall.

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A REVIEW OF RECENT ADVANCES IN SOLID FILM LUBRICATION

Thin, adherent sputtered MoS2 and ion plated metallic (Au, Ag, Pd) lubricating films are primarily used in precision contacting triboelement surfaces where wear debris formation is critical and high reliability requirements have to be satisfied. Detailed structural and compositional characterization of solid film lubricants is of prime importance. It is this information from the nano-micro-macro level which is needed to interpret and improve the frictional behavior and assure long endurance lives. The purpose of this paper is to summarize in a concise review the solid lubricant film structure and morphology and their effects on the tribological properties of the lubricant systems. The tribological performance of thin
lubricating films has significantly advanced through progressive understanding of the film parameters such as adhesion, cohesion, interface formation, nucleation and microstructural growth, critical film thickness and substrate finish, and temperature. Sputtered MoS2 and ion plated Au, Ag, and Pb films are separately discussed and evaluated in terms of the above film parameters to establish the most desirable film structures and thicknesses in order to achieve effective lubrication.

Author

A87-37686* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. EFFECT OF INTERFERENCE FITS ON ROLLER BEARING FATIGUE LIFE HAROLD H. COE and ERWIN V. ZARETSKY (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) ASLE Transactions (ISSN 0569-8197), vol. 30, April 1987, p. 131-140; Discussion, p. 140. Previously announced in STAR as N86-19616. refs

An analysis was performed to determine the effects of inner-ring speed and press fits on roller bearing fatigue life. The effects of the resultant hoop and radial stresses on the principal stresses were considered. The maximum shear stresses below the Herzian contact were determined for different conditions of inner-ring speed and load, and were applied to a conventional roller bearing life analysis. The effect of mean stress was determined using Goodman diagram approach. Hoop stresses caused by press fits and centrifugal force can reduce bearing life by as much as 90 percent. Use of a Goodman diagram predicts life reduction of 20 to 30 percent. The depth of the maximum shear stress remains virtually unchanged.

Author


A simplified, semi-analytical model has been developed to analyze the effect of centrifugal inertia in two-phase face seals. The model is based on the assumption of isothermal flow through the seal, but at an elevated temperature, and takes into account heat transfer and boiling. Using this model, seal performance curves are obtained with water as the working fluid. It is shown that the centrifugal inertia of the fluid reduces the load-carrying capacity dramatically at high speeds and that operational instability exists under certain conditions. While an all-liquid seal may be starved at speeds higher than a 'critical' value, leakage always occurs under boiling conditions.

Author


The design of a rotor-bearing system is an iterative process in which the parameters that influence the design are modified until the desired design objectives are achieved. Primary among the design objectives is the minimization of the response amplitude within the operating range of the rotor system. An automated design procedure for the optimal placement of the critical speeds of a rotor is presented. The desired design objective is cast as a nonlinear programming problem that minimizes an objective function subject to constraints. The optimization program interacts with an analysis program to search for the feasible optimal design.

Author


A compressor test was conducted in which transient data were obtained for the purpose of identifying the high-speed post-stability characteristics. The transient, surge-cycle nature of high-speed post-stability operation precludes the possibility of obtaining the characteristics in a steady-state manner, as is possible during low-speed poststability operation, which is characterized by quasi-steady rotating-stall behavior. Specialized compressor instrumentation was developed and was used to obtain the necessary surge-cycle performance data, which were then digitized, filtered, and analyzed. The high-speed post-stability characteristics were obtained through the use of a maximum likelihood-parameter estimation technique. The estimated characteristics were found to be insensitive to the presence of measurement noise and unmodelled system dynamics, but the compressor time-response constants, which were also estimated, were more sensitive to these same disturbances.

Author


High-pressure, high-temperature seal flow (leakage) data for nonrotating and rotating Raleygh-step and convergent-tapered-bore seals were characterized in terms of a normalized flow coefficient. The data for normalized Rayleigh-step and nonrotating tapered-bore seals were in reasonable agreement with theory, but data for the rotating tapered-bore seals were not. The tapered-bore-seal operational clearances estimated from the flow data were significantly larger than calculated. Although clearances are influenced by wear from conical to cylindrical geometry and errors in clearance corrections, the problem was isolated to the shaft temperature - rotational speed clearance correction. The geometric changes support the use of some conical convergence in any seal. Under these conditions rotation reduced the normalized flow coefficient by nearly 10 percent.

Author


It is shown in this paper that the role of surface and near-surface plastic deformation is especially significant in both sliding and abrasive wear of lamellar composites. Lamellar structures were produced artificially from separate layers of pure copper and pure tin or lead foils. The resulting composites were tested in three different wear tests: single-pass abrasion by a sharp, hard abrader; multipass rubbing by a hard, rounded abrader; and pin-on-disk
sliding. In each case the counterface was a hard alloy steel. Tests were run with the composite lamellae in two orientations: perpendicular and parallel to the sliding direction. It was found that the composites had much less wear resistance and greater abrasibility when oriented perpendicular to the rub direction. The mechanisms for wear particle removal and the role of plastic deformation in the process were studied by plasticity analysis and by microscopic (SEM and optical) observation. Author

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MOD II ENGINE PERFORMANCE

The testing of a prototype of an automotive Stirling engine, the Mod II, is discussed. The Mod II is a one-piece cast block with a V-4 single-crankshaft configuration and an annular regenerator/cooler design. The initial testing of Mod II concentrated on the basic engine, with auxiliaries driven by power sources external to the engine. The performance of the engine was tested at 720 C set temperature and 820 C tube temperature. At 720 C, it is observed that the power deficiency is speed dependent and linear, with a weak pressure dependency, and at 820 C, the power deficiency is speed and pressure dependent. The effects of buoyancy and nozzle spray pattern on the heater temperature spread are investigated. The characterization of the oil pump and the operating cycle and temperature spread tests are proposed for further evaluation of the engine. I.F.

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AUTOMOTIVE STIRLING ENGINE SYSTEM COMPONENT REVIEW

The design and testing of the power and combustion control system for the basic Stirling engine, Mod II, are examined. The power control system is concerned with transparent operation, and the Mod II uses engine working gas pressure variation to control the power output of the engine. The main components of the power control system, the power control valve, the pump-down system, and the hydrogen stable system, are described. The combustion control system consists of a combustion air supply system and an air/fuel ratio control system, and the system is to maintain constant heater head temperature, and to maximize combustion efficiency and to minimize exhaust emissions. I.F.

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FUEL-AIR MIXING AND COMBUSTION IN A TWO-DIMENSIONAL WANKEL ENGINE

A two-equation turbulence model, an algebraic grid generalization method, and an approximate factorization time-linearized numerical technique are used to study the effects of mixture stratification at the intake port and gaseous fuel injection on the flow field and fuel-air mixing in a two-dimensional rotary engine model. The fuel distribution in the combustion chamber is found to be a function of the air-fuel mixture fluctuations at the intake port. It is shown that the fuel is advected by the flow field induced by the rotor and is concentrated near the leading apex during the intake stroke, while during compression, the fuel concentration is highest near the trailing apex and is lowest near the rotor. It is also found that the fuel concentration near the trailing apex and rotor is small except at high injection velocities. R.R.

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ESTIMATION OF INSTANTANEOUS HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS FOR A DIRECT-INJECTION STRATIFIED-CHARGE ROTARY ENGINE

The main objective of this report was to derive equations to estimate heat transfer coefficients in both the combustion chamber and coolant passage of a rotary engine. This was accomplished by making detailed temperature and pressure measurements in a direct-injection stratified-charge rotary engine under a range of conditions. For each specific measurement point, the local physical properties of the fluids were calculated. Then an empirical correlation of the coefficients was derived by using a multiple regression program. This correlation expresses the Nusselt number as a function of the Prandtl number and Reynolds number. Author


A TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY FOR THE AGT101 ADVANCED GAS TURBINE PROGRAM

A summary is presented of significant technology developments that have been made in the AGT101 advanced gas turbine program. The AGT101 design features are reviewed, and the power section testing and results are addressed in detail. The results of component testing and evaluation are described for the compressor, turbine, regenerator, and foil bearings. Ceramic component development is discussed, including that of the static seal, turbine shroud seal, regenerator shield planar seal, regenerator shield piston ring, stator rig, ceramic combustor, and turbine rotor. Important areas to be addressed by the Advanced Turbine Technology Applications Project now in the planning stage at DOE and NASA are briefly reviewed. C.D.

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THE ADVANCED TURBINE TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS PROGRAM (ATTAP)

The need for advances in ceramic techniques in order to manufacture reliable cost-effective ceramic components for automotive gas turbine engines, in particular in the hot section of the engine, is examined. The objectives of the ATTAP is to establish the reliability of ceramic component designs and materials in automotive gas turbines; to expand the experimental data base in the operation environment; and to complete the development of analytical tools needed to support industry in the successful application of ceramics to long-life turbine engines. The role of industry and the government in the development of the gas turbine engine is discussed. I.F.
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REFRIGERATED DYNAMIC SEAL TO 6.9 MPA (1000 PSI)

The self sealing, high shear flow passage approach which was extended to large pressure differences was studied. In a refrigerated seal the fluid to be sealed flows through a refrigerated housing or constriction. The fluid can be frozen to the housing during the transient phase. Under steady state conditions the refrigerated seal proves to be a dynamic low leakage seal. The concept is extended to pressure differences of 6.9 MPa.

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NEW GENERATION METHODS FOR SPUR, HELICAL, AND SPIRAL-BEVEL GEARS

New methods for generating spur, helical, and spiral-bevel gears are proposed. These methods provide the gears with conjugate gear tooth surfaces, localized bearing contact, and reduced sensitivity to gear misalignment. Computer programs have been developed for simulating meshing and bearing contact.

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GEAR MESH COMPLIANCE MODELING
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A computer model has been constructed to simulate the compliance and load sharing in a spur gear mesh. The model adds the effect of rim deflections to previously developed spur gear tooth mesh deflection models. The effects of deflections on mesh compliance and load sharing are examined. The model can treat gear meshes composed of two external gears or an external gear driving an internal gear. The model includes deflection contributions from the bending and shear in the teeth, the Hertzian contact deformations, and primary and secondary rotations of the gear rims. The model shows that rimmed gears increase mesh compliance and, in some cases, improve load sharing.

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TESTING OF UH-60A HELICOPTER TRANSMISSION IN NASA LEWIS 2240-KW (3000-HP) FACILITY
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The U.S. Army's UH-60A Black Hawk 2240-kW (3000-HP) class, twin-engine helicopter transmission was tested at the NASA Lewis Research Center. The vibration and efficiency test results will be used to enhance the data base for similar-class helicopters. Most of the data were obtained for a matrix of test conditions of 50 to 100 percent of rated rotor speed and 20 to 100 percent of rated input power. The transmission's mechanical efficiency at 100 percent of rated power was 97.3 and 97.5 percent with its inlet oil maintained at 355 and 372 K (180 and 210 F), respectively. The highest vibration reading was 72 g's rms at the upper housing side wall. Other vibration levels measured near the gear meshes are reported.

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SELECTION OF ROLLING-ELEMENT BEARING STEELS FOR LONG-LIFE APPLICATION

Nearly four decades of research in bearing steel metallurgy and processing have resulted in improvements in bearing life by a factor of 100 over that obtained in the early 1940's. For critical applications such as aircraft, these improvements have resulted in longer lived, more reliable commercial aircraft engines. Material factors such as hardness, retained austenite, grain size and carbide size, number, and area can influence rolling-element fatigue life. Bearing steel processing such as double vacuum melting can have a greater effect on bearing life than material chemistry. The selection and specification of a bearing steel is dependent on the integration of all these considerations into the bearing design and application. The paper reviews rolling-element fatigue data and analysis which can enable the engineer or metallurgist to select a rolling-element bearing steel for critical applications where long life is required.

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Engine testing, ceramic component fabrication and evaluation, component performance rig testing, and analytical studies comprised AGT 100 activities during the 1985 year. Ten experimental assemblies (builds) were evaluated using two engines. Accrued operating time was 120 hr of burning and 170 hr total, bringing cumulative total operating time to 395 hr, all devoid of major failures. Tests identified the generator seals as the primary working fluid leakage sources. Power transfer clutch operation was demonstrated. An alpha SiC gasifier rotor engine test resulted in blade tip failures. Recurring case vibration and shaft whip have limited gasifier shaft speeds to 84%. Ceramic components successfully engine tested now include the SiC scroll assembly, Si3N3 turbine rotor, combustor assembly, regenerator disk bulkhead, turbine vanes, piston rings, and couplings. A compressor shroud design change to reduce heat recirculation back to the inlet was executed. Ceramic components continue to focus on development of state-of-the-art material characteristics in high-speed engines. Fiber reinforced glass-ceramic composite turbine (inner) backplates were fabricated by Corning Glass Works. The BMAS/III material performed well in
engine tested. Backplates of MAS material have not been engine tested.

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EFFECT OF DESIGN VARIABLES, TEMPERATURE GRADIENTS AND SPEED OF LIFE AND RELIABILITY OF A ROTATING DISK


A generalized methodology to predict the fatigue life and reliability of a rotating disk such as used for aircraft engine turbines and compressors is advanced. The approach incorporates the computed life of elemental stress volumes to predict system life and reliability. Disk speed and thermal gradients as well as design variables such as disk diameter and thickness and bolt hole size, number and location are considered.

Author

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NEW GENERATION METHODS FOR SPUR, HELICAL, AND SPIRAL-BEVEL GEARS


New methods for generating spur, helical, and spiral-bevel gears are proposed. These methods provide the gears with conjugate gear tooth surfaces, localized bearing contact, and reduced sensitivity to gear misalignment. Computer programs have been developed for simulating gear meshing and bearing contact.

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LUBRICANT EFFECTS ON BEARING LIFE


Lubricant considerations for rolling-element bearings are presented. In the last two decades taken on added importance in the design and operation of mechanical systems. The phenomenon which limits the useful life of bearings is rolling-element or surface pitting fatigue. The elastohydrodynamic (EHD) film thickness which separates the ball or roller surface from those of the raceways of the bearing directly affects bearing life. Chemical additives added to the lubricant can also significantly affect bearings life and reliability. The interaction of these physical and chemical effects is important to the design engineer and user of these systems.

Design methods and lubricant selection for rolling-element bearings are presented and discussed.

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A MECHANISM FOR PRECISE LINEAR AND ANGULAR ADJUSTMENT UTILIZING FLEXURES


The design and development of a mechanism for precise linear and angular adjustment is described. This work was in support of the development of a mechanical extensometer for biaxial strain measurement. A compact mechanism was required which would allow angular adjustments about perpendicular axes with better than 0.001 degree resolution. The approach adopted was first to develop a means of precise linear adjustment. To this end, a mechanism based on the toggle principle was built with inexpensive and easily manufactured parts. A detailed evaluation showed that the resolution of the mechanism was better than 1 micron and that adjustments made by using the device were repeatable. In the second stage of this work, the linear adjustment mechanisms were used in conjunction with a simple arrangement of flexural pivots and attachment blocks to provide the required angular adjustments. Attempts to use the mechanism in conjunction with the biaxial extensometer under development proved unsuccessful. Any form of in situ adjustment was found to cause erratic changes in instrument output. These changes were due to problems with the suspension system. However, the subject mechanism performed well in its own right and appeared to have potential for use in other applications.

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COMMON PROBLEMS AND PITFALLS IN GEAR DESIGN


There are several pitfalls and problems associated with the successful design of a new gear transmission. A new design will require the knowledge and experience of several technical areas of engineering. Most of the pitfalls and problems associated with a new design are related to an inadequate evaluation of several areas, such as, the lubrication and cooling requirements, complete static and dynamic load analysis, evaluation of materials and heat treatment and the latest manufacturing technology. Some of the common problems of the gear design process are discussed with recommendations made for avoiding these conditions.

Author
The results of this analysis are compared to experimental test developed by the seal and the corresponding dynamic coefficients. The distribution along and around the seal defines the reaction force and separation of variable solution. Integration of the resultant pressure circumferential velocity distribution is determined by satisfying the momentum equations. The first order equations are solved by a linearized zeroth and first order perturbation equations are developed for small motion about a centered position by an analytical method to predict the shift of the contact ellipse between the meshing teeth in a spiral bevel gear set is presented in this report. The contact ellipse shift of interest is the motion of the nominal tooth contact location on each tooth from the ideal pitch point to the point of contact between the two teeth considering the elastic motions of the gears and their supporting shafts. This is the shift of the pitch point from the ideal, unloaded position on each tooth to the nominal contact location on the tooth when the gears are fully loaded. It is assumed that the major contributors
of this motion are the elastic deflections of the gear shafts, the slopes of the shafts under load and the radial deflections of the four gear shaft bearings. The motions of the two pitch point locations on the pinion and the gear tooth surfaces are calculated in a FORTRAN program which also calculates the size and orientation of the Hertzian contact ellipse on the tooth faces. Based on the curvatures of the two spiral bevel gear teeth and the size of the contact ellipse, the program also predicts the basic dynamic capacity of the tooth pair. A complete numerical example is given to illustrate the use of the program.

N87-20555*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. VIBRATION CHARACTERISTICS OF OH-58A HELICOPTER MAIN ROTOR TRANSMISSION DAVID G. LEWICKI and JOHN J. COY Apr. 1987 18 p (NASA-TP-2705; E-3366; NAS 1.60:2705; AVSCOM-TR-86-C-42; AD-A180364) Avail: NTIS HC A01/MF A01 CSCL 01C

Experimental vibration tests covering a range of torque and speed conditions were performed on the OH-58A helicopter main rotor transmission at the NASA Lewis Research Center. Signals from accelerometers located on the transmission housing were analyzed by using Fourier spectra, power spectral density functions, and averaging techniques. Most peaks of the Fourier spectra occurred at the spiral bevel and planetary gear mesh harmonics. The highest level of vibration occurred at the spiral bevel meshing frequency. Transmission speed and vibration measurement location had a significant effect on measured vibration; transmission torque and measurement direction had a small effect. Author


A dynamic analysis of a 2240-kW (3000-hp) helicopter planetary system is presented. Results from both analytical and experimental studies show good correlation in gear-tooth loads. A parametric study indicates that the mesh damping ratio has a significant effect on maximum gear tooth load, stress, and vibration. Correlation with experimental results indicates that the Sun-planet mesh damping ratio can significantly differ from the planet ring mesh damping ratio. A numerical fast Fourier transform (FFT) procedure was applied to examine the mesh load components in the frequency domain and the magnitudes of multiple tooth pass frequencies excited by nonsynchronous meshing of the planets. Effects of tooth-spacing errors and tooth-profile modifications with tip relief are examined. A general discussion of results and correlation with the experimental study are also presented. Author


The first rotordynamics workshop proceedings (NASA CP-2133, 1980) emphasized a feeling of uncertainty in predicting the stability of characteristics of high-performance turbomachinery. In the second workshop proceedings (NASA CP-2250, 1982) these uncertainties were reduced through programs established to systematically resolve problems, with emphasis on experimental validation of the forces that influence rotordynamics. In third proceedings (NASA CP-2338, 1984) many programs for predicting or measuring forces and force coefficients in high-performance turbomachinery produced results. Data became available for designing new machines with enhanced stability characteristics or for upgrading existing machines. The present workshop proceedings illustrates a continued trend toward a more unified view of rotordynamic instability problems and several encouraging new analytical developments.


An experimental test facility is used to measure the rotordynamic coefficients of teeth-on-rotor and teeth-on-stator labyrinth gas seals. Direct damping coefficients are presented for these seals for the first time. The results are presented for the two seal configurations at identical operating conditions, and show that, in a rotordynamic sense, the teeth-on-stator seal is more stable than the teeth-on-rotor seal, for inlet tangential velocity in the direction of rotation.

N87-22235*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. GEAR TOOTH STRESS MEASUREMENTS ON THE UH-60A HELICOPTER TRANSMISSION FRED B. OSWALD Mar. 1987 17 p (NASA-TP-2698; E-3357; NAS 1.60:2698) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 13i

The U.S. Army UH-60A (Black Hawk) 2200-kW (3000-hp) class twin-engine helicopter transmission was tested at the NASA Lewis Research Center. Results from these experimental (strain-gage) stress tests will enhance the data base for gear stress levels in transmissions of a similar power level. Strain-gage measurements were performed on the transmission’s spiral-bevel combining pinions, the planetary Sun gear, and ring gear. Tests were performed at rated speed and at torque levels 25 to 100 percent of rated. One measurement series was also taken at a 90 percent speed level. The largest stress found was 760 MPa (110 ksi) on the combining pinion fillet. This is 230 percent greater than the AGMA index stress. Corresponding mean and alternating stresses were 300 and 430 MPa (48 and 62 ksi). These values are within the range of successful test experience reported for other transmissions. On the fillet of the ring gear, the largest stress found was 410 MPa (59 ksi). The ring-gear peak stress was found to be 11 percent less than an analytical (computer simulation) value and it is 24 percent greater than the AGMA index stress. A peak compressive stress of 650 MPa (94 ksi) was found at the center of the Sun gear tooth root.


The technological readiness of a long-life multipropellant resistojet for space station auxiliary propulsion is demonstrated. A laboratory model resistojet made from grain-stabilized platinum served as a test bed to evaluate the design characteristics, fabrication methods, and operating strategies for an engineering model multipropellant resistojet developed under contract by the Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International and Technion Incorporated. The laboratory model thruster was subjected to a 2000-hr, 2400-thermal-cycle endurance test using carbon dioxide
propellant. Maximum thruster temperatures were approximately 1400°C. The post-test analyses of the laboratory model thruster included an investigation of component microstructures. Significant observations from the laboratory model thruster are discussed as they relate to the design of the engineering model thruster.

**Author**


**DEVELOPMENT OF G-RIGS TO GAS LIFT PAD DYNAMIC SEALS, VOLUMES 1 AND 2 Final Report**

A. N. POPE and D. W. PUGH May 1987 189 p (Contract NAS3-20043)

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Dynamic tests were performed on self acting (hydrodynamic) carbon face rotary shaft seals as their relative to presently used labyrinth seals, for improving performance of aircraft gas turbine engines by reducing air leakage flow rate at compressors end seal locations. Three self acting bearing configurations, designed to supply load support at the interface of the stationary carbon seal and rotating seal race, were tested. Two configurations, the shrouded taper and shrouded flat step, were incorporated on three of the laboratory carbon seal elements. The third configuration, inward pumping spiral grooves, was incorporated on the hard faced surface of the rotating seal race. Test results demonstrated seal leakage air flow rates from 75 to 95% lower that can be achieved with best state-of-the-art labyrinth designs and led to identification of the need for a more geometrically stable seal design configuration which is presently being manufactured for subsequent test evaluation.

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**EHD ANALYSIS OF AND EXPERIMENTS ON PUMPING LERINGRADER SEALS Final Report**

M. W. EUSEPI and J. A. WALOWIT Jun. 1986 93 p (Contract DEN5-343; DE-AI01-85CE-50112)

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Analysis and design charts have been generated to provide design data for Pumping Leningrader Reciprocating Rod Seals. The analytical treatment divides the seal into three regions: an inlet zone, induced with the use of an expansion ring, a contact zone, and an exit zone. Complete solutions have been obtained by matching elasticity equations to hydrodynamic theory. Experiments, although of a limited nature, did demonstrate the ability of the seal design analysis to provide viable seals.

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**HELICOPTER TRANSMISSION TESTING AT NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER**


The helicopter has evolved into a highly valuable air mobile vehicle for both military and civilian needs. The helicopter transmission requires advanced studies to develop a technology base for future rotorcraft advances. A joint helicopter transmission research program between the NASA Lewis Research Center and the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command has existed since 1970. Program goals are to reduce weight and noise and to increase life and reliability. The current experimental activities at Lewis consist of full-scale helicopter transmission testing, a technology base for new gear technology, and a future effort in noise reduction technology. The experimental facilities at Lewis for helicopter transmission testing are described. A description of each of the rigs is presented along with some significant results and near-term plans.

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**COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF GEAR TOOTH GEOMETRY Final Report**

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A simulation method for gear hobbing and shaping of straight and spiral bevel gears is presented. The method is based upon an enveloping theory for gear tooth profile generation. The procedure is applicable in the computer aided design of standard and nonstandard tooth forms. An inverse procedure for finding a conjugate gear tooth profile is presented for arbitrary cutter geometry. The kinematic relations for the tooth surfaces of straight and spiral bevel gears are proposed. The tooth surface equations for these gears are formulated in a manner suitable for their automated numerical development and solution.

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**A SIMPLIFIED COMPUTER SOLUTION FOR THE FLEXIBILITY MATRIX OF CONTACTING TEETH FOR SPIRAL BEVEL GEARS Final Report**

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A computer code, FLEXM, was developed to calculate the flexibility matrices of contacting teeth for spiral bevel gears using a simplified analysis based on the elementary beam theory for the deformation of gear and shaft. The simplified theory requires a computer time at least one order of magnitude less than that needed for the complete finite element method analysis reported earlier by H. Chao, and it is much easier to apply for different gear and shaft geometries. Results were obtained for a set of spiral bevel gears. The teeth deflections due to torsion, bending moment, shearing strain and axial force were found to be in the order 10(-5), 10(-6), 10(-7), and 10(-8) respectively. Thus, the torsional deformation was the most predominant factor. In the analysis of dynamic load, response frequencies were found to be larger when the mass or moment of inertia was smaller or the stiffness was larger. The change in damping coefficient had little influence on the resonance frequency, but has a marked influence on the dynamic load at the resonant frequencies.

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**THE IMPACT DAMPED HARMONIC OSCILLATOR IN FREE DECAY**


The impact-damped oscillator in free decay is studied by using time history solutions. A large range of oscillator amplitude is covered. The amount of damping is correlated with the behavior of the impacting mass. There are three behavior regimes: (1) a low amplitude range with less than one impact per cycle and very low damping, (2) a useful middle amplitude range with a finite number of impacts per cycle, and (3) a high amplitude range with an infinite number of impacts per cycle and progressively decreasing damping. For light damping the impact damping in the middle range is: (1) proportional to impacting mass, (2) additive to proportional damping, (3) a unique function of vibration amplitude, (4) proportional to 1-epsilon, where epsilon is the coefficient of restitution, and (5) very roughly inversely proportional to amplitude. The system exhibits jump phenomena and period doublings. An impact with 2 percent of the oscillator's mass can produce a loss factor near 0.1.

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N87-23984**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
EXPERIMENTS ON DYNAMIC STIFFNESS AND DAMPING OF TAPERED BORE SEALS
(NASA-TM-89895; E-3552; NAS 1.15:69895) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11A
Stiffness and damping were measured in tapered bore ring seals with air as the sealed fluid. Excitation was provided by a known unbalance in the shaft which rotated in the test seals. Results were obtained for various seal supply pressures, clearances, unbalance amounts, and shaft speeds. Stiffness and damping varied little with unbalance level, indicating linearity of the seal. Greater variation was observed with speed and particularly supply pressure. A one-dimensional analysis predicted stiffness fairly well, but considerably overestimated damping. Author

N87-25578**# Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, Conn.
AUTOMATED INSPECTION AND PRECISION GRINDING OF SPIRAL BEVEL GEARS Final Report
The results are presented of a four phase MM&T program to define, develop, and evaluate an improved inspection system for spiral bevel gears. The improved method utilizes a multi-axis coordinate measuring machine which maps the working flank of the tooth and compares it to nominal reference values stored in the machine's computer. A unique feature of the system is that corrective grinding machine settings can be automatically calculated and printed out when necessary to correct an errant tooth profile. This new method eliminates most of the subjective decision making involved in the present method, which compares contact patterns obtained when the gear set is run under light load in a rolling test machine. It produces a higher quality gear with significant inspection time and cost savings. Author

ANALYSIS OF THE VIBRATORY EXCITATION ARISING FROM SPIRAL BEVEL GEARS Final Report
Tools required to understand and predict in terms of its underlying causes the vibratory excitation arising from meshing spiral bevel gears are developed. A generalized three component transmission error of meshing spiral bevel gears is defined. Equations are derived that yield the three components of the generalized transmission error in terms of deviations of tooth running surfaces from equispaced perfect spherical involute surfaces and tooth/gearbody elastic deformations arising from the three components of the generalized force transmitted by the meshing gears. A method for incorporating these equations into the equations of motion of a gear system is described. Equations are derived for the three components of the generalized force transmitted by the gears which are valid whenever inertial effects of the meshing gears and their supports are negligible. Bearing offsets from the positions occupied by the shaft centerlines of perfect spherical involute bevel gears and bearing/bearing support flexibilities enter into the computation of these forces. Author

N87-25585**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
CARBIDE-FLUORIDE-SILVER SELF-LUBRICATING COMPOSITE Patent Application
A self-lubricating, friction and wear reducing composite material is described for use over a wide temperature spectrum from cryogenic temperature to about 900 C in a chemically reactive environment comprising silver, barium fluoride/calcium fluoride eutectic, and metal bonded chromium carbide. NASA

GENERATION OF SPIRAL BEVEL GEARS WITH CONJUGATE TOOTH SURFACES AND TOOTH CONTACT ANALYSIS Final Report
A new method for generation of spiral bevel gears is proposed. The main features of this method are as follows: (1) the gear tooth surfaces are conjugated and can transform rotation with zero transmission errors; (2) the tooth bearing contact is localized; (3) the center of the instantaneous contact ellipse moves in a plane that has a fixed orientation; (4) the contact normal performs in the process of meshing a parallel motion; (5) the motion of the contact ellipse provides improved conditions of lubrication; and (6) the gears can be manufactured by use of Gleason's equipment. Author

N87-26358**# Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill. Center for Engineering Tribology.
A COMPUTER SOLUTION FOR THE DYNAMIC LOAD, LUBRICANT FILM THICKNESS AND SURFACE TEMPERATURES IN SPIRAL BEVEL GEARS Final Contractor Report
A complete analysis of spiral bevel gear sets is presented. The gear profile is described by the movements of the cutting tools. The complete patterns of the rigid body gears are investigated. The tooth dynamic force is studied by combining the effects of variable teeth meshing stiffness, speed, damping, and bearing stiffness. The lubrication performance is also accomplished by including the effects of the lubricant viscosity, ambient temperature, and gear speed. A set of numerical results is also presented. Author

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THE DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF SINGLE FLANK TRANSMISSION ERROR TESTER FOR LOADED GEARS Final Report
To strengthen the understanding of gear transmission error and to verify mathematical models which predict them, a test stand that will measure the transmission error of gear pairs under designed loads has been investigated. While most transmission error testers have been used to test gear pairs under unloaded conditions, the goal of this report was to design and perform dynamic analysis of a unique tester with the capability of measuring
the transmission error of gears under load. This test stand will have the capability to continuously load a gear pair at torques up to 16,000 in-lb at shaft speeds from 0 to 5 rpm. Error measurement will be accomplished with high resolution optical encoders and the accompanying signal processing unit from an existing unloaded transmission error tester. Input power to the test gear box will be supplied by a dc torque motor while the load will be applied with a similar torque motor. A dual input, dual output control system will regulate the speed and torque of the system. This control system's accuracy and dynamic response were analyzed and it was determined that proportional plus derivative speed control is needed in order to provide the precisely constant torque necessary for error-free measurement.

An analytical computer simulation program for dynamic modeling of low-contact-ratio spur gear systems is presented. The procedure computes the static transmission error of the gears operating under load and uses a fast Fourier transform to generate the frequency spectrum of the static transmission error at various tooth profile modifications. The dynamic loading response of an unmodified (perfect involute) gear pair was compared with that of gears with various profile modifications. Correlations were found between various profile modifications and the resulting dynamic loads. An effective error, obtained from frequency domain analysis of the static transmission error of the gears, gave a very good indication of the optimum profile modification to reduce gear dynamic loading. Design curves generated by dynamic simulation at various profile modifications are given for gear systems operated at various loads. Optimum profile modifications can be determined from these design curves for improved gear design.
being used in quality assurance of the adhesive bond strength between rubber and steel substrates. Author


The reliability of microfocus X-radiography and scanning laser acoustic microscopy for detecting microvoids in silicon nitride and silicon carbide was statistically evaluated. Materials- and process-related parameters that influenced the statistical findings in research samples are discussed. The use of conventional X-radiography in controlling and optimizing the processing and sintering of an Si3N4-SiO2-Y2O3 composition designated NASA 6Y is described. Radiographic evaluation and guidance helped develop uniform high-density Si3N4 modulus-of-rupture bars with improved four-point flexural strength (857, 544, and 462 MPa at room temperature, 1200 C, and 1370 C, respectively) and reduced strength scatter. Author

A87-51974*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. QUANTITATIVE VOID CHARACTERIZATION IN STRUCTURAL CERAMICS BY USE OF SCANNING LASER ACOUSTIC MICROSCOPY D. J. ROTH, E. R. GENERAZIO (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and G. Y. BAAKLINI (Cleveland State University, OH) Materials Evaluation (ISSN 0025-5327), vol. 45, Aug. 1987, p. 958-966. Previously announced in STAR as N86-31913. refs

The ability of scanning laser acoustic microscopy (SLAM) to characterize artificially seeded voids in sintered silicon nitride structural ceramic specimens was investigated. Using trigonometric relationships and Airy's diffraction theory, predictions of internal void depth and size were obtained from acoustic diffraction patterns produced by the voids. Agreement was observed between actual and predicted void depths. However, predicted void diameters were generally much greater than actual diameters. Precise diameter predictions are difficult to obtain due to measurement uncertainty and the limitations of 100 MHz SLAM applied to typical ceramic specimens. Author


Ultrasonic attenuation was measured for cold worked Nickel 200 samples annealed at increasing temperatures. Localized dislocation density variations, crystalline order and column percent of recrystallized phase were determined over the anneal temperature range using transmission electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction, and metallurgy. The exponent of the frequency dependence of the attenuation was found to be a key variable relating ultrasonic attenuation to the thermal kinetics of the recrystallization process. Identification of this key variable allows for the ultrasonic determination of onset, degree, and completion of recrystallization. B.G.


Requirements for increased durability of gas turbine hot section components have placed a greater degree of importance on accurate structural analysis and life prediction. Various life prediction approaches for high temperature applications were investigated. Basic models were selected and developed for simple-cycle, isothermal loading conditions. Models will be developed which address thermomechanical cycling, multiaxial conditions, cumulative loading, environmental effects, and cyclic mean stress. Verification tests of models will be conducted on an alternate material and coating system. B.G.


The reliability of microfocus x-radiography and scanning laser acoustic microscopy for detecting microvoids in silicon nitride and silicon carbide was statistically evaluated. Materials- and process-related parameters that influenced the statistical findings in research samples are discussed. The use of conventional x-radiography in controlling and optimizing the processing and sintering of an Si3N4-SiO2-Y2O3 composition designated NASA 6Y is described. Radiographic evaluation and guidance helped develop uniform high-density Si3N4 modulus-of-rupture bars with improved four-point flexural strength (857, 544, and 462 MPa at room temperature, 1200 C, and 1370 C, respectively) and reduced strength scatter. Author


(NASA-CR-4018; E-3195; NAS 1.26:4018) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MAF A01 CSCL 20K

The frequencies and nodal patterns of a square thick plate of unidirectional fiberglass epoxy composite are measured experimentally. The constituent material is transversely isotropic. The plate is transversely excited at the center of the upper face, its resonant frequencies in the frequency range of 3 kHz to 21.73 kHz are detected and the measured nodal patterns are sketched. Author


(NASA-CR-4034; E-3271; NAS 1.26:4034) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MAF A01 CSCL 94B

The elastic constants of a fiberglass epoxy unidirectional composite are determined by measuring the phase velocities of longitudinal and shear stress waves via the through transmission ultrasonic technique. The waves introduced into the composite specimens were generated by piezoceramic transducers. Geometric lengths and the times required to travel those lengths were used
to calculate the phase velocities. The model of the transversely isotropic medium was adopted to relate the velocities and elastic constants...

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PARAMETERIZED MATERIALS AND DYNAMIC RESPONSE CHARACTERIZATIONS IN UNIDIRECTIONAL COMPOSITES
Final Report
(Contract NAG3-328)
(NASA-CR-4032; E-3272; NAS 1.26:4032) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 94B

The values of phase velocities of ultrasonic waves in transversely isotropic media are presented in terms of the fiber volume fraction of a unidirectional fiberglass epoxy composite with constant matrix properties and the ratio between extensional moduli in the longitudinal and transverse directions of the composite when the properties of the fibers are changed, at a constant fiber volume fraction. The model of a homogeneous transversely isotropic medium is adopted to describe the relations between elastic properties and velocities. The displacements due to an oscillatory point source in an infinite medium are used as one measure of comparison of the behavior of the unidirectional composite according to the variations of the parameters, as described above. Values of phase velocities, elastic moduli, Poisson’s ratios and displacements due to a point source can be read from the parameterized plots for a known fiber volume fraction or a known ratio between extensional moduli of the composite. Alternatively, fiber volume fraction and the ratio between extensional moduli can be inferred from the plots when the values of the phase velocities are known; for example, from experimental measurements. Therefore, such parameterized curves may be useful in nondestructive mechanical property and material degradation characterizations.

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NONDESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL CERAMICS
STANLEY J. KLIMA, GEORGE Y. BAALKLINI (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio), and PHILLIP B. ABEL 1987 23 p Presented at the 24th Automotive Technology Development Contractors Coordination Meeting, Dearborn, Mich., 27-30 Oct. 1986; sponsored by DOE
(NASA-TM-88978; E-3446; NAS 1.15:88978) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 14D

A review is presented on research and development of techniques for nondestructive evaluation and characterization of advanced ceramics for heat engine applications. Highlighted in this review are Lewis Research Center efforts in microfocus radiography, scanning laser acoustic microscopy (SLAM), scanning acoustic microscopy (SAM), scanning electron acoustic microscopy (SEAM), and photoacoustic microscopy (PAM). The techniques were evaluated by applying them to research samples of green and sintered monolithic silicon nitrides and silicon carbides in the form of modulus-of-rupture bars containing deliberately introduced flaws. Probabilities of detection of voids were determined for diameters as small as 20 microns for microfocus radiography, SLAM, and SAM. Strengths and limitations of the techniques for ceramic applications are identified. Application of ultrasonics for characterizing ceramic microstructures is also discussed.

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THE ACOUSTO-ULTRASONIC APPROACH

The nature and underlying rationale of the acousto-ultrasonic approach is reviewed, needed advanced signal analysis and evaluation methods suggested, and application potentials discussed. Acousto-ultrasonics is an NDE technique combining aspects of acoustic emission methodology with ultrasonic simulation of stress waves. This approach uses analysis of simulated stress waves for detecting and mapping variations of mechanical properties. Unlike most NDE, acousto-ultrasis is less concerned with flaw detection than with the assessment of the collective effects of various flaws and material anomalies. Acousto-ultrasonics has been applied chiefly to laminated and filament-wound fiber reinforced composites. It has been used to assess the significant strength and toughness reducing effects that can be wrought by combinations of essentially minor flaws and diffuse flaw populations. Acousto-ultrasonics assesses integrated defect states and the resultant variations in properties such as tensile, shear, and flexural strengths and fracture resistance. Matrix cure state, porosity, fiber orientation, fiber volume fraction, fiber-matrix bonding, and interlaminar bond quality are underlying factors.

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APPLICATION OF SCANNING ACOUSTIC MICROSCOPY TO ADVANCED STRUCTURAL CERAMICS
(NASA-TM-89922; E-3632; NAS 1.15:89922) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 14D

A review is presented of research investigations of several acoustic microscopy techniques for application to structural ceramics for advanced heat engines. Results obtained with scanning acoustic microscopy (SAM), scanning laser acoustic microscopy (SLAM), scanning electron acoustic microscopy (SEAM), and photoacoustic microscopy (PAM) are compared. The techniques were evaluated on research samples of green and sintered monolithic silicon nitrides and silicon carbides in the form of modulus-of-rupture bars containing deliberately introduced flaws. Strengths and limitations of the techniques are described with emphasis on statistics of detectability of flaws that constitute potential fracture origins.

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ONE-DIMENSIONAL WAVE PROPAGATION IN RODS OF VARIABLE CROSS SECTION: A WKBJ SOLUTION Final Report
(Contract NAG3-328)
(NASA-CR-4086; E-3651; NAS 1.26:4086) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 14D

As an important step in the characterization of a particular dynamic surface displacement transducer (ICI Model 501), a one-dimensional wave propagation in isotropic nonpiezoelectric and piezoelectric rods of variable cross section are presented. With the use of the Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin-Jeffreys (WKBJ) approximate solution technique, an approximate formula, which relates the ratio of the amplitudes of a propagating wave observed at any two locations along the rod to the ratio of the cross sectional radii at these respective locations, is derived. The domains of...
frequency for which the approximate solution is valid are discussed for piezoelectric and nonpiezoelectric materials. Author

A review of research investigations of several ultrasonic non-contact input-output characterization by tracing SH waves in the continuum is studied theoretically with a transmitting and receiving transducer located on the same face of the plate. It is found that the directional dependence of the phase velocity of the SH waves travelling in the transversely isotropic medium has a significant effect on the delay time as opposed to the phase velocity of the SH wave travelling in an isotropic medium. Author

A review of research investigations of several ultrasonic evaluation techniques applicable to structural ceramics for advanced heat engines is presented. This review highlights recent work conducted under the sponsorship of and at the Lewis Research Center. Results obtained with scanning acoustic microscopy, scanning laser acoustic microscopy, photo acoustic microscopy, and scanning electron acoustic microscopy are compared. In addition to these flaw imaging techniques, microstructure characterization by analytical ultrasonics is described. The techniques were evaluated by application to research samples of monolithic silicon nitride and silicon carbide in the form of discs and bars containing naturally occurring and deliberately-introduced flaws and microstructural anomalies. Strengths and limitations of the techniques are discussed. Author

A new method for the free-vibration analysis using the boundary element technique is presented. The method utilizes a fictitious vector function to approximate the inertia forces and then uses the well-known concept of complementary functions and particular integrals to solve the resulting governing differential equations. The necessary particular integrals are defined for the two and three-dimensional analyses, and the present formulation is applied to a number of two-dimensional problems to show its accuracy and efficiency in the solution of realistic engineering problems.

A87-14316* Akron Univ., Ohio. ANALYSIS OF THERMOMECHANICAL OXIDATION FIELDS IN THERMAL BARRIER COATINGS J. PADOVAN, P. PADOVAN, and Y. XIARU (Akron, University, Ohio) Journal of Thermal Stresses (ISSN 0149-5739), vol. 9, no. 3, 1986, p. 251-277. refs (Contract NAG3-256)

This paper considers the problem of the thermomechanical oxidation response of thermal barrier coatings. Overall, this involves the formulation of the requisite field equations and their associated boundary conditions, including the thermal oxide scale developing either on external surfaces or intergranular regions. To establish the potential effects of growing scale layers, the solution to the thermomechanical oxidation response of a cylindrically configured thermal barrier coating is developed. This includes handling the overall thermomechanical oxidation history.


The KI solution for a finite length single-edge notch specimen loaded under fixed-end displacements is derived using a crack compliance analysis. Numerical and experimental checks of the KI solution are provided. Good agreement between the experimental and numerical solutions is observed. The applicability of conventional fracture mechanics to correlate crack growth data generated under displacement control is discussed.


A computer program was developed for calculating the statistical fast fracture reliability and failure probability of ceramic components. The program includes the two-parameter Weibull material fracture strength distribution model, using the principle of independent action for polyaxial stress states and Batdorf's shear-sensitive as well as shear-insensitive crack theories, all for volume distributed flaws in macroscopically isotropic solids. Both penny-shaped cracks and Griffith cracks are included in the Batdorf shear-sensitive crack response calculations, using Griffith's maximum tensile stress or critical coplanar strain energy release rate criteria to predict mixed mode fracture. Weibull material parameters can also be calculated from modulus of rupture bar tests, using the least squares method with known specimen geometry and fracture data. The reliability prediction analysis uses MSC/NASTRAN stress, temperature and volume output, obtained from the use of three-dimensional, quadratic, isoparametric, or axisymmetric finite elements. The statistical fast fracture theories employed, along with selected input and output formats and options, are summarized. An example problem to demonstrate various features of the program is included.


A87-22128* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. RE-EXAMINATION OF CUMULATIVE FATIGUE DAMAGE ANALYSIS - AN ENGINEERING PERSPECTIVE S. S. MANSON (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) and G. R. HALFORD (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) J. MECHANICS OF COMPLEX LOADING, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MECHANICS (ISSN 0022-0825), vol. 116, May 1986, p. 639-653. refs (Contract NAG3-269)

A method which has evolved in the laboratories for the past 20 yr is re-examined with the intent of improving its accuracy and simplicity of application to engineering problems. Several modifications are introduced both to the analytical formulation of the Damage Curve Approach, and to the procedure for modifying this approach to achieve a Double Linear Damage Rule formulation which immensely simplifies the calculation. Improvements are also introduced in the treatment of mean stress for determining fatigue life of the individual events that enter into a complex loading history. While the procedure is completely consistent with the results of numerous two level tests that have been conducted on many materials, it is still necessary to verify applicability to complex loading histories. Caution is expressed that certain phenomenon can also influence the applicability - for example, unusual crack propagation and fracture modes in complex loading especially if stresses are multiaxial. Residual stresses at crack tips, and metallurgical factors are also important in creating departures from the cumulative damage theories; examples of departures are provided.


Elastic displacements and stress intensity measurements for a mode II specimen have been obtained over a range of a/W values between 0.500 and 0.900 using the MARC general purpose finite element program. Stress intensity factors were experimentally determined using load point displacement values. Good general agreement between numerical and experimental results for crack mouth, crack surface, and load point displacements, and for stress intensity factors, demonstrates the accuracy of the present method.

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CONFORMING VERSUS NON-CONFORMING BOUNDARY ELEMENTS IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL ELASTOSTATICS

A critical comparison of two basic formulations in three-dimensional elastostatics, using conforming and nonconforming boundary elements, is presented. The basic structure of the boundary element method is developed. The peculiarities that both types of boundary elements present in relation to the numerical implementation are discussed. Through selected examples, key issues such as the computational advantages and disadvantages of both formulations, mesh discretization and accuracy questions, and optimal location of the collocation nodes in the case of nonconforming elements are addressed. It is shown that conforming elements are able to produce more accurate results than nonconforming ones, with substantial economy in the final size of the system equations.

A87-25407* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
DESIGN CONCEPTS/PARAMETERS ASSESSMENT AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSES OF SELECT COMPOSITE STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS

Formal approaches are summarized to evaluate design concepts and perform sensitivity analyses on design parameters of composite structural components for vehicles. The formal approaches include structural analyses coupled with composite micromechanics to assess the structural response of beams made from various intraply hybrids, finite element analysis in conjunction with composite mechanics to assess the structural response of panels made from strip hybrids, and sensitivity analysis through optimization to assess the effects of various design parameters on the optimum design of a panel made from angleplied composite laminates. Results obtained from these approaches are presented in graphical and tabular form to illustrate parametric studies and acceptable ranges of various design parameters.

A87-25775* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio.
COMPLIANCE MATRICES FOR CRACKED BODIES

An algorithm is developed to construct the compliance matrix for a cracked solid in the integral-equation formulation of two-dimensional linear-elastic fracture mechanics. The integral equation is reduced to a system of algebraic equations for unknown values of the dislocation-density function at discrete points on the interval from -1 to 1, using the numerical procedure described by Gerasoulis (1982). Sample numerical results are presented, and it is suggested that the algorithm is especially useful in cases where iterative solutions are required; e.g., models of fiber-reinforced concrete, rocks, or ceramics where microracking, fiber bridging, and other nonlinear effects are treated as nonlinear springs along the crack surfaces (Ballarini et al., 1984).

A87-25924* Akron Univ., Ohio.
ON THE NUMERICAL PERFORMANCE OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL THICK SHELL ELEMENTS USING A HYBRID-MIXED FORMULATION

Three-dimensional thick shell elements with 8, 16, and 18 nodes are formulated by using the hybrid/mixed method. In bending applications, these elements are free from locking effect and give improved stress predictions. Finite element equations are derived from the Hellinger-Reissner variational principle in which both the displacement and stress fields are approximated by independent interpolation functions. For the assumption of stress parameters, three guidelines are followed: (1) suppression of kinematic deformation modes, (2) invariant element property, and (3) the constraint index exhibited by the element, when applied to constrained-media problems, must be greater than or equal to one. Numerical results are presented to show the element’s behavior characteristics regarding sensitivity to locking, distortion effect (patch tests), mesh convergence and the accuracy of stress evaluation.

A87-27495*# Georgia Inst. of Tech., Atlanta.
THERMODYNAMICALLY CONSISTENT CONSTITUTIVE EQUATIONS FOR NONISOTHERMAL LARGE-STRAIN, ELASTOPlASTIC, CREEP BEHAVIOR

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MODELING OF MULTI-ROTOR TORSIONAL VIBRATIONS IN ROTATING MACHINERY USING SUBSTRUCTURING

The application of FEM modeling techniques to the analysis of torsional vibrations in complex rotating systems is described and demonstrated, summarizing results reported by Soares (1985). A substructuring approach is used for determination of torsional natural frequencies and resonant-mode shapes, steady-state frequency-sweep analysis, identification of dynamically unstable speed ranges, and characterization of transient linear and nonlinear systems. Results for several sample problems are presented in diagrams, graphs, and tables. STORV, a computer code based on this approach, is in use as a preliminary design tool for drive-train torsional analysis in the High Altitude Wind Tunnel at NASA Lewis.
The problem of uncontrolled crack propagation and crack arrest is considered with respect to crack layer (CL) translational stability. CL propagation is determined by the difference between the energy release rate and the amount of energy required for material transformation, and necessary and sufficient conditions for CL instability are derived. CL propagation in polystyrene is studied for two cases. For the case of remotely applied fixed load fatigue, the sufficient condition of instability is shown to be met before the necessary condition, and the necessary condition controls the stability. For the fixed displacement case, neither of the instability conditions are met, and CL propagation remains stable, resulting in crack arrest.

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ADVANCES IN 3-D INELASTIC ANALYSIS METHODS FOR HOT SECTION COMPONENTS

3-D inelastic Analysis Methods are described. These methods consist of a series of new computer codes embodying a progression of mathematical models (mechanics of materials, specialty finite element, boundary element) for streamlined analysis of: (1) combustor liners, (2) turbine blades, and (3) turbine vanes. These models address the effects of high temperatures and thermal/mechanical loadings on the local (stress/strain) and global (dynamics, buckling) structural behavior of the three selected components. Three computer codes, referred to as MOMEM (Mechanics of Materials Model), MHOST (MARC-Hot Section Technology), and BEST (Boundary Element Stress Technology), have been developed and are briefly described in this paper.

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APPROXIMATIONS TO EIGENVALUES OF MODIFIED GENERAL MATRICES

The reanalysis of non-self-adjoint dynamic models is computationally very expensive in design optimization applications. This paper describes several approximations that can be applied to eigenvalues of non-hermitian matrices to reduce that computational cost. Approximations based on eigenvalue derivatives, generalized Rayleigh quotient and the trace theorem are presented and their accuracy and computational cost are estimated. The accuracy and cost estimates are verified by applying the approximations to random matrices and matrices arising in flutter analysis of compressor blades. Recommendations are made for selection of the best approximation when the derivatives are available and when they are not. In particular, it is concluded that the quadratic approximation for eigenvalues should never be used as higher order approximations are always more accurate as well as more efficient.

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MOMENTUM TRANSFER OF ADVANCED TURBOPROPS

A computer program has been developed for the performance of numerical optimizations of highly swept propfan blades by minimizing an objective function that is defined either as direct operating cost or the aerelastic difference between a blade and its scaled model. Three component analysis categories are employed: an optimization algorithm, approximate analysis procedures for objective function and constraint evaluation, and refined analysis procedures for optimum design validation. The analyses conducted by the program encompass aerodynamic efficiency evaluation, finite element stress and vibration analysis, acoustics, flutter, and forced response life prediction. O.C.

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A TECHNIQUE FOR THE PREDICTION OF AIRFOIL FLUTTER CHARACTERISTICS IN SEPARATED FLOW

A solution procedure is described for determining the two-dimensional, one- or two-degrees-of-freedom flutter characteristics of arbitrary airfoils at large angles of attack. The same procedure is used to predict stall flutter. This procedure requires a simultaneous integration in time of the solid and fluid equations of motion. The fluid equations of motion are the unsteady compressible Navier-Stokes equations, solved in a body-fitted moving coordinate system using an approximate factorization scheme. The solid equations of motion are integrated in time using an Euler implicit scheme. Flutter is said to occur if small disturbances imposed on the airfoil attitude lead to divergent oscillatory motions at subsequent times. Results for a number of special cases are presented to demonstrate the suitability of this scheme to predict flutter at large mean angles of attack. Some stall flutter applications are also presented. Author

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J-INTEGRAL ESTIMATES FOR CRACKS IN INFINITE BODIES

An analysis and discussion is presented of existing estimates of the J-integral for cracks in infinite bodies. Equations are presented which provide convenient estimates for Ramberg-Osgood type elasto-plastic materials containing cracks and subjected to multiaxial loading. The relationship between J and the strain normal to the crack is noted to be only weakly dependent on state of stress. But the relationship between J and the stress normal to the crack is strongly dependent on state of stress. A plastic zone correction term often employed is found to be arbitrary, and its magnitude is seldom significant.

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A HIGHER ORDER THEORY OF LAMINATED COMPOSITE CYLINDRICAL SHELLS

A new higher order theory has been proposed for the analysis of composite cylindrical shells. The formulation allows for arbitrary variation of inplane displacements. Governing equations are presented in the form of a hierarchy of sets of partial differential equations. Each set describes the shell behavior to a certain degree of approximation. The natural frequencies of simply-supported isotropic and laminated shells and stresses in a ring loaded composite shell have been determined to various orders of approximation and compared with three dimensional solutions. These numerical studies indicate the improvements achievable in estimating the natural frequencies and the interlaminar shear stresses in laminated composite cylinders. Author

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ELASTIC INTERACTION OF A CRACK WITH A MICROCRACK AND A CRACK INTERACTION - FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM AND GENERAL FORM OF THE SOLUTION. II - ELASTIC SOLUTION FOR TWO CRACK CONFIGURATIONS (PIECEWISE CONSTANT AND LINEAR APPROXIMATIONS).
A. CHUDNOVSKY (Illinois, University, Chicago), A. DOLGOPOLSKY (Delaware, University, Newark), and M. KACHANOY (Tufts University, Medford, MA) International Journal of Solids and Structures (ISSN 0020-7683), vol. 23, no. 1, 1987, p. 1-21. refs (Contract NAG3-23; AF-AFOSR-84-0321; DAAG29-84-K-0184)

The elastic interactions of a two-dimensional configuration consisting of a crack with an array of microcracks located near the tip are studied. The general form of the solution is based on the potential representations and approximations of tractions on the microcracks by polynomials. In the second part, the technique is applied to two simple two-dimensional configurations involving one and two microcracks. The problems of stress shielding and stress amplification (the reduction or increase of the effective stress intensity factor due to the presence of microcracks) are discussed, and the refinements introduced by higher order polynomial approximations are illustrated. R.R.

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NONLINEAR VIBRATION AND STABILITY OF ROTATING, PRETWISTED, PRECONED BLADES INCLUDING CORIOLIS EFFECTS.

The coupled bending-bending-torsional equations of dynamic motion of rotating, linearly pretwisted blades are derived including large precone, second degree geometric nonlinearities and Coriolis effects. The equations are solved by the Galerkin method and a linear perturbation technique. Accuracy of the present method is verified by comparisons of predicted frequencies and steady state deflections with those from MSC/NASTRAN and from experiments. Parametric results are generated to establish where inclusion of only the second degree geometric nonlinearities is adequate. The nonlinear terms causing torsional divergence in thin blades are identified. The effects of Coriolis terms and several other structurally nonlinear terms are studied, and their relative importance is examined. Author

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CRACK LAYER THEORY.
A. CHUDNOVSKY (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) IN: U.S. National Congress of Applied Mechanics, 10th, Austin, TX, June 16-20, 1986, Proceedings. New York, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1987, p. 97-106. Research supported by the Dow Chemical Co. and CASC. Previously announced in STAR as N84-22980. refs (Contract NAG3-585)

A damage parameter is introduced in addition to conventional parameters of continuum mechanics and consider a crack surrounded by an array of microdefects within the continuum medium. A new framework of the system model of the crack and surrounding damage is called crack layer (CL). Crack layer propagation is an irreversible process. The general framework of the thermodynamics of irreversible processes are employed to identify the driving forces (causes) and to derive the constitutive equation of CL propagation, that is, the relationship between the rates of the crack growth and damage dissemination from one side of the crack and the conjugated thermodynamic forces from another. The proposed law of CL propagation is in good agreement with the experimental data on fatigue CL propagation in various materials. The theory also elaborates material toughness characterization. M.A.C.

A87-40497*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

ANALYTICAL FLUTTER INVESTIGATION OF A COMPOSITE PROPFAN MODEL.

A theoretical model and an associated computer program for predicting subsonic bending-torsion flutter in propfans are presented. The model is based on two-dimensional unsteady cascade strip theory and three-dimensional steady and unsteady lifting surface aerodynamic theory. Theoretical and experimental results are compared for selected cases at different blade pitch angles, rotational speeds, and free-stream Mach numbers. The comparison show a reasonably good agreement between theory and experiment. Both theory and experiment showed that a laminated composite propfan blade can be tailored to optimize its flutter speed by selecting the proper ply angles. Author

A87-45994* Akron Univ., Ohio.

AN EFFICIENT QUADRILATERAL ELEMENT FOR PLATE BENDING ANALYSIS.

A simple, shear flexible, quadrilateral plate element is developed based on the Hellinger-Reissner mixed variational principle with independently assumed displacement and stress fields. The crucial parameters of the selection of appropriate stress parameters is emphasized in the formulation. For this purpose, a set of guidelines is formulated based on the following considerations: (1) suppression of all kinematic deformation modes, (2) the element has a favorable value for the constraint index in the thin plate limit, and (3) element
properties are frame-invariant. For computer implementation the
components of the element stiffness matrix are evaluated
analytically using the symbolic manipulation package MACSYMA.
The effectiveness and practical usefulness of the proposed element
are demonstrated by the numerical results of a variety of problems
involving thin and moderately thick plates under different loading
and support conditions. Author

A87-49275* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

SIMPPLIED COMPOSITE MICROMECHANICS FOR
PREDICTING MICROSTRESSES

A unified set of composite micromechanics equations is
summarized and described. This unified set is for predicting the
ply microstresses when the ply stresses are known. The set
consists of equations of simple form for predicting three-dimensional stresses (six each) in the matrix, fiber, and
interface. Several numerical examples are included to illustrate use and computational effectiveness of the equations in this unified set. Numerical results from these examples are discussed with respect to their significance on microcrack formation and, therefore, damage initiation in fiber composites.

A87-51167* Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York.

STOCHASTIC AND FRACAL ANALYSIS OF FRACTURE TRAJECTORIES

Analyses of fracture trajectories are used to investigate structures that fall between 'micro' and 'macro' scales. It was
shown that fracture trajectories belong to the class of nonstationary processes. It was also found that correlation distance, which may be related to a characteristic size of a fracture process, increases
with crack length. An assemblage of crack trajectory processes
may be considered as a diffusive process. Chudnovsky (1981-1985)
introduced a 'crack diffusion coefficient' d which reflects the ability of the material to deviate the crack trajectory from the most energetically efficient path and thus links the material toughness
to its structure. For the set of fracture trajectories in AISI 304 steel, d was found to be equal to 1.04 microns. The fractal
dimension D for the same set of trajectories was found to be
1.133.

A87-53796* Akron Univ., Ohio.

A QUADRILATERAL SHELL ELEMENT USING A MIXED FORMULATION

A simple quadrilateral shell element consisting of five nodes, four corner nodes and a central node, is developed for linear
elastic analysis of thin as well as moderately thick shells. Based
on a modified Hellinger-Reissner principle, finite element equations are derived from the assumed displacement and strain fields. By carefully choosing appropriate strain terms, all kinematic
deformation modes are suppressed. Although the present element
is similar to a displacement-based degenerated shell, no locking
is experienced when it is applied to thin shell problems. Five
elements are given to illustrate the analysis capability of the shell
element. Numerical results indicate that the element shows fast
mesh convergence and gives excellent stress predictions.

A87-11180* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

TURBINE ENGINE HOT SECTION TECHNOLOGY, 1984
(NASA-CP-2339; E-2267; NAS 1.55:2339) Avail: NTIS HC A17/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Presentations were made concerning the hot section environment and behavior of combustion liners, turbine blades,
and waves. The presentations were divided into six sessions: instrumentation, combustion, turbine heat transfer, structural
analysis, fatigue and fracture, and surface properties. The principal objective of each session was to disseminate research results to
date, along with future plans. Topics discussed included modeling of thermal and fluid flow phenomena, structural analysis, fatigue
and fracture, surface protective coatings, constitutive behavior,
stress-strain response, and life prediction methods.

A87-11183* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

FATIGUE AND FRACTURE: OVERVIEW
G. R. HALFORD In its turbine Engine Hot Section Technology, 1984 4 p Oct. 1984
Avail: NTIS HC A17/MF A01 CSCL 20K

A brief overview of the status of the fatigue and fracture programs is given. The programs involve the development of appropriate analytic material behavior models for cyclic stress-strain-temperature-time/cyclic crack initiation, and cyclic crack propagation. The underlying thrust of these programs is the development and verification of workable engineering methods for the calculation, in advance of service, of the local cyclic stress-strain response at the critical life governing location in hot section components, and the resultant crack initiation and crack
growth lifetimes.

B.G.

A87-11209* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

HIGH TEMPERATURE STRESS-STRAIN ANALYSIS
R. L. THOMPSON In its turbine Engine Hot Section Technology, 1984 14 p Oct. 1984
Avail: NTIS HC A17/MF A01 CSCL 20K

The objectives are threefold: to assist in developing predictive
tools needed to improve design analyses and procedures for the
efficient and accurate prediction of burner liner structural
performance and response; to calibrate, validate, and evaluate
these predictive tools by comparing the predicted results with the experimental data; and to evaluate existing as well as advanced
temperature and strain measurement instrumentation, through both
contact and noncontact efforts, in a simulated turbine engine
combustor environment. As the predictive tool, tests, test methods,
instrumentation, and data acquisition and reduction methods are
developed and evaluated, a proven, integrated analysis/experiment
method will be developed that will permit the accurate prediction
of the cyclic life of a burner liner.

A87-11210* Akron Univ., Ohio.

HIGH-TEMPERATURE CONSTITUTIVE MODELING
Avail: NTIS HC A17/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Thermomechanical service conditions for high-temperature
levels, thermal transients, and mechanical loads severe enough to
cause measurable inelastic deformation are studied. Structural
analysis in support of the design of high-temperature components
depends strongly on accurate mathematical representations of the nonlinear, hereditary, inelastic behavior of structural alloys at high
temperature, particularly in the relatively small strain range.
Progress is discussed in the following areas: multiaxial
experimentation to provide a basis for high-temperature multiaxial
constitutive relationships; nonisothermal testing and theoretical
development toward a complete thermomechanically path
dependent formulation of viscoplasticity; and development of viscoplastic constitutive model accounting for initial anisotropy. B.G.


The effects on bending-torsion flutter due to the addition of a concentrated mass to an advanced turboprop model blade with rigid hub are studied. Specifically the effects of the magnitude and location of added mass on the natural frequencies, mode shapes, critical interblade phase angle, and flutter Mach number are analytically investigated. The flutter of a propan model is shown to be sensitive to the change in mass distribution. Static unbalance effects, like those for fixed wings, were shown to occur as the concentrated mass was moved from the leading edge to the trailing edge with the exception of one mass location. Mass balancing is also inferred to be a feasible method for increasing the flutter speed. Author


(NASA-CR-179538; NAS 1.26:179538) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Optimization of dynamic systems involving complex non-hermitian matrices is often computationally expensive. Major contributors to the computational expense are the sensitivity analysis and reanalysis of a modified design. The present work seeks to alleviate this computational burden by identifying efficient sensitivity analysis and approximate reanalysis methods. For the algebraic eigenvalue problem involving non-hermitian matrices, algorithms for sensitivity analysis and approximate reanalysis are classified, compared and evaluated for efficiency and accuracy. Proper eigenvector normalization is discussed. An improved method for calculating derivatives of eigenvectors is proposed based on a more rational normalization condition and taking advantage of matrix sparsity. Important numerical aspects of this method are also discussed. To alleviate the problem of reanalysis, various approximation methods for eigenvalues are proposed and evaluated. Linear and quadratic approximations are based directly on the Taylor series. Several approximation methods are developed based on the generalized Rayleigh quotient for the eigenvalue problem. Approximation methods based on trace theorem give high accuracy without needing any derivatives. Operation counts for the computation of the approximations are given. General recommendations are made for the selection of appropriate approximation technique as a function of the matrix size, number of design variables, number of eigenvalues of interest and the number of design points at which approximation is sought. Author


Crack propagation in a rotating inner raceway of a high speed roller bearing is analyzed using the boundary integral equation method. The method consists of an edge crack in a plate under tension, upon which varying Hertzian stress fields are superimposed. A computer program for the boundary integral equation method was written using quadratic elements to determine the stress and displacement fields for discrete roller positions. Mode I and Mode II stress intensity factors and crack extension forces G sub 00 (energy release rate due to tensile opening mode) and G sub rO (energy release rate due to shear displacement mode) were computed. These calculations permit determination of that crack growth angle for which the change in the crack extension forces is maximum. The crack driving force was found to be the alternating mixed-mode loading which occurs with each passage of the most heavily loaded roller. The crack is predicted to propagate in a step-like fashion alternating between radial and inclined segments, and this pattern was observed experimentally. The maximum changes DeltaG sub 00 and DeltaG sub rO of the crack extension forces are found to be good measures of the crack propagation rate and direction. Author


(NASA-CR-175060; NAS 1.26:175060; ASR-2; PWA-5940-36) Avail: NTIS HC A10/MF A01 CSCL 29K

A 3-D Inelastic Analysis Method program is described. This program consists of a series of new computer codes embodying a progression of mathematical models (mechanics of materials, special finite element, boundary element) for streamlined analysis of: (1) combustor liners, (2) turbine blades, and (3) turbine vanes. These models address the effects of high temperatures and thermal/mechanical loadings on the local (stress/strain)and global (dynamics, buckling) structural behavior of the three selected components. Three computer codes, referred to as MOMEM (Mechanics of Materials Model), MHOST (Marc Hot Section Technology), and BEST (Boundary Element Stress Technology), have been developed and are briefly described in this report. Author

**N87-12924**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. **A CONSTITUTIVE LAW FOR FINITE ELEMENT CONTACT PROBLEMS WITH UNCLASSICAL FRICTION** M. E. PLESHA and B. M. STEINETZ Nov. 1986 19 p (NASA-TM-88838; E-3181; NAS 1.15:88838; ICOMP-86-1) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Techniques for modeling complex, unclassical contact-friction problems arising in solid and structural mechanics are discussed. A constitutive modeling concept is employed whereby analytic relations between increments of contact surface stress (i.e., traction) and contact surface deformation (i.e., relative displacement) are developed. Because of the incremental form of these relations, they are valid for arbitrary load-deformation histories. The motivation for the development of such a constitutive law is that more realistic friction idealizations can be implemented in finite element analysis software in a consistent, straightforward manner. Of particular interest is modeling of two-body (i.e., unlubricated) metal-metal, ceramic-ceramic, and metal-ceramic contact. Interfaces involving ceramics are of engineering importance and are being considered for advanced turbine engines in which higher temperature materials offer potential for higher engine fuel efficiency. Author

**N87-13790**# Akron Univ., Ohio. **A VISCOPLASTIC CONSTITUTIVE THEORY FOR METAL MATRIX COMPOSITES AT HIGH TEMPERATURE** Final Contractor Report D. N. ROBINSON, S. F. DUFFY (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio), and J. R. ELLIS Nov. 1986 21 p (Contract NAG3-379)

(NASA-CR-179530; E-3279; NAS 1.26:179530) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

A viscoplastic constitutive theory is presented for representing the high-temperature deformation behavior of metal matrix composites. The point of view taken is a continuum one where
the composite is considered a material in its own right, with its own properties that can be determined for the composite as a whole. It is assumed that a single preferential (fiber) direction is own properties that can be determined for the composite as a whole. It is assumed that a single preferential (fiber) direction is identifiable at each material point (continuum element) admitting the idealization of local transverse isotropy. A key ingredient in this work is the specification of an experimental program for the complete determination of the material functions and parameters for characterizing a particular metal matrix composite. The parameters relating to the strength of anisotropy can be determined through tension/torsion tests on longitudinally and circumferentially reinforced thin-walled tubes. Fundamental aspects of the theory are explored through a geometric interpretation of some basic features analogous to those of the classical theory of plasticity.

Author


The development of a three-dimensional inelastic analysis methodology for the Space Shuttle main engine (SSME) structural components is described. The methodology is composed of: (1) composite load spectra, (2) probabilistic structural analysis methods, (3) the probabilistic finite element theory, and (4) probabilistic structural analysis. The methodology has led to significant technical progress in several important aspects of probabilistic structural analysis. The program and accomplishments to date are summarized.

Author

N87-14730*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. A LOW-COST OPTICAL DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM FOR VIBRATION MEASUREMENT S. J. POSTA and G. V. BROWN Dec. 1986 21 p (NASA-TM-88907; E-3330; NAS 1.15:88907) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

A low cost optical data acquisition system was designed to measure deflection of vibrating rotor blade tips. The basic principle of the new design is to record raw data, which is a set of blade arrival times, inside the computer to perform all processing by software following a run. This approach yields a simple and inexpensive system with the least possible hardware. Functional elements of the system were breadboarded and operated satisfactorily during rotor simulations on the bench, and during a data collection run with a two-bladed rotor in the Lewis Research Center Spin Rig. Software was written to demonstrate the sorting and processing of data stored in the system control computer, after retrieval from the data acquisition system. The demonstration produced an accurate graphical display of deflection versus time.

Author


The specific activities summarized include: verification experiments (base program); thermomechanical cycling model; multiaxial stress state model; cumulative loading model; screening of potential environmental and protective coating models; and environmental attack model.

B.G.

N87-16321*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THE 20TH AEROSPACE MECHANICS SYMPOSIUM May 1986 316 p Symposium held in Cleveland, Ohio, 7-9 May 1986; sponsored by NASA, the California Inst. of Tech. and LMSC (NASA-CP-2423-REV; E-2904; NAS 1.55:2423-REV) Avail: NTIS HC A14/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Numerous topics related to aerospace mechanisms were discussed. Deployable structures, electromagnetic devices, tribology, hydraulic actuators, positioning mechanisms, electric motors, communication satellite instruments, redundancy, lubricants, bearings, space stations, rotating joints, and teleoperators are among the topics covered.

Author

N87-17087*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. SURFACE FLAW RELIABILITY ANALYSIS OF CERAMIC COMPONENTS WITH THE SCARE FINITE ELEMENT POSTPROCESSOR PROGRAM JOHN P. GYKENYESI and N. NEMETH (WLT Corp., Cleveland, Ohio) 1987 17 p Proposed for presentation at the 32nd International Gas Turbine Conference and Exhibit, Anaheim, Calif., 31 May - 4 Jun. 1987; sponsored by ASME (NASA-TM-88901; E-3229; NAS 1.15:88901) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

The SCARE (Structural Ceramics Analysis and Reliability Evaluation) computer program on statistical fast fracture reliability analysis with quadratic elements for volume distributed imperfections is enhanced to include the use of linear finite elements and the capability of designing against concurrent surface flaw induced ceramic component failure. The SCARE code is presently coupled as a postprocessor to the MSC/NASTRAN general purpose, finite element analysis program. The improved version now includes the Weibull and Batdorf statistical failure theories for both surface and volume flaw based reliability analysis. The program uses the two-parameter Weibull fracture strength cumulative failure probability distribution model with the principle of independent action for poly-axial stress states, and Batdorf's shear-sensitive as well as shear-insensitive statistical theories. The shear-sensitive surface crack configurations include the Griffith crack and Griffith notch geometries, using the total critical coplanar strain energy release rate criterion to predict mixed-mode fracture. Weibull material parameters based on both surface and volume flaw induced fracture can also be calculated from modulus of rupture bar tests, using the least squares method with known specimen geometry and grouped fracture data. The statistical fast fracture failure theories for surface flaw induced fracture, along with selected input and output formats and options, are summarized. An example problem to demonstrate various features of the program is included.

Author


The STS Centaur was designed to be a high energy upper stage for use with the Space Shuttle. Two versions were designed under development when the program was cancelled. The first version, designated G-prime, was for planetary missions. The second version, designated G, was to place spacecraft in geosynchronous orbit. As a part of the STS Centaur finite-element model verification effort, test articles of both versions were subjected to a series of static tests. In addition the Centaur G-prime test article was subjected to a series of dynamic tests including a modal survey. Both the static and dynamic tests showed that nonlinearities existed in the Centaur and its support system. The
support system included flight-like latches. The nonlinearities were particularly apparent in tests that loaded the forward support structure of the Centaur. These test results were used to aid in the development of two improved finite element models. The first was a linear model, while the second contained nonlinear elements at the boundaries. Results from both models were compared with the transient response obtained from a step-relaxation or twang test. The linear model was able to accurately match the low frequency response found in the test data. However, only the nonlinear model was able to match higher frequency response that was present in some of the test data. In addition the nonlinear model was able to predict other nonlinear behavior such as the dynamic jump that occurs in systems with nonlinear stiffness. Author

N87-18115*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

ANALYTICAL FLUTTER INVESTIGATION OF A COMPOSITE PROPFAN MODEL

A theoretical model and an associated computer program for predicting subsonic bending-torsion flutter in propfans are presented. The model is based on two-dimensional unsteady cascade strip theory and three-dimensional steady and unsteady lifting surface aerodynamic theory in conjunction with a finite element structural model for the blade. The analytical results compare well with published experimental data. Additional parametric studies are also presented illustrating the effects on flutter speed of steady aeroelastic deformations, blade setting angle, rotational speed, number of blades, structural damping, and number of modes. Author

N87-18116*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF MISTUNING IN PROPFAN FLUTTER

An analytical and experimental investigation of the effects of mistuning on propfan subsonic flutter was performed. The analytical model is based on the normal modes of a rotating composite blade and a three-dimensional unsteady lifting surface aerodynamic theory. Theoretical and experimental results are compared for selected cases at different blade pitch angles, rotational speeds, and free-stream Mach numbers. The comparison shows a reasonably good agreement between theory and experiment. Both theory and experiment showed that combined mode shape, frequency, and aerodynamic mistuning can have a beneficial or adverse effect on blade damping depending on Mach number. Additional parametric results showed that alternative blade frequency mistuning does not have enough potential for it to be used as a passive flutter control in propfans similar to the one studied. It can be inferred from the results that a laminated composite propfan blade can be tailored to optimize its flutter speed by selecting the proper ply angles. Author


CREEP FATIGUE LIFE PREDICTION FOR ENGINE HOT SECTION MATERIALS (ISOTROPIC) Annual Report

The first two years of a two-phase program aimed at improving the high temperature crack initiation life prediction technology for gas turbine hot section components are discussed. In Phase 1 (baseline) effort, low cycle fatigue (LCF) models, using a data base generated for a cast nickel base gas turbine hot section alloy (B1900-HF), were evaluated for their ability to predict the crack initiation life for relevant creep-fatigue loading conditions and to define data required for determination of model constants. The variables included strain range and rate, mean strain, strain hold times and temperature. None of the models predicted all of the life trends within reasonable data requirements. A Cycle Damage Accumulation (CDA) was therefore developed which follows an exhaustion of material ductility approach. Material ductility is estimated based on observed similarities of deformation structure between fatigue, tensile and creep tests. The cycle damage function is based on total strain range, maximum stress and stress amplitude and includes both time independent and time dependent components. The CDA model accurately predicts all of the trends in creep-fatigue life with loading conditions. In addition, all of the CDA model constants are determined from rapid, fully reversed fatigue tests and monotonic tensile and/or creep data. Author

N87-18121*# Akron Univ., Ohio. Dept. of Mechanical Engineering.

STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES OF IMPACT ICES ACCRETED ON AIRCRAFT STRUCTURES Final Report

The structural properties of ice accretions formed on aircraft surfaces are studied. The overall objectives are to measure basic structural properties of impact ices and to develop finite element analytical procedures for use in the design of all deicing systems. The Icing Research Tunnel (IRT) was used to produce simulated natural ice accretion over a wide range of icing conditions. Two different test apparatus were used to measure each of the three basic mechanical properties: tensile, shear, and peeling. Data was obtained on both adhesive shear strength of impact ices and peeling forces for various icing conditions. The influences of various icing parameters such as tunnel air temperature and velocity, icing cloud drop size, material substrate, surface temperature at ice/material interface, and ice thickness were studied. A finite element analysis of the shear test apparatus was developed in order to gain more insight in the evaluation of the test data. A comparison with other investigators was made. The result shows that the adhesive shear strength of impact ice typically varies between 40 and 50 psi, with peak strength reaching 120 psi and is not dependent on the kind of substrate used, the thickness of accreted ice, and tunnel temperature below 4 C. Author


The objective was to develop unified constitutive equations which can model a variety of nonlinear material phenomena
observed in Rene 80 at elevated temperatures. A constitutive model was developed based on back stress and drag stress. The tensile back stress was used to model directional effects; whereas, the scalar drag stress was used to model isotropic effects and cyclic hardening or softening. A flow equation and evolution equations for the state variables were developed in multiaxial form. Procedures were developed to generate the material parameters. The model predicted very well the monotonic tensile, cyclic, creep, and stress relaxation behavior of Rene 80 at 982°C. The model was then extended to 871, 760, and 538°C. It was shown that strain rate independent behavior at high temperatures and strain rate independent behavior at the lower temperatures could be predicted very well. A large number of monotonic tensile, creep, stress relation, and cyclic experiments were predicted. The multiaxial capabilities of the model were verified extensively for combined tension/torsion experiments. The prediction of the model agreed very well for proportional, nonproportional, and pure shear cyclic loading conditions at 982 and 871°C.

**N87-18881**  National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THE EFFECTS OF CRACK SURFACE FRICTION AND ROUGHNESS ON CRACK TIP STRESS FIELDS

**ROBERTO BALLARINI** (Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio) and **MICHAEL E. PLESHA** (Wisconsin Univ., Madison) Feb. 1987 19 p (Contract NCC3-46; NASA ORDER C-99066-G; DAAL03-86-K-0134)

A model is presented which can be used to incorporate the effects of friction and tortuosity along crack surfaces through a constitutive law applied to the interface between opposing crack surfaces. The problem of a crack with a saw-tooth surface in an infinite medium subjected to a far-field shear stress is solved and the ratios of Mode-I stress intensity to Mode-II stress intensity are calculated for various coefficients of friction and material properties. The results show that tortuosity and friction lead to an increase in fracture loads and alter the direction of crack propagation.

**N87-18882**  National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. FATIGUE FAILURE OF REGENERATOR SCREENS IN A HIGH FREQUENCY STIRLING ENGINE

**DAVID R. HULL, DONALD L. ALGER, THOMAS J. MOORE, and COULSON M. SCHEUERMANN** Mar. 1987 22 p (NASA-TM-88974; E-3443; NAS 1.15:88974) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Failure of Stirling Space Power Demonstration Engine (SPDE) regenerator screens was investigated. After several hours of operation the SPDE was shut down for inspection and on removal of the regenerator screens, debris of unknown origin was discovered along with considerable cracking of the screens in localized areas. Metallurgical analysis of the debris determined it to be cracked-off-deformed pieces of the 41 micron thickness Type 304 stainless steel wire screen. Scanning electron microscopy of the cracked screens revealed failures occurring at wire crossovers and fatigue striations on the fracture surface of the wires. Thus, the screen failure can be characterized as a fatigue failure of the wires. The crossovers were determined to contain a 30 percent reduction in wire thickness and a highly worked microstructure occurring from the manufacturing process of the wire screens. Later it was found that reduction in wire thickness occurred because the screen fabricator had subjected it to a light cold-roll process after weaving. Installation of this screen left a clearance in the regenerator allowing the screens to move. The combined effects of the reduction in thickness, stress concentrations (caused by screen movement), and highly worked microstructure at the wire crossovers led to the fatigue failure of the screens.

**N87-18883**  National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SOME DYNAMIC STALL MODELS

**T. S. R. REDDY** (Toledo Univ., Ohio) and **K. R. V. KAZA** Mar. 1987 79 p (NASA-TM-88917; E-3342; NAS 1.15:88917) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 20K

Three semi-empirical aerodynamic stall models are compared with respect to their lift and moment hysteresis loop prediction, limit cycle behavior, easy implementation, and feasibility in developing the parameters required for stall flutter prediction of advanced turbines. For the comparison of aeroelastic response prediction including stall, a typical section model and a plate structural model are considered. The response analysis includes both plunging and pitching motions of the blades. In model A, a correction to the angle of attack is applied when the angle of attack exceeds the static stall angle. In model B, a synthesis procedure is used for angles of attack above static stall angles and the time history effects are accounted through the Wagner function. In both models the life and moment coefficients for angle of attack below stall are obtained from tabular data for a given Mach number and angle of attack. In model C, referred to as the ONERA model, the life and moment coefficients are given in the form of two differential equations, one for angles below stall, and the other for angles above stall. The parameters of those equations are nonlinear functions of the angle of attack.

**N87-19756**  Georgia Inst. of Tech., Atlanta. School of Aerospace Engineering. ANALYSIS OF SHELL-TYPE STRUCTURES SUBMITTED TO TIME-DEPENDENT MECHANICAL AND THERMAL LOADING Semiannual Status Report

**G. J. SIMITSES, R. L. CARLSON, and R. RIFF** Apr. 1987 22 p (Contract NAG3-534)

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A general mathematical model and solution methodologies are being developed for analyzing structural response of thin, metallic shell-type structures under large transient, cyclic, or static thermomechanical loads. Among the system responses, which were associated with these load conditions, were thermal buckling, creep buckling, and ratcheting. Thus, geometric as well as material-type nonlinearities (of high order) can be anticipated and must be considered in the development of the mathematical model. Furthermore, this must also be accommodated in the solution process.

**N87-20565**  National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. CALCULATION OF THERMOMECHANICAL FATIGUE LIFE BASED ON ISOTHERMAL BEHAVIOR

**GARY R. HALFORD and JAMES F. SALTSMAN** Mar. 1987 22 p (Contract NAS3-54)

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The isothermal and thermomechanical fatigue (TMF) crack initiation response of a hypothetical material was analyzed. Expected thermomechanical behavior was evaluated numerically based on simple, isothermal, cyclic stress-strain - time characteristics and on strainrange versus cyclic life relations that have been assigned to the material. The attempt was made to establish basic minimum requirements for the development of a physically accurate TMF life-prediction model. A worthy method must be able to deal with the simplest of conditions: that is, those for which thermal cycling, per se, introduces no damage mechanisms other than those found in isothermal behavior. Under these assumed conditions, the TMF life should be obtained uniquely from the isothermal life. The ramifications of making more complex assumptions will be dealt with in future studies. Although analyses are only in their early stages, considerable insight has been gained.
been gained in understanding the characteristics of several existing high-temperature life-prediction methods. The present work indicates that the most viable damage parameter is based on the inelastic strainrange.

Author

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**STRUCTURAL AND AEROELASTIC ANALYSIS OF THE SR-7L**

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This primer provides documentation for using MSC NASTRAN in analyzing rotating flexible blades. The analysis of these blades includes geometrically nonlinear (large displacement) analysis under centrifugal loading, and frequency and mode shape (normal modes) determination. The geometrically nonlinear analysis using NASTRAN Solution sequence 64 is discussed along with the determination of frequencies and mode shapes using Solution Sequence 63. A sample problem with the complete NASTRAN input data is included. Items unique to rotating blade analyses, such as setting angle and centrifugal softening effects are emphasized.

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The objective of the Elevated Temperature Crack Growth Program is to evaluate proposed nonlinear fracture mechanics methods for application to hot section components of aircraft gas turbine engines. Progress during the past year included linear-elastic fracture mechanics data reduction on nonlinear crack growth rate data on Alloy 718. The bulk of the analytical work centered on thermal gradient problems and proposed fracture mechanics parameters. Good correlation of thermal gradient experimental displacement data and finite element prediction was obtained.

Author

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A structural and aeroelastic analysis of a large scale advanced turboprop rotor blade is presented. This 8-blade rotor is designed to operate at Mach 0.8 at an altitude of 35,000 ft. The blades are highly swept and twisted and of spar/shell construction. Due to the complexity of the blade geometry and its high performance, it is subjected to much higher loads and tends to be much less stable than conventional blades. Four specific analyses were conducted: (1) steady deflection; (2) natural frequencies and mode shapes; (3) steady stresses; and (4) aerelastic stability. State-of-the-art methods were used to analyze the blades including a large deflection, finite element structural analysis, and an aerelastic analysis including interblade aerodynamic coupling (cascade effects). The study found the blade to be structurally sound and aeroplastically stable. However, it clearly indicated that advanced turboprop blades are much less robust than conventional blades and must be analyzed and fabricated much more carefully in order to ensure that they are structurally sound and aeroplastically stable.

Author

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Three-dimensional nonlinear finite-element heat transfer and structural analyses were performed for the first stage high-pressure fuel turbopump blade of the space shuttle main engine (SSME). Directionally solidified (DS) MAR-M 247 material properties were considered for the analyses. Analytical conditions were based upon a typical test stand engine cycle. Blade temperature and stress-strain histories were calculated using MARC finite-element computer code. The study was undertaken to assess the structural response of an SSME turbine blade and to gain greater understanding of blade damage mechanisms, convective cooling effects, and the thermal-mechanical effects.

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The objective of this development is to provide a new analysis tool which integrates the structural modeling versatility of a modern finite element code with the latest advances in the area of probabilistic modeling and structural reliability. Version 2.0 of the NESSUS finite element code was released last February, and is currently being exercised on a set of problems which are representative of typical Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) applications. NESSUS 2.0 allows linear elastostatic and eigenvalue analysis of structures with uncertain geometry, material properties and boundary conditions, which are subjected to a random mechanical and thermal loading environment. The NESSUS finite element code is a key component in a broader software system consisting of five major modules. NESSUS/EXPERT is an expert system under development at Southwest Research Institute, with the objective of centralizing all component-specific knowledge useful for conducting probabilistic analysis of typical Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) components. NESSUS/FEM contains the finite element code used for the structural analysis and parameter sensitivity evaluation of these components. The task of parametrizing a finite element mesh in terms of the random variables present is facilitated with the use of the probabilistic data preprocessor in NESSUS/PRE. An external database file is used for managing the bulk of the data generated by NESSUS/FEM.
The inability to adequately model connections has limited the ability to predict overall system dynamic response. Connections between structural components are often mechanically complex and difficult to accurately model analytically. Improved analytical models for connections are needed to improve system dynamic predictions. This study explores combining Component Mode synthesis methods for coupling structural components with Parameter Identification procedures for improving the analytical modeling of the connections. Improvements in the connection properties are computed in terms of physical parameters so the physical characteristics of the connections can be better understood, in addition to providing improved input for the system model. Two sample problems, one utilizing simulated data, the other using experimental data from a rotor dynamic test rig are presented.
for all the waveforms involving creep strain. Excellent correlations of the experimental data were obtained by modifying the Conventional Strainrange Partitioning life relationships involving creep strain using a power-law term of either: (1) time of exposure, or (2) steady-state creep rate of the creep-fatigue test. Environmental degradation due to oxidation, material degradation due to the precipitation of carbides along the grain boundaries and detrimental deformation modes associated with the prolonged periods of creep were observed to be the main mechanisms responsible for life reductions at long exposure times. Author

N87-24722# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. HUB FLEXIBILITY EFFECTS ON PROPPAN VIBRATION MICHAEL A. ERNST and CHARLES LAWRENCE Jul. 1987 16 p (NASA-TM-89900; E-3596; NAS 1.15:89900) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

The significance of hub flexibility in the nonlinear static and dynamic analyses of advanced turboprop blades is assessed. The chosen blade is the 0.175 scale model of the GE-A7-B4 unducted fan blade. A procedure for coupling the effective hub stiffness matrix to an MSC/NASTRAN finite element model is defined and verified. A series of nonlinear static and dynamic analyses are conducted on the blade for both rigid and flexible hub configurations. Results indicate that hub flexibility is significant in the nonlinear static and dynamic analyses of the GE-A7-B4. In order to insure accuracy in analyses of other blades, hub flexibility should always be considered. Author


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General formulation of a problem involving a macrocrack propagating through an area with microcracks is considered. The analysis is based on the simultaneous solution of a system of singular integral equations. Various methods described in the literature are discussed in detail and compared. The specific problem considered was a macrocrack approaching an infinite transverse array of microcracks. Results illustrate the effects of different loading types and can be used for interpretation of the microcrack toughening mechanisms. Numerical comparisons are made with data recently appearing in literature which demonstrates the importance of numerical accuracy. Reported results differ by a factor in certain cases as compared with data given in other literature. Author


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A study was performed to determine the dynamic characteristics of the Space Shuttle main engine high pressure fuel turbopump (HPFTP) blades made of single crystal (SC) material. The first and second stage drive turbine blades of HPFTP were examined. The nonrotating natural frequencies were determined experimentally and analytically. The experimental results of the SC second stage blade were used to verify the analytical procedures. The analytical study examined the SC first stage blade natural frequencies with respect to crystal orientation at typical operating conditions. The SC blade dynamic response was predicted to be less than the directionally solidified blade. Crystal axis orientation optimization indicated the third mode interference will exist in any SC orientation. Author

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A reference guide that can be used when using the finite element method to approximate the static and dynamic behavior of flexible, rotating blades is given. Important parameters such as twist, sweep, camber, co-planar shell elements, centrifugal loads, and inertia properties are studied. Comparisons are made between NASTRAN elements through published benchmark tests. The main purpose is to summarize blade modeling strategies and to document capabilities and limitations (for flexible, rotating blades) of various NASTRAN elements. Author


As man strives for higher levels of sophistication in air and space transportation, awareness of the need for accurate life and material behavior predictions for advanced propulsion system components is heightened. Such sophistication will require complex operating conditions and advanced materials to meet goals in performance, thrust-to-weight ratio, and fuel efficiency. To accomplish these goals will require that components be designed using a high percentage of the material's ultimate capabilities. This serves only to complicate matters dealing with life and material behavior predictions. An essential component of material behavior model development is the underlying experimentation which must occur to identify phenomena. To support experimentation, the NASA Lewis Research Center's High Temperature Fatigue and Structures Laboratory has been expanded significantly. Several new materials testing systems have been added, as well as an extensive computer system. The intent of this paper is to present an overview of the laboratory, and to discuss specific aspects of the test systems. A limited discussion of computer capabilities will also be presented. Author


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This Annual Status Report presents the results of work performed during the third year of the 3-D Inelastic Analysis Methods for Hot Sections Components program (NASA Contract NAS3-23697). The objective of the program is to produce a series of computer codes that permit more accurate and efficient three-dimensional analyses of selected hot section components, i.e., combustor liners, turbine blades, and turbine vanes. The computer codes embody a progression of mathematical models and are streamlined to take advantage of geometrical features, loading conditions, and forms of material response that distinguish each group of selected components. Author
The task of converting SINDA finite difference thermal model temperature results into NASTRAN finite element model thermal loads can be very labor intensive if there is not one node-to-one element correspondence. Author A01 CSCL 20K

SINDA-NASTRAN INTERFACING PROGRAM THEORETICAL DESCRIPTION AND USER'S MANUAL

STEVEN R. WINEGAR Aug. 1987 31 p
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The conventional Strainrange Partitioning (CSRP) method for High-Temperature, Low-Cycle Fatigue (HTLCF) life prediction has its origins in the modeling of first-order, creep-fatigue waveform effects while treating as second-order effects, the influence of metallurgical or environmental time dependencies. Procedures are proposed to include the latter explicitly in the inelastic strainrange-life relations. For brevity, only the CP life relation will be presented in detail. The exposure-time effect within the CP inelastic strainrange (tensile creep reversed by compressive plasticity) was determined by tensile stresshold-time experiments for 316 SS at 816°C. Reductions in CP cyclic life of a factor of about two were observed with an increase in exposure time or a corresponding decrease in creep rate by a factor of about 100. The CP life relation has been modified to be expressed in terms of either Steady State Creep Rate (SSCR) or Exposure Time (ET). The applicability and accuracy of the time-dependent CP life relations is demonstrated by conducting verification experiments involving complex hysteresis loops. Metallographic examination revealed time-dependent degradation attributable to oxide formation and precipitation of carbides along grain boundaries. Author A02/MF A01 CSCL 20K

A COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURE FOR AUTOMATED FLUTTER ANALYSIS DUBH A. MURTHY (Toledo Univ., Ohio.) and KRISHNA RAO V. KAZA Aug. 1987 17 p
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Use of a mathematical model and solution methodology, to examine dynamic buckling and dynamic postbuckling behavior of shallow arches and spherical caps made of a realistic material and undergoing non-isothermal, elasto-viscoplastic deformation was examined. Thus, geometric as well as material type nonlinearities of higher order are included in this analysis. The dynamic stability problem is studied under impulsive loading and suddenly applied loading with loads of constant magnitude and infinite duration. A finite element model was derived directly from the incrementally formulated nonlinear shell equations, by using a
ENERGY PRODUCTION AND CONVERSION

Includes specific energy conversion systems, e.g., fuel cells; global sources of energy; geophysical conversion; and windpower.


The current status of indium phosphide cell research is reviewed and state of the art efficiencies compared to those of GaAs and Si. It is shown that the radiation resistance of InP cells is superior to that of either GaAs or Si under 1 MeV electron and 10 MeV proton irradiation. Using lightweight blanket technology, a SEP array structure and projected cell efficiencies, array specific powers are obtained for all three cell types. Array performance is calculated as a function of time in orbit. The results indicate that arrays using InP cells can outperform those using GaAs or Si in orbits where radiation is a significant cell degradation factor. It is concluded that InP solar cells are excellent prospects for future use in the space radiation environment.


High-efficiency AlxGa1-xAs/GaAs heteroface solar concentrator cells have been developed for both space and terrestrial applications. The cells, which were grown using metalorganic chemical vapor deposition, have been fabricated in both the p-n and n-p configurations. Magnesium and zinc are used as p-type dopants, and Se is used as the n-type dopant. The space cells, which are designed for use in a Cassegrainian concentrator operating at 100 suns, AM0, have a circular illuminated area 4 mm in diameter on a 5 mm x 5 mm cell. These cells have exhibited flash-tested efficiencies as high as 23.6 percent at 28°C and 21.6 percent at 80°C. The terrestrial cells have a circular illuminated area 0.2 inches in diameter and are intended for use in a module which operates at 940 suns, AM1.5. These cells have shown a peak efficiency of 26 percent at 753 suns and over 25 percent at greater than 1000 suns.


Recent improvements relating to the design of high efficiency silicon cells are presented. A conceptual design using passivation techniques is discussed, which potentially increases the open circuit voltage to approximately 650 mV. This concept is supported by experimental data using only silicon passivation beneath contacts. The use of thin thermal oxides of silicon for passivation between contacts is also discussed. A number of novel structures have also been fabricated to investigate reduction in the thermal alpha of planar and sculptured cells. It is shown that this may be as low as 0.63 on glassed gridded back cells, and that the IR rejection beyond 1.1 microns may approach 100 percent if the backside is AR coated. Finally, experimental data is given to support the existence of free electron absorption in heavily doped emitters on sculptured cells.


The separator technology is a critical element in the nickel-hydrogen (Ni-H2) systems. Previous research and development work carried out at NASA Lewis Research Center has determined that separators made from zirconium oxide (ZrO2) and potassium titanate (PPT) fibers will function satisfactorily in Ni-H2 cells without exhibiting the problems associated with the asbestos separators. A program has been established to transfer the separator technology into a commercial production line. A detailed plan of this program will be presented and the preliminary results will be discussed.


The nickel electrode has been identified as the life limiting component for individual pressure vessel (IPV) nickel-hydrogen cells when cycled under a low earth orbit (LEO) cycle regime at deep depths of discharge. As a part of an overall program to determine planar and sculptured cells. It is shown that this may be as low as 0.63 on glassed gridded back cells, and that the IR rejection beyond 1.1 microns may approach 100 percent if the backside is AR coated. Finally, experimental data is given to support the existence of free electron absorption in heavily doped emitters on sculptured cells.

The nickel electrode has been identified as the life limiting component for individual pressure vessel (IPV) nickel-hydrogen cells when cycled under a low earth orbit (LEO) cycle regime at deep depths of discharge. As a part of an overall program to develop a long life nickel electrode for nickel-hydrogen cells, the effect of two different methods of electrochemical impregnation on the cycle life of the nickel electrode was investigated. One method was the Pickett (aqueous/ethanolic) process. The other was the modified Bell (aqueous) process. The plaques for both impregnation methods were made by sintering dry carbonyl nickel powder in a reducing atmosphere. The plaques contain a nickel screen substrate. Electrodes made from both processes were cycle tested in Air Force design IPV nickel-hydrogen cells. The only factor different for this test was the method of plaque impregnation; all other factors were the same. The cells were cycled to failure under a 90 min LEO cycle regime at a deep depth of discharge (80 percent DOD). Failure for this test was defined to occur when the cell voltage degraded to 1.0 V prior to the completion of the 35 min discharge.

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RELIABILITY AND MASS ANALYSIS OF DYNAMIC POWER CONVERSION SYSTEMS WITH PARALLEL OR STANDBY REDUNDANCY

A combinatorial reliability approach was used to identify potential dynamic power conversion systems for space mission applications. A reliability and mass analysis was also performed, specifically for a 100-kWe nuclear power conversion system with parallel redundancy. Although this study was done for a reactor outlet temperature of 1100 K, preliminary system mass estimates are also included for reactor outlet temperatures ranging up to 1500 K.

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OVERVIEW OF THE NEW ASME PERFORMANCE TEST CODE FOR WIND TURBINES

The principal technical features of the ASME Performance Test Code for wind turbines are presented and such issues as what sizes and types of wind turbines should be included, what the principal measure of performance should be, and how wind speed should be measured are discussed. It is concluded that the present test code is applicable to wind turbine systems of all sizes. The principal measure of performance as defined by this code is net energy output and the primary performance parameter is the 'test energy ratio' which is based on a comparison between the measured and predicted energy output for the test period. K.K.

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STATUS OF COMMERCIAL PHOSPHORIC ACID FUEL CELL POWER PLANT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

A technology development and commercial feasibility evaluation is presented for phosphoric acid fuel cells (PAFCs) applicable to electric utility operations. The correction of identified design deficiencies in the control card and water treatment subsystems is presented to be able to substantially increase average powerplant availability from the 63 percent achieved in recent field tests of a PAFC system. Current development work is proceeding under NASA research contracts at the output levels of a multimegawatt facility for electric utility use, a multikilowatt on-site integrated energy generation facility, and advanced electrocatalysts applicable to PAFCs. O.C.

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ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR EXTENDED ENDURANCE ALKALINE FUEL CELLS

Advanced components have been developed for alkaline fuel cells with a view to the satisfaction of NASA Space Station design requirements for extended endurance. The components include a platinum-on-carbon catalyst anode, a potassium titanate-bonded electrolyte matrix, a lightweight graphite electrolyte reservoir plate, a gold-plated nickel-perforated foil electrode substrate, a polyphenylene sulfide cell edge frame material, and a nonmagnesium cooler concept. When incorporated into the alkaline fuel cell unit, these components are expected to yield regenerative operation in a low earth orbit Space Station with a design life greater than 5 years. O.C.

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COMPUTER-BASED PHOSPHORIC ACID FUEL CELL ANALYTICAL TOOLS DESCRIPTIONS AND USAGES

Simulation models have been developed for the prediction of phosphoric acid fuel cell (PAFC) powerplant system performance under both transient and steady operation conditions, as well as for the design of component configurations and for optimal systems synthesis. These models, which are presently computer-implemented, are an engineering and a system model; the former being solved by the finite difference method to determine the balances and properties of different sections, and the latter using thermodynamic balances to set up algebraic equations that yield physical and chemical properties of the stream for one operating condition. O.C.

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CATALYST AND ELECTRODE RESEARCH FOR PHOSPHORIC ACID FUEL CELLS

An account is given of the development status of phosphoric acid fuel cells' high performance catalyst and electrode materials. Binary alloys have been identified which outperform the baseline platinum catalyst; it has also become apparent that pressurized operation is required to reach the desired efficiencies, calling in turn for the use of graphitized carbon blacks in the role of catalyst supports. Efforts to improve cell performance and reduce catalyst costs have led to the investigation of a class of organometallic cathode catalysts represented by the tetraazannulenes, and a mixed catalyst which is a mixture of carbons catalyzed with an organometallic and a noble metal. O.C.

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COMBINATION SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC HEAT ENGINE ENERGY CONVERTER

A combination solar photovoltaic heat engine converter is proposed. Such a system is suitable for either terrestrial or space power applications. The combination system has a higher efficiency than either the photovoltaic array or the heat engine alone can attain. Advantages in concentrator and radiator area and receiver mass of the photovoltaic heat engine system over a heat-engine-only system are estimated. A mass and area comparison between the proposed space station organic Rankine power system and a combination PV-heat engine system is made. The critical problem for the proposed converter is the necessity for high temperature photovoltaic array operation. Estimates of the required photovoltaic temperature are presented. Author
A 25.5 PERCENT AMO GALLIUM ARSENIDE GRATING SOLAR CELL

Recent calculations have shown that significant open circuit voltage gains are possible with a dot grating junction geometry. The feasibility of applying the dot geometry to the GaAs cell was investigated. This geometry is shown to result in voltage approach 1.120 V and efficiencies well over 25 percent (AMO) if good collection efficiency can be maintained. The latter is shown to be possible if one chooses the proper base resistivity and cell thickness. The above advances in efficiency are shown to be possible in the P-base cell with only minor improvements in existing technology. Author

A PROPOSED GAAS-BASED SUPERLATTICE SOLAR CELL STRUCTURE WITH HIGH EFFICIENCY AND HIGH RADIATION TOLERANCE

Gallium arsenide concentrator cells from three sources and silicon concentrator cells from one source were exposed to 1 MeV electrons at fluences up to 1 x 10 to the 15th electrons per square cm. Performance data were taken after several fluences, at two temperatures (25 and 80 C), and at concentration levels from 1 to about 150X AMO. Data at one sun and 25 C were taken with an X-25 xenon lamp solar simulator. Data at concentrations were taken using a pulsed solar simulator with the assumption of a linear relationship between short-circuit current and irradiance. The cells are 5 mm x 5 mm with a 4 mm diameter illuminated area. Author

A 1.6 to 20 percent increase in output power efficiency over optimized single thickness grids. Author
Poisoning losses in a half-cell in the 110-190°C temperature range have been measured in 100 wpt H3PO4 for various mixtures of H2, CO, and CO2 gases in order to investigate the polarization loss due to poisoning by CO of a porous fuel cell Pt anode. At a fixed current density, the poisoning loss was found to vary linearly with In of the CO/H2 concentration ratio, although deviations from linearity were noted at lower temperatures and higher current densities for high CO/H2 concentration ratios. The surface coverages of CO were also found to vary linearly with In of the CO/H2 concentration ratio. A general adsorption relationship is derived. Standard free energies for CO adsorption were found to vary from -14.5 to -12.1 kcal/mol in the 130-190°C temperature range. The standard entropy for CO adsorption was found to be -39 cal/mol per deg K.

The results of the study indicate that some parts of the existing phenomena observed during MOD-0 operations. Also presented in the report is a description and solution of a serious numerical instability problem encountered during the study. The problem was caused by the coupling of the rotor and the power train models. The results of the study indicate that some parts of the existing simulation model may have to be refined for future work; specifically, the aerodynamics and procedure used to couple the rotor model with the tower and the power train models.

The testing of two 25-cell stacks of the 13 inch x 23 inch cell size (about 4kW) was carried out for 7000 and 8400 hours, respectively. A 25kW stack containing 175 cells of the same size and based on the same technology was constructed and is on test. A third 4kW stack, which will contain 24 cells, will comprise remanufactured 25-cell stacks at a cost of about $900 to $1300 per cell. The present stack incorporates several new technology features. Author
FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING ADVANCED CERAMICS TO INCREASE PEAK ENGINE PERFORMANCE

This report is a summary description of WEST-3, a new real-time wind turbine simulator developed by Paragon Pacific Inc. WEST-3 is an all digital, fully programmable, high performance parallel processing computer. Contained in the report are descriptions of the WEST-3 hardware and software. WEST-3 consists of a network of Computational Units (CUs) working in parallel. Each CU is a custom designed high speed digital processor operating independently of other CUs. The CU, which is the main building block of the system, is described in some detail. A major contributor to the high performance of the system is the use a unique method for transferring data among the CUs. The software aspects of WEST-3 covered in the report include the preparation of the simulation model (reformulation, scaling and normalization), and the use of the system software (Translator, Linker, Assembler and Loader). Also given is a description of the wind turbine simulation model used in WEST-3, and some sample results from a study conducted to validate the system. Finally, efforts currently underway to enhance the user friendliness of the system are outlined; these include the 32-bit floating point capability, and major improvements in system software.

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(1) use of alternate methods of oxygen recombination, (2) use of serrated edge separators to facilitate movement of gas within the cell while still maintaining required physical contact with the wall, and (3) use of an expandable stack to accommodate some of the nickel electrode expansion. The designs also consider electrolyte volume requirements over the life of the cells, and are fully compatible with the Air Force/Hughes design.
local communities, that they made a positive impression on the administrators for each test site probing user acceptance of the vaccine storage in remote areas of developing countries. As a continuing effort by the U.S. Department of Energy to improve the competitiveness of the phosphoric acid fuel cell by improving cell performance and/or reducing cell cost is discussed. Cathode improvement, both in performance and cost, available through the use of a class of organometallic cathode catalysts, the tetraazaannelenes (TAAs), was investigated. A new mixed catalyst was identified which provides improved cathode performance without the need for the use of a noble metal. This mixed catalyst was tested under load for 1000 hr. in full cell at 160 to 200 C in phosphoric acid H3PO4, and was shown to provide stable performance. The mixed catalyst contains an organometallic to catalyze electroreduction of oxygen to hydrogen peroxide and a metal to catalyze further electroreduction of the hydrogen peroxide to water. Cathodes containing an exemplar mixed catalyst (e.g., Co bisphenyl TAA/Mn) operate at approximately 650 mV vs DHE to water. Cathodes containing an exemplar mixed catalyst (e.g., Co bisphenyl TAA/Mn) operate at approximately 650 mV vs DHE to water. Cathodes containing an exemplar mixed catalyst (e.g., Co bisphenyl TAA/Mn) operate at approximately 650 mV vs DHE to water. Cathodes containing an exemplar mixed catalyst (e.g., Co bisphenyl TAA/Mn) operate at approximately 650 mV vs DHE to water. Cathodes containing an exemplar mixed catalyst (e.g., Co bisphenyl TAA/Mn) operate at approximately 650 mV vs DHE
STRESS-LIFE INTERRELATIONSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH ALKALINE FUEL CELLS


NASA-TM-89911; E-3562; NAS 1.15:89911; AIAA-87-9198
Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10B

A review is presented concerning the interrelationships between applied stress and the expected service life of alkaline fuel cells. Only the physical, chemical, and electrochemical phenomena that take place within the fuel cell stack portion of an overall fuel cell system will be discussed. A brief review will be given covering the significant improvements in performance and life over the past two decades as well as summarizing the more recent advances in understanding which can be used to predict the performance and life characteristics of fuel cell systems that have yet to be built.

EFFECT OF STORAGE AND LEO CYCLING ON MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY IPV NICKEL-HYDROGEN CELLS


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Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10C

Yardney Manufacturing Technology (MANTECH) 50 A-hr space weight individual pressure vessel nickel-hydrogen cells were evaluated. This consisted of investigating: the effect of storage and charge/discharge cycling on cell performance. For the storage test the cells were precharged with hydrogen, by the manufacturer, to a pressure of 14.5 psia. After undergoing activation and acceptance tests, the cells were discharged at C/10 rate (5A) to 0.1 V or less. The terminals were then shorted. The cells were shipped to NASA Lewis Research Center where they were stored at room temperature in the shorted condition for 1 year. After storage, the acceptance tests were repeated at NASA Lewis. A comparison of test results indicate no significant degradation in electrical performance due to 1 year storage. For the cycle life test the regime was a 90 minute low earth orbit at deep depths of discharge (80 and 60 percent). At the 80 percent DOD the three cells failed on the average at cycle 741. Failure for this test was defined to occur when the cell voltage degraded to 1 V prior to completion of the 35 min discharge. The COD was reduced to 60 percent. The cycle life test was continued.

HIGH TEMPERATURE SOLID OXIDE REGENERATIVE FUEL CELL FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY STORAGE


NASA-TM-89982; E-3576; NAS 1.15:89982; AIAA-87-9203
Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10C

A hydrogen-oxygen regenerative fuel cell (RFC) energy storage system based on high temperature solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC) technology is described. The reactants are stored as gases in lightweight insulated pressure vessels. The product water is stored as a liquid in saturated equilibrium with the fuel gas. The system functions as a secondary battery and is applicable to darkside storage for solar photovoltaics.

SP-100 ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM


NASA-TM-89888; E-3576; NAS 1.15:89888; AIAA-87-9232
Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10B

The goal of the triagency SP-100 Program is to develop long-lived, compact, lightweight, survivable nuclear reactor space power systems for application to the power range 50 kWe to 1 MWe. The successful development of these systems should enable or significantly enhance many of the future NASA civil and commercial missions. The NASA SP-100 Advanced Technology Program strongly augments the parallel SP-100 Ground Engineering System. Development program and enhances the chances for success of the overall SP-100 program. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the key technical elements of the Advanced
Technology Program and the progress made in the initial year and a half of the project. Author


A combination solar photovoltaic heat engine converter is proposed. Such a system is suitable for either terrestrial or space power applications. The combination system has a higher efficiency than either the photovoltaic array or the heat engine alone can attain. Advantages in concentrator and radiator area and receiver mass of the photovoltaic heat engine system over a heat-engine-only system are estimated. A mass and area comparison between the proposed space station organic Rankine power system and a combination PV-heat engine system is made. The estimated performance problem for the proposed converter is the necessity for high temperature photovoltaic array operation. Estimates of the required photovoltaic temperature are presented. Author


A 50 cell bipolar nickel-hydrogen battery was assembled to demonstrate the feasibility of constructing a high voltage stack of cells. Various component combinations were tested in this battery. The battery had approximately 1 ampere-hour of capacity and was constructed from components with an active area of 2" X 2". The components were parametrically varied to give a comparison of nickel electrodes, hydrogen electrodes, separators, fill procedures and electrolyte reservoir plate thicknesses. Groups of five cells were constructed using the same components; ten combinations were tested in all. The battery was thoroughly characterized at various charge and discharge rates as well as with various pulse patterns and rates. Over a period of 1400 40% DOD LEO cycles some of the groups began to exhibit performance differences. In general, only separator variations had a significant effect on cell performance. It also appears that shunt currents may have been operating within the stack, resulting in electrolyte transfer from one cell to another, thus contributing to cell performance variations. Author


Five different types of public service photovoltaic power/load systems installed in the Gabon Republic are discussed. The village settings, the systems, performance results and some problems encountered are described. Most of the systems performed well, but some of the systems had problems due to failure of components or installation errors. The project was reasonably successful in collecting and reporting data for system performance evaluation that will be useful for guiding officials and system designers involved in village power applications in developing countries. Author


Multicomponent fluoride salt mixtures were characterized for use as latent heat of fusion heat storage materials in advanced solar dynamic space power systems with operating temperatures in the range of 973 to 1400 K. The melting points and eutectic composition for many systems with published phase diagrams were verified, and several new eutectic compounds were identified. Additionally, the heats of fusion of several binary and ternary eutectics and congruently melting intermediate compounds were measured by differential scanning calorimetry. The extent of corrosion of various metals by fluoride melts was estimated from thermodynamic considerations, and equilibrium conditions inside a containment vessel were calculated as functions of the initial moisture content of the salt and free volume above the molten salt. Preliminary experimental data on the corrosion of commercial, high-temperature alloys in LiF-19.5CaF2 and NaF-27CaF2-36MgF2 melts are presented and compared to the thermodynamic predictions. Author


In July, 1986, a high-voltage nickel-hydrogen battery was assembled at the NASA Lewis Research Center. This battery incorporated bipolar construction techniques to build a 50-cell stack with approximately 1.0 A-hr capacity (C) and an open-circuit voltage of 65 V. The battery was characterized at both low and high current rates prior to pulsed and nonpulsed discharges. Pulse discharges at 5 and 10 C were performed before placing the battery on over 1400, 40% depth-of-discharge, low-earth-orbit cycles. The successful demonstration of a high-voltage bipolar battery in one containment vessel has advanced the technology to where nickel-hydrogen high-voltage systems can be constructed of several modules instead of hundreds of individual cells. Author


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boiler plate pressure vessel was modified by the addition of a mechanical feedthrough on the bottom of the vessel which permitted different compressions to be applied to the components without disturbing the integrity of the stack. Compression loadings from 0.94 to 27.4 psi were applied by suspending weights from the feedthrough rod. Cell voltages were measured for 0.96-C, 55-min charge and for 1.37-C, 35-min and 2-C, 24-min discharges. An initial change in voltage performance on both charge and discharge as the loading increased was attributed to seating of the components. Subsequent variation of the compression from 2.97 to 27.4 psi caused only minor changes in either the charge or the discharge voltages. Several one month open-circuit voltage stands and 1100 cycles under LEO conditions at the maximum loading have produced no change in performance. 


An experimental program to measure the aerodynamic performance of a NACA 64-621 airfoil with a truncated trailing edge for wind turbine applications has been conducted in the Ohio State University Aeronautical and Astronautical Research Laboratory 6 in. by 21 in. pressurized wind tunnel. The blunted or trailing edge truncated (TET) airfoil has an advantage over similar trailing edge airfoils because it is able to streamline a larger spar structure, while also providing aerodynamic properties that are quite good. Surface pressures were measured and integrated to determine the lift, pressure drag, and moment coefficients over angles of attack ranging from -14 to +90 deg at Mach 0.2 and Reynolds numbers of 1,000,000 and 600,000. Results are compared to the NACA 0025, 0030, and 0035 thick airfoils with sharp trailing edges. Comparison shows that the 30 percent thick NACA 64-621-TET airfoil has higher maximum lift, higher lift curve slope, lower drag at higher lift coefficients, and higher chordwise force coefficient than similar thick airfoils with sharp trailing edges.


A combination photovoltaic array heat engine solar energy converter that converts the entire solar spectrum into electrical energy is disclosed. Photons from the solar spectrum of predetermined wavelengths are directed to the photovoltaic array and converted to electrical energy. Also, a combination of electrical energy and thermal energy storage is provided to insure electrical power throughout the spacecraft orbit. NASA


High efficiency Al sub x Ga sub 1-x As/GaAs heteroface solar concentrator cells have been developed for space applications. The cells, which were grown using metalorganic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD), have been fabricated in both the p-n and n-p configurations. Magnesium and zinc are used as the p-type dopants, and Se is used as the n-type dopant. The space cells, which are designed for use in a Cassegrainian concentrator operating at 100 suns, AMO, have a circular illuminated area 4 mm in diameter on a 5 mm by 5 mm cell. These cells have exhibited flash-tested efficiencies as high as 23.6 percent at 28 C and 21.6 percent at 80 C.

N87-26422* # National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR A GAAS NIPi DOPING SUPERLATTICE SOLAR CELL RALPH CLARK, CHANDRA GORADI (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio), and DAVID BRINKER In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 73-80 Jun. 1987 (Contract HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B

A new GaAs nipi doping superlattice solar cell structure is presented, which holds promise for high efficiency coupled with very high radiation tolerance. The structure has all contacts on the unilluminated side. Design constraints are presented which this structure must satisfy in order to exhibit high efficiency and high radiation tolerance. The results of self-consistent quantum mechanical calculations are presented which show that a viable design of this cell would include relatively thick n and p layers which are fairly heavily doped.


The selected conceptual design of the dome lens photovoltaic concentrator for space applications uses a 3.7 cm square aperture dome lens to focus onto a 0.4 cm active diameter gallium arsenide solar cell. The selected configuration will tolerate 1 degree tracking errors with negligible loss of performance. The selected panel weight is 2.5 kg/sq.m.


The conference provided a forum to assess the progress made, the problems remaining, and the strategy for the future of photovoltaic research. Cell research and technology, space environmental effects, array technology and applications were discussed.
stress related effects appear to degrade cell efficiency, this is not always the case. Evidence is presented showing that arsenic induced stresses can result in emitter characteristics comparable to those found in the MINP cell without requiring a high degree of surface passivation.

N87-26434*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THE USE OF MULTIPLE EBIC CURVES AND LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRON MICROSCOPY IN THE MEASUREMENT OF SMALL DIFFUSION LENGTHS R. P. LEON In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 185-193 Jun. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B Accurate evaluations of diffusion lengths for heavily to moderately doped III-V semiconductors and/or radiation damaged solar cells have been made possible by using experimental and numerical techniques. The techniques employed were electron beam induced current and low voltage electron microscopy.

N87-26435*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. RESULTS OF 1 MEV PROTON IRRADIATION OF FRONT AND BACK SURFACES OF SILICON SOLAR CELLS B. E. ANSPAUGH, R. KACHARE (Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.), and V. G. WEIZER In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 195-206 Jun. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B Several silicon solar cells with and without back surface fields (BSF), having thicknesses of 200 microns and 63 microns were irradiated with 1 MeV protons having fluences between 1 times 10 to the 10th power to 1 times 10 to the 13th power protons per square cm. The irradiation was performed using both normal and isotropic incidence on the front as well as back surfaces of the solar cells. The results of the back surface irradiations are analyzed using a model in which irradiation induced defects across the high-low (BSF) junction are considered. It is concluded that degradation of the high-low junction is responsible for the severe performance loss in thinner cells when irradiated from the rear.

N87-26438*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PERFORMANCE OF ALGaAs, GaAs and INGaAs CELLS AFTER 1 MEV ELECTRON IRRADIATION HENRY B. CURTIS and RUSSELL E. HART, JR. In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 223-234 Jun. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B Electron irradiations were made on three different types of III-V cells. AlGaAs, GaAs, and InGaAs cells with bandgaps of approximately 1.72, 1.43, and 1.1 eV, respectively, were tested. All of the cells were concentrator cells and performance data from one sun to beyond 100x AM0 were taken. The total 1 MeV electron fluence was 3 times 10 to the 15th power electrons per square cm with data taken at several intermediate fluences. Cell performance is presented as a function of electron fluence for various concentration ratios and two different temperatures (25 and 80 C). Since these three cell types are potential candidates for the individual cells in a cascade structure, it is possible to calculate the loss in performance of cascade cells under 1 MeV irradiation. Data are presented which show the calculated performance of both series-connected and separately connected cascade cells.

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N87-26440*# Spire Corp., Bedford, Mass. STATUS OF INDIUM PHOSPHIDE SOLAR CELL DEVELOPMENT AT SPIRE M. B. SPITZER, C. J. KEAVNEY, and S. M. VERNON In NASA Lewis Research Center, Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 247-259 Jun. 1987 (Contract NAS3-24857) Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B On-going development of indium phosphide solar cells for space applications is presented. The development is being carried out with a view towards both high conversion efficiency and simplicity of manufacture. The cell designs comprise the ion-implanted cell, the indium tin oxide top contact cell, and the epitaxial cell grown by metal organic chemical vapor deposition. Modelling data on the limit to the efficiency are presented and comparison is made to measured performance data.

N87-26441*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE OF DIFFUSED JUNCTION INDIUM PHOSPHIDE SOLAR CELLS I. WEINBERG, C. K. SWARTZ, R. E. HART, JR., S. K. GHANDHI, J. M. BORREGO, and K. K. PARAT (Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, N.Y.) In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 261-271 Jun. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B A comparison is made between indium phosphide solar cells whose n-p junctions were processed by open tube capped diffusion, and closed tube uncapped diffusion, of sulfur into Czochralski grown p-type substrates. Air mass zero, total area, efficiencies ranged from 10 to 14.2 percent, the latter value attributed to cells processed by capped diffusion. The radiation resistance of these latter cells was slightly better, under 1 MeV electron irradiation. However, rather than being process dependent, the difference in radiation resistance could be attributed to the effects of increased base dopant concentration. In agreement with previous results, both cells exhibited radiation resistance superior to that of gallium arsenide. The lowest temperature dependency of maximum power was exhibited by the cells prepared by open tube capped diffusion. Contrary to previous results, no correlation was found between open circuit voltage and the temperature dependency of Pmax. It was concluded that additional process optimization was necessary before concluding that one process was better than another.

N87-26443*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. NEAR-OPTIMUM DESIGN OF THE INP HOMOJUNCTION SOLAR CELL CHANDRA GORADIA, JAMES V. GEIER (Cleveland State Univ., Ohio.), and IRVING WEINBERG In its Space Photovoltaic Research and Technology 1986. High Efficiency, Space Environment and Array Technology p 285-293 Jun. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A16/MF A01 CSCL 10B Using a fairly comprehensive model, researchers have done a parametric variation study of the InP n-p homojunction solar cell for AMO, 25 C operation. The results of this study are presented. The results indicate that an efficiency of about 25 percent should be realistically possible in a shallow homojunction InP solar cell with near-optimum design.
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N87-26444*# Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, N.Y.
SOLAR CELLS IN BULK INP USING AN OPEN TUBE DIFFUSSION PROCESS

A simple open tube diffusion technique for the fabrication of n+p junction solar cells is described. Large area (greater than 0.25 square cm) solar cells have been made by this process with a photovoltaic conversion efficiency of 15.2 percent under simulated AMO illumination. An ideality factor is 1.04 and a saturation current density of 9.6 times 10 to the minus 16th power A/square cm have been observed for these cells. These are the lowest (best) values reported to date for diffused structures in bulk InP. Author

N87-26452*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
HIGH POWER/LARGE AREA PV SYSTEMS

The major photovoltaic power system technology drivers for a wide variety of mission types were ranked. Each technology driver was ranked on a scale of high, medium, or low in terms of importance to each particular mission type. The rankings were then compiled to determine the overall importance of each driver over the entire range of space missions. In each case cost was ranked the highest. Author

N87-26455*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
SURFACE PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS ON THE BLADE OF AN OPERATING MOD-2 WIND TURBINE WITH AND WITHOUT VORTEX GENERATORS

Pressure measurements covering a range of wind velocities were made at one span location on the surface of an operating Mod-2, 2500 kW, wind turbine blade. The data, which were taken with and without vortex generators installed on the leading edge, show the existence of higher pressure coefficients than would be expected from two-dimensional wind tunnel data. These high pressure ratios may be the result of three-dimensional flow over the blade, which delays flow separation. Data are presented showing the repetitiveness of abrupt changes in the pressure distribution that occur as the blade rotates. Calculated values of suction and flap coefficients are also presented. Author

N87-27324*# International Fuel Cells Corp., South Windsor, Conn.
REGENERATIVE FUEL CELL STUDY FOR SATELLITES IN GEO ORBIT Final Contractor Report

Summarized are the results of a 12-month study to identify high performance regenerative hydrogen-oxygen fuel cell concepts for geosynchronous satellite application. Emphasis was placed on concepts with the potential for high energy density (W-hr/lb) and passive means for water and heat management to maximize system reliability. Both polymer membrane and alkaline electrolyte fuel cells were considered, with emphasis on the alkaline cell because

of its high performance, advanced state of development, and proven ability to operate in a launch and space environment. Three alkaline system concepts were studied. The first, the integrated design, utilized a configuration in which the fuel cell and electrolysis cells are alternately stacked inside a pressure vessel. Product water is transferred by diffusion during electrolysis and waste heat is conducted through the pressure wall, thus using completely passive means for transfer and control. The second alkaline system, the dedicated design, uses a separate fuel cell and electrolysis stack so that each unit can be optimized in size and weight based on its orbital operating period. The third design was a dual function stack configuration, in which each cell can operate in both fuel cell and electrolysis mode, thus eliminating the need for two separate stacks and associated equipment. Results indicate that using near term technology energy densities between 46 and 52 W-hr/lb can be achieved at efficiencies of 55 percent. System densities of 115 W-hr/lb are contemplated. Author

N87-27327# Wichita State Univ., Kansas
PERFORMANCE AND AERODYNAMIC BRAKING OF A HORIZONTAL-AXIS WIND TURBINE FROM SMALL-SCALE WIND TUNNEL TESTS Final Report

Wind tunnel tests of three 20' diameter, zero twist, zero pitch wind turbine rotor models were conducted in a 7' x 10' wind tunnel to determine the performance of such rotors with NACA 23024 and NACA 64 sub 3-621 airfoil sections. Aerodynamic braking characteristics of a 38% span, 30% chord, vented aileron configuration were measured on the NACA 23024 rotor. Surface flow patterns were observed using fluorescent mini-tufts attached to the suction side of the rotor blades. Experimental results with and without ailerons are compared to predictions using airfoil section data and a momentum performance code. Results of the performance studies show that the 64 sub 3-621 rotor produces higher peak power than the 23024 rotor for a given rotor speed. Analytical studies, however, indicate that the 23024 should produce higher power. Transition strip experiments show that the 23024 rotor is much more sensitive to roughness than the 64 sub 3-621 rotor. These trends agree with analytical predictions. Results of the aileron test show that this aileron, when deflected, produces a braking torque at all tip speed ratios. In free wheeling coastdowns the rotor blade stopped, then rotated backward at a tip speed ratio of 0.6. Author

N87-28960# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
THE SPACE STATION POWER SYSTEM

The major requirements and guidelines that affect the NASA Space Station configuration and the power system are explained. The evolution of the Space Station power system from the NASA program development-feasibility phase through the preliminary design phase is described. Early station concepts, both fanciful and feasible, are described and linked to the present concept. The Phase B trade study selections of photovoltaic system technologies are detailed. Solar dynamic and power management and distribution systems are summarized. ESA

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ALTERNATIVE POWER GENERATION CONCEPTS FOR SPACE

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Papers were presented and workshops conducted in a variety of technical areas, including advanced rechargeables, advanced mission models (space stations, low and geosynchronous Earth orbit missions, planetary missions, and space transportation). A series of related overviews were presented in the areas of NASA technology, a SEP array structure, and projected cell efficiencies. Performance predictions were out-perform those using GaAs or Si in orbits where radiation is a significant cell degradation factor. ESA

Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

A mathematical model was formulated to describe the performance of a hydrogen-bromine fuel cell. Parametric studies using the numerical solution to this model were performed to determine the effect of kinetic, mass transfer, and design parameters on the performance of the fuel cell. The results indicate that the cell performance is most sensitive to the transport properties of the SPE membrane. The model was also shown to be a useful tool for scale-up studies.

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KOH CONCENTRATION EFFECT ON CYCLE LIFE OF NICKEL-HYDROGEN CELLS

A cycle life test of Ni/H2 cells containing electrolytes of various KOH concentrations and a sintered type nickel electrode was carried out at 25 C under 40 Ah per cell, accelerated low Earth orbit (LEO) cycle regime with 80 percent depth of discharge. One of three cells containing 26 percent KOH has achieved over 28,000 cycles, and the other two, 19,000 cycles, without a sign of failure. Two other cells containing 31 percent KOH electrolyte, which is the concentration presently used in aerospace cells, failed after 2,979 and 3,620 cycles. This result indicates that the cycle life of the present type of Ni/H2 cells may be extended by a factor of 5 to 10 simply by lowering the KOH concentration. Long cycle life of a Ni/H2 battery at high depth-of-discharge operation is desired, particularly for an LEO spacecraft application. Typically, battery life of about 30,000 cycles is required for a five year mission in an LEO. Such a cycle life with presently available cells can be assured only at a very low depth-of-discharge operation. Results of testing already show that the cycle life of an Ni/H2 cell is tremendously improved by simply using an electrolyte of low KOH concentration.

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Indium phosphide solar cells exposed to 10 Mev proton irradiations were found to have significantly greater radiation resistance than either GaAs or Si. Performance predictions were obtained for two proton dominated orbits and one in which both protons and electrons were significant cell degradation factors. The specific power was calculated using lightweight blanket technology, a SEP array structure, and projected cell efficiencies. Results indicate that arrays using fully developed InP cells should out-perform those using GaAs or Si in orbits where radiation is a significant cell degradation factor.

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THEORETICAL PERFORMANCE OF HYDROGEN-BROMINE RECHARGEABLE SPE FUEL CELL

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A mathematical model was formulated to describe the performance of a hydrogen-bromine fuel cell. Porous electrode theory was applied to the carbon felt flow-by electrode and was coupled to theory describing the solid polymer electrolyte (SPE) system. Parametric studies using the numerical solution to this model were performed to determine the effect of kinetic, mass transfer, and design parameters on the performance of the fuel cell. The results indicate that the cell performance is most sensitive to the transport properties of the SPE membrane. The model was also shown to be a useful tool for scale-up studies.

LARRY SWETTE and JOSE GINER

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AIGaAs-lnGaAs system can achieve BOL one-sun AM1.5 efficiencies beyond 30 percent. However, to simulate operation at one-sun AM1.5 conditions show that the seven-layer structure is tolerant. Realistic simulations of such cells operating under higher concentration factors, it should be possible to achieve radiation tolerance. Projected efficiencies exceed 26 percent. Under one-sun AM1.5 conditions, the seven-layer structure is advantageous for space applications due to their superior tolerance to radiation degradation.

**GEOPHYSICS**

Includes aeronomy, upper and lower atmosphere studies; ionospheric and magnetospheric physics; and geomagnetism.
scatter the ram ion flux. Some of these ions are reflected back to the PDP and may be the source of the observed ion distributions. The effect is unique to large spacecraft; it occurs only when the magnitude of the induced \( v \times B \) potentials are much larger than the electron thermal energy and of the order of the ion ram energy.

That the ion streams observed at large angles must have been reflected from the PDP surface is demonstrated with three-dimensional sheath and particle trajectory calculations using the low earth orbit version of the NASA Charging Analyzer Program (NASCAP/LEO).

**60 COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND HARDWARE**

Includes hardware for computer graphics, firmware, and data processing.

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**TOWARDS EFFECTIVE INTERACTIVE THREE-DIMENSIONAL COLOUR POSTPROCESSING**


(Contract NASG3-395)

Recommendations for the development of effective three-dimensional, graphical color postprocessing are made. First, the evaluation of large, complex numerical models demands that a postprocessor be highly interactive. A menu of available functions should be provided and these operations should be performed quickly so that a sense of continuity and spontaneity exists during the post-processing session. Second, an agenda for three-dimensional color postprocessing is proposed. A postprocessor must be versatile with respect to application and basic algorithms must be designed so that they are flexible. A complete selection of tools is necessary to allow arbitrary specification of views, extraction of qualitative information, and access to detailed quantitative and problem information. Finally, full use of advanced display hardware is necessary if interactivity is to be maximized and effective postprocessing of today's numerical simulations is to be achieved.


**ACTS BASEBAND PROCESSING**


(Contract NASG3-23790)

The baseband processor designed for NASA's ACTS experimental system operating in Ka band is described. The ACTS baseband processor facilitates the interconnection necessary to support scanning spot beam low bit rate communications. The dynamic reconfiguration of message routing and the individual application of forward correction coding to overcome localized rain fading are among the processors many advantages. Preliminary hardware testing results are reviewed. K.K.

**61 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND SOFTWARE**

Includes computer programs, routines, and algorithms, and specific applications, e.g., CAD/CAM.

A87-18499* Akron Univ., Ohio.

**ON THE SYMBOLIC MANIPULATION AND CODE GENERATION FOR ELASTO-PLASTIC MATERIAL MATRICES**

T. Y. CHANG, A. F. SALEEB (Akron, University, OH), P. S. WANG, and H. Q. TAN (Kent State University, OH) Engineering with Computers (ISSN 0177-0667), vol. 1, no. 4, 1986, p. 205-215. refs

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A computerized procedure for symbolic manipulations and FORTRAN code generation of elastoplastic material matrix for finite element applications is presented. Special emphasis is placed on expression simplifications during intermediate derivations, optimal code generation, and interface with the main program. A systematic procedure is outlined to avoid redundant algebraic manipulations. Symbolic expressions of the derived material stiffness matrix are automatically converted to RATFOR code which is then translated into FORTRAN statements through a preprocessor. To minimize the interface problem with the main program, a template file is prepared so that the translated FORTRAN statements can be merged into the file to form a subroutine (or a submodule). Three constitutive models; namely, von Mises plasticity, the Drucker-Prager model, and a concrete plasticity model, are used as illustrative examples.

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**OPTIMIZATION AND ANALYSIS OF GAS TURBINE ENGINE BLADES**


(AIAA PAPER 87-0827)

A gas turbine engine blade design is optimized using STAEBL. To validate the STAEBL analysis, the optimized blade design is analyzed using MARC, MHOST and BEST3D. The results show good agreement between STAEBL, MARC, and MHOST. The conclusion is that STAEBL can be used to optimize an engine blade design.

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**A HYBRID NONLINEAR PROGRAMMING METHOD FOR DESIGN OPTIMIZATION**


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Solutions to engineering design problems formulated as nonlinear programming (NLP) problems usually require the use of more than one optimization technique. Moreover, the interaction between the user (analysis/synthesis) program and the NLP system can lead to interface, scaling, or convergence problems. An NLP solution system is presented that seeks to solve these problems by providing a programming system to ease the user-system interface. A simple set of rules is used to select an optimization technique or to switch from one technique to another in an attempt to detect, diagnose, and solve some potential problems. Numerical examples involving finite element based optimal design of space trusses and rotor bearing systems are used to illustrate the applicability of the proposed methodology.
INTERACTIVE GRAPHICS AND ANALYSIS ACCURACY

An important objective of graphical finite element postprocessing is the facility to indicate to the engineer the accuracy of analysis results. The inclusion of mesh quality sensors permits a subjective evaluation of the adequacy of a single analysis being interpreted. For graphical approaches, both strain energy density gradients and discontinuities of unsmoothed responses and their gradients have proved to be effective sensors. Graphical tools which can display discontinuity information effectively are described; these are essentially different from the ordinary methods used for the viewing of smoothed results.

Author

MATHMATICAL MODEL PARTITIONING AND PACKING FOR PARALLEL COMPUTER CALCULATION

This paper deals with the development of multiprocessor simulations from a serial set of ordinary differential equations describing a physical system. The identification of computational parallelism within the model equations is discussed. A technique is presented for identifying this parallelism and for partitioning the equations for parallel solution on a multiprocessor. Next, an algorithm which packs the equations into a minimum number of processors is described. The results of applying the packing algorithm to a turboshaft engine model are presented.

Author

INCREASING PROCESSOR UTILIZATION DURING PARALLEL COMPUTATION RUNDOWN

Some parallel processing environments provide for asynchronous execution and completion of general purpose parallel computations from a single computational phase. When all the computations from such a phase are complete, a new parallel computational phase is begun. Depending upon the granularity of the parallel computations to be performed, there may be a shortage of available work as a particular computational phase draws to a close (computational rundown). This can result in the waste of computing resources and the delay of the overall problem. In many practical instances, strict sequential ordering of phases of parallel computation is not totally required. In such cases, the beginning of one phase can be correctly computed before the end of a previous phase is completed. This allows additional work to be generated somewhat earlier to keep computing resources busy during each computational rundown. The conditions under which this can occur are identified and the frequency of occurrence of such overlapping in an actual parallel Navier-Stokes code is reported. A language construct is suggested and possible control strategies for the management of such computational phase overlapping are discussed.

Author
so that postprocessing difficulties arising from model size, geometric complexity, response variation, and analysis type can be adequately overcome. Finite element, finite difference, and boundary element models are evaluated with the prototype postprocessor. Elements may be removed from parent models to be studied as independent subobjects. Discontinuous responses may be contoured including responses which become singular, and nonlinear color scales may be input by the user for the enhancement of the contouring operation. Hit testing can be performed to extract precise geometric, response, mesh, or material information from the database. In addition, stress intensity factors may be contoured along the crack front of a fracture model. Stepwise analyses can be studied, and the user can recontour responses repeatedly, as if he were paging through the response sets. As a system, these tools allow effective interpretation of complex analysis results.

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AUTOMATING THE PARALLEL PROCESSING OF FLUID AND STRUCTURAL DYNAMICS CALCULATIONS

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The NASA Lewis Research Center is actively involved in the development of expert system technology to assist users in applying parallel processing to computational fluid and structural dynamic analysis. The goal of this effort is to eliminate the necessity for the physical scientist to become a computer scientist in order to effectively use the computer as a research tool. Programming and operating software utilities have previously been developed to solve systems of ordinary nonlinear differential equations on parallel scalar processors. Current efforts are aimed at extending these capabilities to systems of partial differential equations, that describe the complex behavior of fluids and structures within aerospace propulsion systems. This paper presents some important considerations in the redesign, in particular, the need for algorithms and software utilities that can automatically identify data flow patterns in the application program and partition and allocate calculations to the parallel processors. A library-oriented multiprocessing concept for integrating the hardware and software functions is described.

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TIME-PARTITIONING SIMULATION MODELS FOR CALCULATION ON PARALLEL COMPUTERS

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A technique allowing time-staggered solution of partial differential equations is presented in this report. Using this technique, called time-partitioning, simulation execution speedup is proportional to the number of processors used because all processors operate simultaneously, with each updating of the solution grid at a different time point. The technique is limited by either the number of processors available or by the dimension of the solution grid. Time steps may be evaluated with the same flow pattern through a cascade of airfoils, modeled by the Euler partial differential equations. An execution speedup factor of 1.77 was achieved using a two processor Cray X-MP/24 computer. Author

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Includes computer networks and special application computer systems.

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EXTRAPOLATION METHODS FOR VECTOR SEQUENCES
DAVID A. SMITH (Duke University, Durham, NC), WILLIAM F. FORD (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and AVRAM SIDI (Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa) SIAM Review (ISSN 0036-1445), vol. 29, June 1987, p. 199-233. refs (Contract NSF-3160)

This paper derives, describes, and compares five extrapolation methods for accelerating convergence of vector sequences or transforming divergent vector sequences to convergent ones. These methods are the scalar epsilon algorithm (SEA), vector epsilon algorithm (VEA), topological epsilon algorithm (TEA), minimal polynomial extrapolation (MPE), and reduced rank extrapolation (RRE). MPE and RRE are first derived and proven to give the exact solution for the right 'essential degree' k. Then, Brezinski's (1975) generalization of the Shanks-Schmidt transform is presented; the generalized form leads from systems of equations to TEA. The necessary connections are then made with SEA and VEA. The algorithms are extended to the nonlinear case by cycling, the error analysis for MPE and VEA is sketched, and the theoretical support for quadratic convergence is discussed. Strategies for practical implementation of the methods are considered. C.D.

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THE HYPERCLUSTER: A PARALLEL PROCESSING TEST-BED ARCHITECTURE FOR COMPUTATIONAL MECHANICS APPLICATIONS

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The development of numerical methods and software tools for parallel processors can be aided through the use of a hardware test-bed. The test-bed architecture must be flexible enough to support investigations into architecture-algorithm interactions. One way to implement a test-bed is to use a commercial parallel
processor. Unfortunately, most commercial parallel processors are fixed in their interconnection and/or processor architecture. In this paper, we describe a modified n cube architecture, called the hypercluster, which is a superset of many other processor and interconnection architectures. The hypercluster is intended to support research into parallel processing of computational fluid and structural mechanics problems which may require a number of different architectural configurations. An example of how a typical partial differential equation solution algorithm maps on to the hypercluster is given. Author

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APPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL-TIME SIMULATORS IN GROUND-TEST FACILITIES DALE J. ARPSI and RICHARD A. BLECH Dec. 1986 26 p (NASA-TP-2672; E-3189; NAS 1.60:2672) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 09B
This report relates simulator functions and capabilities to the operation of ground test facilities, in general. The potential benefits of having a simulator are described to aid in the selection of desired applications for a specific facility. Configuration options for integrating a simulator into the facility control system are discussed, and a logical approach to configuration selection based on desired applications is presented. The functional and data path requirements to support selected applications and configurations are defined. Finally, practical considerations for implementation (i.e., available hardware and costs) are discussed. Author

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NUMERICAL ANALYSIS
Includes iteration, difference equations, and numerical approximation.

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SOLUTION OF ELLIPTIC PDES BY FAST POISSON SOLVERS USING A LOCAL RELAXATION FACTOR SIN-CHUNG CHANG (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Computational Physics (ISSN 0021-9991), vol. 67, Nov. 1986, p. 91-123. refs
A large class of two- and three-dimensional, nonseparable elliptic partial differential equations (PDEs) is presently solved by means of novel one-step (D’Yanakov-Gunn) and two-step (accelerated one-step) iterative procedures, using a local, discrete Fourier analysis. In addition to being easily implemented and applicable to a variety of boundary conditions, these procedures are found to be computationally efficient on the basis of the results of numerical comparison with other established methods, which lack the present one’s: (1) insensitivity to grid cell size and aspect ratio, and (2) ease of convergence rate estimation by means of the coefficient of the PDE being solved. The two-step procedure is numerically demonstrated to outperform the one-step procedure in the case of PDEs with variable coefficients. O.C.

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EXTRAPOLATION METHODS FOR DIVERGENT OSCILLATORY INFINITE INTEGRALS THAT ARE DEFINED IN THE SENSE OF SUMMABILITY AVRAM SIDI (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH; Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa) Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics (ISSN 0377-0427), vol. 17, Feb. 1987, p. 105-114. Research supported by the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. refs
In a recent work by the author an extrapolation method, the W-transformation, was developed, by which a large class of oscillatory infinite integrals can be computed very efficiently. The results of this work are extended to a class of divergent oscillatory infinite integrals in the present paper. It is shown in particular that these divergent integrals exist in the sense of Abel summability and that the W-transformation can be applied to them without any modifications. Convergence results are stated and numerical examples given. Author

A87-41239*# Texas Univ., Austin.
Recent advances in adaptive finite elements are summarized. General concepts behind a posteriori error estimation, h-method data management, and algorithms for fluid-mechanics applications are then examined, and some results of numerical experiments with new adaptive codes are given. Numerical examples include supersonic flow over a 20-deg ramp, supersonic flow in expansion corners, the reflecting-shock problem, and the rotating-cone problem. Finally, future directions of research in the field are outlined. V.L.

A87-42069*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
The validity of the modified equation stability analysis introduced by Warming and Hyett was investigated. It is shown that the procedure used in the derivation of the modified equation is flawed and generally leads to invalid results. Moreover, the interpretation of the modified equation as the exact partial differential equation solved by a finite-difference method generally cannot be justified even if spatial periodicity is assumed. For a two-level scheme, due to a series of mathematical quirks, the connection between the modified equation approach and the von Neuman method established by Warming and Hyett turns out to be correct despite its questionable original derivation. However, this connection is only partially valid for a scheme involving more than two time levels. In the von Neumann analysis, the complex error multiplication factor associated with a wave number generally has (L-1) roots for an L-level scheme. It is shown that the modified equation provides information about only one of these roots. Author

An analytical technique is developed to estimate (with second-order accuracy) the curvature of a sufficiently smooth plane curve defined in finite form. The derivation of the approximations from local information is explained in detail; the continuity and invariance of the estimates under translation and rotation are demonstrated; and examples, error estimates, and a broken-line extension are presented. The suitability of the present technique for computer implementation is indicated. T.K.
MULTIGRID-SINC METHODS

STEVE SCHAFER (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) and FRANK STENGER (Utah, University, Salt Lake City) (USAF and Gesellschaft fuer Mathematik und Datenverarbeitung, Copper Mountain Conference on Multigrid Methods, 2nd, Copper Mountain, CO, Mar. 31-Apr. 3, 1985) Applied Mathematics and Computation (ISSN 0096-3003), vol. 19, July 1986, p. 311-319.

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A Galerkin method using Whitaker cardinal or 'sinc' functions as basis functions is described for the solution of boundary-value problems. When the solution is analytic in the interior of the domain, the error of approximation using 2N + 1 points is O(e exp /gamma sq rt N) even if derivatives of the solution are singular at the boundaries. A multigrid method with overall complexity O(N log N) is used to solve the discrete equations. This paper contains a description of the multigrid-sinc algorithm along with some preliminary numerical results for two-point boundary-value problems. Author

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CONDIF - A MODIFIED CENTRAL-DIFFERENCE SCHEME FOR CONVECTIVE FLOWS


The paper presents a method, called CONDIF, which modifies the CDS (central-difference scheme) by introducing a controlled amount of numerical diffusion based on the local gradients. The numerical diffusion can be adjusted to be negligibly low for most problems. CONDIF results are significantly more accurate than those obtained from the hybrid scheme when the Peclet number is very high and the flow is at large angles to the grid.

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AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR SOLVING THE STEADY EULER EQUATIONS


An efficient numerical procedure for solving a set of nonlinear partial differential equations is given, specifically for the steady Euler equations. Solutions of the equations were obtained by Newton’s linearization procedure, commonly used to solve the roots of nonlinear algebraic equations. In application of the same procedure for solving a set of differential equations we give a theorem showing that a quadratic convergence rate can be achieved. While the domain of quadratic convergence depends on the problems studied and is unknown a priori, we show that first and second-order derivatives of flux vectors determine whether the condition for quadratic convergence is satisfied. The first derivatives enter as an implicit operator for yielding new iterates and the second derivatives indicate smoothness of the flows considered. Consequently, flows involving shocks are expected to require larger number of iterations. First-order upwind discretization in conjunction with the Steger-Warming flux-vector splitting is employed on the implicit operator and a diagonal dominant matrix results. However the explicit operator is represented by first- and second-order upwind differencings, using both Steger-Warming’s and van Leer’s splittings. We discuss treatment of boundary conditions and some procedures for solving the resulting block matrix system. With a set of test problems for one- and two-dimensional flows, we show detailed study as to the efficiency, accuracy, and convergence of the present method.

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SOLUTION OF ELLIPTIC PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS BY FAST POISSON SOLVERS USING A LOCAL RELAXATION FACTOR. 2: TWO-STEP METHOD

S. C. CHANG May 1986 17 p (NASA-TP-2530; E-2528-1; NAS 1.60:2530) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSDL 12A

A two-step semidirect procedure is developed to accelerate the one-step procedure described in NASA-TP-2529. For a set of constant-coefficient second-order problems, the acceleration increases from 1 to 2 as the one-step procedure convergence rate decreases from infinity to 0. It is also shown numerically that the two-step procedure can substantially accelerate the convergence of the numerical solution of many partial differential equations (PDE’s) with variable coefficients.

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A GENERALIZED PROCEDURE FOR CONSTRUCTING AN UPWIND BASED TVD SCHEME


A generalized formulation for constructing second- and higher-order accurate TVD (total variation diminishing) schemes is presented. A given scheme is made TVD by limiting antidiffusive flux differences with some linear functions, so-called limiters. The general idea of the formulation and its mathematical proof of Harten's TVD conditions is shown by applying the Lax-Wendroff method to scalar nonlinear equations and a constant-coefficient system of conservation laws. For the system of equations, several definitions are derived for the argument used in the limiter function and present their performance in numerical experiments. The formulation is extended to the nonlinear system. It is demonstrated that the present procedure can easily convert existing central or upwind, and second- or higher-order differencing schemes to preserve monotonicity and yield physically admissible solutions. The formulation is simple mathematically as well as numerically; both matrix-vector multiplication and Riemann solver are avoided. Although the notion of TVD is based on the initial value problem, application to the steady Euler equations of the formulation is also made.

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AN EXPONENTIAL FINITE DIFFERENCE TECHNIQUE FOR SOLVING PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS M.S. Thesis - Toledo Univ., Ohio ROBERT F. HANDSCHUH (Army Aviation Research and Development Command, Cleveland, Ohio) Jun. 1987 135 p (NASA-TM-89874; E-3544; NAS 1.15:89874; AVSCOM-TR-87-7-C-19) Avail: NTIS HC A07/MF A01 CSDL 12A

An exponential finite difference algorithm, as first presented by Bhattacharya for one-dimensional steady-state, heat conduction in Cartesian coordinates, has been extended. The finite difference algorithm developed was used to solve the diffusion equation in one-dimensional cylindrical coordinates and applied to two- and three-dimensional problems in Cartesian coordinates. The method was also used to solve nonlinear partial differential equations in one (Burger's equation) and two (Boundary Layer equations) dimensional Cartesian coordinates. Predicted results were compared to exact solutions where available, or to results obtained by other numerical methods. It was found that the exponential finite difference method produced results that were more accurate than those obtained by other methods. An initial transient portion of the solution. Other applications made using the exponential finite difference technique included unsteady one-dimensional heat transfer with temperature varying thermal

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206 designs that have the potential to achieve future communications enhanced space-based activities and associated satellite system status of communications satellite systems and operations throughout the lifetime of the satellite. The expected state-of-the-art economics of the space segment of communication satellite A01 CSCL 12B

A design for a space power station that is to transmit power to the surface of a planet via high powered microwaves should commence with the optimum design of the transmitting and receiving antenna combination to be employed. Once one has assured that the desired amount of power has been transferred (which, after all, is the purpose of any power transmission system), one can, from the constraints imposed by such a design, taylor other parameters of the system such as antenna sizes and weights, power density in the planet’s atmosphere (e.g., to avoid electrical breakdown), and frequency of operation. It is the purpose of this brief analysis to provide the working equations of such an optimized antenna system, and to give examples of their use. Related problems that should be analyzed in the future will then be discussed and a flow chart of the indicated order of priority presented. The analysis given here differs from previous work on this subject in that the development given will allow analytical expressions to be obtained for the relevant parameters. This is made possible by employing an approximation procedure to be given during the exposition. Author
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will be fundamentally the same for other geometries. Author
conclusions drawn by using this simpler two-dimensional geometry
fitted into the ends of a guide. It is believed that the general
absorbing wave guides. The analysis models the electromagnetic
TM electromagnetic propagation in complex two-dimensional
finite element Galerkin formulation has been developed to study
guide depends on its construction and design frequency range. A

The discharge chamber of a 30-cm argon ion source was
successfully used to texture potential space radiator materials for
the purpose of obtaining values of thermal emittance greater than
0.85 at 700 and 900 K. Some samples were also treated in acid
prior to texturing. To evaluate the durability of the textured materials
to atomic oxygen, samples were exposed to an RF air plasma
environment. The spectral emittance between 2.0 and 15.0 microns
was measured before and after the textured materials were
exposed to the plasma asher. The results indicate that copper
with extremely high values of emittance after texturing (0.978 and
0.983) at 700 and 900 K, respectively, did not change its values
with no flow and absorbing material mounted on one wall. Changes
in the exit boundaries are determined by coupling the finite element
solutions at the entrance and exit to the eigenfunctions of an
infinite uniform perfect conducting duct. Example solutions are
presented for electromagnetic propagation with absorbing duct
walls and propagating through dielectric-metallic matrix materials. Author

A finite element model was developed to solve for the acoustic
pressure field in a nonhomogeneous region. The derivations from
the governing equations assumed that the material properties could
vary with position resulting in a nonhomogeneous variable property
two-dimensional wave equation. This eliminated the necessity of
finding the boundary conditions between the different materials.
For a two media region consisting of part air (in the duct) and
part bulk absorber (in the wall), a model was used to describe
the bulk absorber properties in two directions. An experiment to
verify the numerical theory was conducted in a rectangular duct
with no flow and absorbing material mounted on one wall. Changes
in the sound field, consisting of planar waves was measured on
the wall opposite the absorbing material. As a function of distance
along the duct, fairly good agreement was found in the standing
wave pattern upstream of the absorber and in the decay of pressure
level opposite the absorber. Author

It is shown how Witten's (1986) noncommutative geometry may
be extended to describe the closed bosonic string. For closed
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A model high-speed advanced propeller, SR-7A, was tested in the NASA Lewis 9 x 15 foot anechoic wind tunnel at simulated takeoff/approach conditions of 0.2 Mach number. These tests were in support of the full-scale Propfan Text Assessment (PTA) flight program. Acoustic measurements were taken with fixed microphone arrays and with an axially translating microphone probe. Limited aerodynamic measurements were also taken to establish the propeller operating conditions. Tests were conducted with the propeller alone and with three down-stream wing configurations. The propeller was run over a range of blade setting angles from 32.0 deg. to 43.6 deg., tip speeds from 183 to 290 m/sec (600 to
950 ft/sec, and angles of attack from -10 deg. to +15 deg. The propeller alone BPF tone noise was found to increase 10 dB in the flyover plane at 15 deg. propeller axis angle of attack. The installation of the straight wing at minimum spacing of 0.54 wing chord increased the tone noise 5 dB under the wing of 10 deg. propeller axis angle of attack, while a similarly spaced inboard upsweppt wing only increased the tone noise 2 dB. 

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STRUCTUREBORNE NOISE CONTROL IN ADVANCED TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT


Structureborne noise is discussed as a contributor to propeller aircraft interior noise levels that are nonresonant to the application of a generous amount of cabin sidewall acoustic treatment. High structureborne noise levels may jeopardize passenger acceptance of the fuel-efficient high-speed propeller transport aircraft designed for cruise Mach 0.65 to 0.85. These single-rotation tractor and counter-rotation tractor and pusher propulsion systems will consume 15 to 30 percent less fuel than advanced turbofan systems. Structureborne noise detection methodologies and the importance of development of a structureborne noise sensor are discussed. A structureborne noise generation mechanism is described in which the periodic components or propeller swirl produce periodic torques and forces on downstream wings and airfoils that are propagated to the cabin interior as noise. Three concepts for controlling structureborne noise are presented: (1) a stator row swirl remover, (2) selection of a proper combination of blade numbers in the rotor/stator system of a single-rotation propeller, and (3) a tuned mechanical absorber. 

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ACOUSTIC POWER MEASUREMENT FOR SINGLE AND ANNULAR STREAM DUCT-NOZZLE SYSTEMS UTILIZING A MODAL DECOMPOSITION SCHEME


A refined acoustic impulse technique was used to evaluate the adequacy of single point in-duct pressure measurements for determining the acoustic power for incident, reflected, and transmitted fields for single and annular stream duct-nozzle systems at various flow conditions. The spatial distributions of incident and reflected pressure fields were measured at several radial and azimuthal locations inside the duct. A modal decomposition scheme was used to derive the acoustic power of each duct mode from the complex pressure measurements. The total sums of these individual modal acoustic powers were compared with the area-weighted acoustic power distributions that were evaluated from measured pressure data. It was found that a single-point measurement near the duct wall is adequate for estimating the transmitted power for both single and annular stream duct-nozzle systems.

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SOUND RADIATION FROM SINGLE AND ANNULAR STREAM NOZZLES, WITH MODAL DECOMPOSITION OF IN-DUCT ACOUSTIC POWER


An experimental program was carried out to study the acoustic characteristics of single and annular stream duct-nozzle systems at various flow conditions by using a refined acoustic impulse technique. In this technique, signal synthesis and signal averaging processes are incorporated to generate a desired impulsive signal from acoustic driver(s) and to eliminate background noise (flow noise) from in-duct and far field signals, respectively. The contribution of higher order modes to incident reflected and transmitted acoustic powers is accounted for by using a modal decomposition process. The annular stream terminations were tested statically at various annular stream flow velocities with no inner flow stream. The results derived from the experiments include in-duct acoustic powers, termination reflection coefficients, transmission coefficients, far field power, and acoustic dissipation.

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RESULTS OF ACOUSTIC TESTS OF A PROP-FAN MODEL


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Results of acoustic tests in a low speed open jet anechoic wind tunnel are presented for a counter rotation Prop-Fan model. The model tested had 5 front and 5 rear rotor blades with swept planform. Noise spectra are presented showing the influence of operating and configuration variables such as: (1) power absorption, (2) tip speed, (3) rotor-rotor spacing, (4) power split between the front and rear blade rows, (5) variation of the RPM ratio between front and rear blade rows, (6) tractor versus pusher (pylon effects), and (7) angle of attack. In addition to model scale results, calculated levels derived from test are presented showing the influence of the above variables on Effective Perceived Noise Level of a 13.1 ft diameter Prop-Fan at a flyover distance of 1500 ft. It was found that the strongest effects are caused by tip speed and power absorption. A significant finding was that there is an optimum operating tip speed for minimum noise for a given power absorption. Effects of other parametric variations are generally small but measurable. In order to minimize noise to meet airplane certification
limits, operation at moderate tip speeds and power absorption is shown to be desirable. Accuracy of predicted Effective Perceived Noise Level is shown to be good with the best accuracy in the 590 to 670 ft/sec tip speed range.

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THE ACOUSTIC EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF COUNTERROTATING PROPELLER CONFIGURATIONS


(SAE PAPER 871031)

An experimental study of scale counterrotating propellers operating in an anechoic facility has been conducted. Various configurations of counterrotation for equal numbers of blades per disk have been tested along with single-rotation propellers, underscoring the fundamental acoustic differences between single and counterrotation propeller operation. In addition it is shown that, as the loading on the counterrotating system is increased, the overall sound-pressure level is also increased in both the disk plane and axial direction.

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FREE JET FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A THERMAL ACOUSTIC SHIELD CONCEPT FOR AST/VCE APPLICATION: DUAL STREAM NOZZLES Final Report


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The influence of selected geometric and aerodynamic flow variables of an unsuppressed coannular plug nozzle and a coannular plug nozzle with a 20-chute outer stream suppressor were experimentally determined. A total of 136 static and simulated flight acoustic test points were conducted with 9 scale model nozzles. Also, aerodynamic measurements of four selected plumes were made with a laser velocimeter. The presence of the 180 deg shield produced different mixing characteristics on the shield side compared to the unshield side because of the reduced mixing with ambient air on the shielded side. This resulted in a stretching of the jet, yielding a higher mean jet velocity up to a length of 10 equivalent diameters from the nozzle exit. The 180 deg shield in community orientation around the suppressed coannular plug nozzle yielded acoustic benefit at all observer angles for a simulated takeoff. While the effect of shield-to-outstream velocity ratio was evident, it angles up to 120 deg, beyond this angle significant acoustic benefit was realized with a shield-to-outstream velocity ratio of 0.64.

Author


FREE JET ACOUSTIC INVESTIGATION OF HIGH-RADIUS-RATIO COANNULAR PLUG NOZZLES Final Report


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The experimental and analytical results of a scale model simulated flight acoustic exploratory investigation of high radius coannular plug nozzles with inverted velocity and temperature profiles are summarized. Six coannular plug nozzle configurations and a baseline convergent conical nozzle were tested for simulated flight acoustic evaluation. The nozzles were tested over a range of test conditions that are typical of a Variable Cycle Engine for application to advanced high speed aircraft. It was found that in simulated flight, the high radius ratio coannular plug nozzles maintain their jet noise and shock noise reduction features previously observed in static testing. The presence of nozzle bypass struts will not significantly affect the acoustic noise reduction features of a General Electric type nozzle design. A unique coannular plug nozzle flight acoustic spectral prediction method was identified and found to predict the measured results quite well. Special laser velocimeter and acoustic measurements were performed which have given new insights into the jet and shock noise reduction mechanisms of coannular plug nozzles with regard to identifying further beneficial research efforts.

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CRUISE NOISE OF COUNTERROTATION PROPELLER AT ANGLE OF ATTACK IN WIND TUNNEL


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The noise of a counterrotation propeller at angle of attack was measured in the NASA Lewis 8- by 6-Foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel at cruise conditions. Noise increases of as much as 4 dB were measured at positive angles of attack on the tunnel side wall, which represented an airplane fuselage. These noise increases could be minimized or eliminated by operating the counterrotation propeller with the front propeller turning up-inboard. This would require oppositely rotating propellers on opposite sides of the airplane. Noise analyses at different bandwidths enabled the separate front- and rear-propeller tones, as well as the total noise, at each harmonic to be determined. A simplified noise model was explored to show how the observed circumferential noise patterns of the separate propeller tones might have occurred. The total noise pattern, which represented the sum of the front- and rear-propeller tones at a particular harmonic, showed trends that would be hard to interpret without the separate-tone results. Therefore, it is important that counterrotation angle-of-attack noise data be taken in such a manner that the front- and rear-propeller tones can be separated.

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HIGH-SPEED PROPELLER NOISE PREDICTIONS: EFFECTS OF BOUNDARY CONDITIONS USED IN BLADE LOADING CALCULATIONS


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The acoustics of an advanced single rotation SR-3 propeller at cruise conditions are studied employing a time-domain approach. The study evaluates the acoustic significance of the differences in blade pressures computed using nonreflecting rather than hard wall boundary conditions in the three-dimensional Euler code solution. The directivities of the harmonics of the blade passing frequency tone and the effects of chordwise loading on tone directivity are examined. The results show that the maximum difference in the computed sound pressure levels due to the use of blade pressure distributions obtained with the nonreflecting rather than the hard wall boundary conditions is about 1.5 dB. The blade passing frequency tone directivity obtained in the present study shows good agreement with jetstar flight data.

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NOISE GENERATED BY FLOW THROUGH LARGE BUTTERFLY VALVES

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A large butterfly valve (1.37 m diam) was acoustically tested to measure the noise generated and propagating in both the upstream and downstream directions. The experimental investigation used wall mounted pressure transducers to measure the fluctuating component of the pipe static pressure upstream
and downstream of the valve. Microphones upstream of the pipe inlet and located in a plenum were used to measure the noise radiated from the valve in the upstream direction. Comparison of the wall pressure downstream of the valve to a prediction was made. Reasonable agreement was obtained with the valve operating at a choked condition. The noise upstream of the valve is 30 dB less than that measured downstream.

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STRUCTUREBORNE NOISE CONTROL IN ADVANCED TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT  
(ANASA-TM-88947; E-3362; NAS 1.15:88947; AIAA-87-0530)  
Avail: NTIS HC A01 CSCL 20A  
Structureborne noise is discussed as a contributor to propeller aircraft interior noise levels that are nonresponsive to the application of a generous amount of cabin sidewall acoustic treatment. High structureborne noise levels may jeopardize passenger acceptance of the fuel-efficient high-speed propeller transport aircraft designed for cruise at Mach 0.65 to 0.85. These single-rotation tractor and counter-rotation tractor and pusher propulsion systems will consume 15 to 30 percent less fuel than advanced turbofan systems. Structureborne noise detection methodologies and the importance of development of a structureborne noise sensor are discussed. A structureborne noise generation mechanism is described in which the periodic components of propeller swirl produce periodic torques and forces on downstream wings and airfoils that are propagated to the cabin interior as noise. Three concepts for controlling structureborne noise are presented: (1) a stator row swirl remover, (2) selection of a proper combination of blade numbers in the rotor/stator system of a single-rotation propeller, and the rotor/rotor system of a counter-rotation propeller, and (3) a tuned mechanical absorber.

**N87-16568**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.  
MEASURED NOISE OF A SCALE MODEL HIGH SPEED PROPELLER AT SIMULATED TAKEOFF/ APPROACH CONDITIONS  
(ANASA-TM-88920; E-3352; NAS 1.15:88920; AIAA-87-0526)  
Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 20A  
A model high-speed advanced propeller, SR-7A, was tested in the NASA Lewis 9 x 15 foot anechoic wind tunnel at simulated takeoff/approach conditions of 0.2 Mach number. These tests were in support of the full-scale Propan Text Assessment (PTA) flight program. Acoustic measurements were taken with fixed microphone arrays and with an axially translating microphone probe. Limited aerodynamic measurements were also taken to establish the propeller operating conditions. Tests were conducted with the propeller alone and with three downstream wing configurations. The propeller was run over a range of blade setting angles from 32.0 deg. to 43.6 deg., tip speeds from 183 to 290 m/sec (600 to 950 ft/sec), and angles of attack from -10 deg. to +15 deg. The propeller alone BPF tone noise was found to increase 10 dB in the flyover plane at 15 deg. propeller axis angle of attack. The installation of the straight wing at minimum spacing of 0.54 wing chord increased the tone noise 5 dB under the wing of 10 deg. propeller axis angle of attack, while a similarly spaced inboard upswept wing only increased the tone noise 2 dB.

**N87-17480**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.  
COMBUSTION NOISE FROM GAS TURBINE AIRCRAFT ENGINES: MEASUREMENTS OF FAR-FIELD LEVELS  
(NASA-TM-88971; E-3407; NAS 1.15:88971)  
Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20A  
Combustion noise can be a significant contributor to total aircraft noise. Measurement of combustion noise is made difficult by the fact that both jet noise and combustion noise exhibit broadband spectra and peak in the same frequency range. Since in-flight reduction of jet noise is greater than that of combustion noise, the latter can be a major contributor to the in-flight noise of an aircraft but will be less evident, and more difficult to measure, under static conditions. Several methods for measuring the far-field combustion noise of aircraft engines are discussed in this paper. These methods make it possible to measure combustion noise levels even in situations where other noise sources, such as jet noise, dominate. Measured far-field combustion noise levels for several turbofan engines are presented. These levels were obtained using a method referred to as three-signal coherence, requiring that fluctuating pressures be measured at two locations within the engine core in addition to the far-field noise measurement. Cross-spectra are used to separate the far-field combustion noise from far-field noise due to other sources. Spectra and directivities are presented. Comparisons with existing combustion noise predictions are made.

SIMULATED FLIGHT ACOUSTIC INVESTIGATION OF TREATED EJECTOR EFFECTIVENESS ON ADVANCED MECHANICAL SUPPRESSORS FOR HIGH VELOCITY JET NOISE REDUCTION  
(NASA-CR-4019; E-3134; NAS 1.26:4019; R85AB518)  
Avail: NTIS HC A18/MF A01 CSCL 20A  
Ten scale-model nozzles were tested in an anechoic free-jet facility to evaluate the acoustic characteristics of a mechanically suppressed inverted-velocity-profile coaxial nozzle with an acoustically treated ejector system. The nozzle system was developed from aerodynamic flow lines evolved in a previous contract, defined to incorporate the restraints imposed by the aerodynamic performance requirements of an Advanced Supersonic Technology Engine Variable Cycle Engine system through all its mission phases. Acoustic data of 188 test points were obtained, 87 under static and 101 under simulated flight conditions. The tests investigated variables of hardwall ejector application to a coaxial nozzle with 20-chute outer annular suppressor, ejector axial positioning, treatment application to ejector and plug surfaces, and treatment design. Laser velocimeter, shadowgraph photograph, aerodynamic static pressure, and temperature measurement were acquired on select models to yield diagnostic information regarding the flow field and aerodynamic performance characteristics of the nozzles.

**N87-19057**# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.  
NOISE REDUCTION FOR MODEL COUNTERROTATION PROPELLER AT CRUISE BY REDUCING AFT-PROPELLER DIAMETER  
JAMES H. DITTMAR and DAVID B. STANG (Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio) 1987 31 p Proposed for presentation at the 113th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Indianapolis, Ind., 11-15 May 1987  
(NASA-TM-88936; E-3378; NAS 1.15:88936)  
Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20A  
The forward propeller of a model counterrotation propeller was tested with its original aft propeller and with a reduced diameter
aft propeller. Noise reductions with the reduced diameter aft propeller were measured at simulated cruise conditions. Reductions were as large as 7.5 dB for the aft-propeller passing tone and 15 dB in the harmonics at specific angles. The interaction tones, mostly the first, were reduced probably because the reduced-diameter aft-propeller blades no longer interacted with the forward propeller tip vortex. The total noise (sum of primary and interaction noise) at each harmonic was significantly reduced. The chief noise reduction at each harmonic came from reduced aft-propeller-alone noise, with the interaction tones contributing little to the totals at cruise. Total cruise noise reductions were as much as 3 dB at given angles for the blade passing tone and 10 dB for some of the harmonics. These reductions would measurably improve the fuselage interior noise levels and represent a definite cruise noise benefit from using a reduced diameter aft propeller.

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AEROACOUSTICS OF AN ANISOTROPIC, FLEXIBLE FIBROUS MATERIAL
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The acoustic behavior of a flexible fibrous material was studied experimentally. The material consisted of cylindrically shaped fibers arranged in a batting with the fibers primarily aligned parallel to the face of the batting. This type of material was considered anisotropic, with the acoustic propagation constant depending on whether the direction of sound propagation was parallel or normal to the fiber arrangement. Normal incidence sound absorption measurements were taken for both fiber orientations over the frequency range 140 to 1500 Hz and with bulk densities ranging from 4.6 to 67 kg/ cu m. When the sound propagated in a direction normal to the fiber alignment, the measured sound absorption showed the occurrence of a strong resonance, which increased absorption above that attributed to viscous and thermal effects. When the sound propagated in a direction parallel to the fiber alignment, indications of strong resonances in the data were not present. The resonance in the data for fibers normal to the direction of sound propagation is attributed to fiber motion. An analytical model was developed for the acoustic behavior of the material displaying the same fiber motion characteristics shown in the measurements.

Author


FREE-JET INVESTIGATION OF MECHANICALLY SUPPRESSED, HIGH-RADIUS RATIO COANNUlar PLUG MODEL NOZZLES
Final Report
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The experimental and analytical acoustic results of a scale-model investigation or unsuppressed and mechanically suppressed high-radius ratio coannular plug nozzles with inverted velocity and temperature profiles are summarized. Nine coannular nozzle configurations along with a reference conical nozzle were evaluated in the Anechoic Free-Jet Facility for a total of 212 acoustic test points. Most of the tests were conducted at variable cycle engine conditions applicable to advanced high speed aircraft. The tested nozzles included coannular plug nozzles with both convergent and convergent-divergent (C-D) terminations in order to evaluate C-D effectiveness in the reduction of shock-cell noise and 20 and 40 shallow-chute mechanical suppressors in the outer stream in order to evaluate their effectiveness in the reduction of jet noise. In addition to the acoustic tests, mean and turbulent velocity measurements were made on selected plumes of the 20 shallow-chute configuration using a laser velocimeter. At a mixed frequency range 140 to 1500 Hz and with bulk densities ranging whether the direction of sound propagation was parallel or normal to the fiber arrangement. Normal incidence sound absorption above that attributed to viscous and thermal effects. An analytical model was developed for the acoustic behavior of the material showing the same fiber motion characteristics shown in the measurements.

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CRUISE NOISE OF THE 2/9TH SCALE MODEL OF THE LARGE-SCALE ADVANCED PROPfan (LAP) PROPELLER, SR-7A
JAMES H. DITTMAR and DAVID B. STANG (Sverdrup Technology, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.)
(NASA-TM-100175; E-3746; NAS 1.15:100175) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 20A

Noise data on the Large-scale Advanced Propfan (LAP) propeller model SR-7A were taken in the NASA Lewis Research Center 8 x 6 foot Wind Tunnel. The maximum blade passing tone noise first rises with increasing helical tip Mach number to a peak level, then remains the same or decreases from its peak level when going to higher helical tip Mach numbers. This trend was observed for operation at both constant advance ratio and approximately equal thrust. This noise reduction or, leveling out at high helical tip Mach numbers, points to the use of higher propeller tip speeds as a possible method to limit airplane cabin noise while maintaining high flight speed and efficiency. Projections of the tunnel model data are made to the full scale LAP propeller mounted on the test bed aircraft and compared with predictions. The prediction method is found to be somewhat conservative in that it slightly overpredicts the projected model data at the peak.

Author
jet velocity of 700 m/sec, the 20 shallow-chute suppressor configuration yielded peak aft quadrant suppression of 11.5 and 9 PNdB and forward quadrant suppression of 7 and 6 PNdB relative to a baseline conical nozzles during static and simulated flight, respectively. The C-D terminations were observed to reduce shock-cell noise. An engineering spectral prediction method was formulated for mechanically suppressed coannular plug nozzles.

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NUCLEAR AND HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS

Includes elementary and nuclear particles; and reactor theory.

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NUCLEAR REACTOR POWER FOR A SPACE-BASED RADAR. SP-100 PROJECT


A space-based radar mission and spacecraft, using a 300 kWe nuclear reactor power system, has been examined, with emphasis on aspects affecting the power system. The radar antenna is a horizontal planar array, 32 X 64 m. The orbit is at 61 deg, 1088 km. The mass of the antenna with support structure is 42,000 kg; of the nuclear reactor power system, 8,300 kg of the whole spacecraft about 51,000 kg, necessitating multiple launches and orbital assembly. The assembly orbit is at 57 deg, 400 km, high enough to provide the orbital lifetime needed for orbital assembly. The selected scenario uses six Shuttle launches to bring the spacecraft and a Centaur G upper-stage vehicle to assembly orbit. After assembly, the Centaur places the spacecraft in operational orbit, where it is deployed on radio command, the power system started, and the spacecraft becomes operational. Electric propulsion is an alternative and a candidate in assembly orbit, but introduces a question of nuclear safety.

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AN ASSESSMENT AND VALIDATION STUDY OF NUCLEAR REACTORS FOR LOW POWER SPACE APPLICATIONS Final Report 1986, 1 Nov. - 30 Apr. 1987


The feasibility and safety of six conceptual small, low power nuclear reactor designs was evaluated. Feasibility evaluations included the determination of sufficient reactivity margins for seven years of full power operation and safe shutdown as well as handling during pre-launch assembly phases. Safety evaluations were concerned with the potential for maintaining subcritical conditions in the event of launch or transportation accidents. These included water immersion accident scenarios both with and without water flooding the core. Results show that most of the concepts can potentially meet the feasibility and safety requirements; however, due to the preliminary nature of the designs considered, more detailed designs will be necessary to enable these concepts to fully meet the safety requirements.
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**RAIL GUN PERFORMANCE AND PLASMA CHARACTERISTICS DUE TO WALL ABLATION**


The experiment of Bauer, et al. (1982) is analyzed by considering wall ablation and viscous drag in the plasma. Plasma characteristics are evaluated through a simple fluid-mechanical analysis considering only wall ablation. By equating the energy dissipated in the plasma with the radiation heat loss, the average properties of the plasma are determined as a function of time. Author

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**HOLLOW CATHODES AS ELECTRON EMITTING PLASMA CONTACTORS THEORY AND COMPUTER MODELING**


Several researchers have suggested using hollow cathodes as plasma contactors for electrodynamic tethers, particularly to prevent the Shuttle Orbiter from charging to large negative potentials. Previous studies have shown that fluid models with anomalous scattering can describe the electron transport in hollow cathode generated plasmas. An improved theory of the hollow cathode plasmas is developed and computational results using the theory are compared with laboratory experiments. Numerical predictions for a hollow cathode plasma source of the type considered for use on the Shuttle are presented, as are three-dimensional NASCAP/LEO calculations of the emitted ion trajectories and the resulting potentials in the vicinity of the Orbiter. The computer calculations show that the hollow cathode plasma source makes vastly superior contact with the ionospheric plasma compared with either an electron gun or passive ion collection by the Orbiter. Author

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**ENHANCED CURRENT FLOW THROUGH A PLASMA CLOUD BY INDUCTION OF PLASMA TURBULENCE**


Electrodynamic tethers have been proposed as a means of generating power in low earth orbit. One of the limitations on the power generated is the relatively low electron current that can be collected. It is proposed that the electron current can be significantly enhanced by means of current induced plasma turbulence in a plasma cloud around the collecting anode. This is examined for the specific case of lower hybrid turbulence. An important conclusion is that the use of plasma clouds in the ionosphere will entail a high impedance (no instability) and a low impedance (lower hybrid instability) mode of operation depending on the current density. Author

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**PLASMA CONTACTORS FOR ELECTRODYNAMIC TETHERS**


The role plasma contactors play in effective electrodynamic tether operation is discussed. Hollow cathodes and hollow cathode-based plasma sources have been identified as leading candidates for the electrodynamic tether plasma contactor. Present experimental efforts to evaluate the suitability of these devices as plasma contactors are reviewed. This research includes the definition of preliminary plasma contactor designs, and the characterization of their operation as electron collectors from a simulated space plasma. The discovery of an 'ignited mode' regime of high contactor efficiency and low impedance is discussed, as well as the application of recent models of the plasma coupling process to contactor operation. Results indicate that ampere-level electron currents can be exchanged between hollow cathode-based plasma contactors and a dilute plasma in this regime. A discussion of design considerations for plasma contactors is given which includes expressions defining the total mass flow rate and power requirements of plasma contactors operating in both the cathodic and anodic regimes, and correlation of this to the tether current. Finally, future ground and spaceflight experiments are proposed to resolve critical issues of plasma contactor operation. Author

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**ENHANCED CURRENT FLOW THROUGH A PLASMA CLOUD BY INDUCTION OF PLASMA TURBULENCE**


Electrodynamic tethers have been proposed as a means of generating power in low earth orbit. One of the limitations on the power generated is the relatively low electron current that can be collected. It is proposed that the electron current can be significantly enhanced by means of current-induced plasma turbulence in a plasma cloud around the collecting anode. This is examined for the specific case of ion acoustic turbulence. An important conclusion is that the use of plasma clouds in the ionosphere will entail a high-impedance (no instability) and a low-impedance (ion acoustic instability) mode of operation. The low-impedance mode of operation will have two submodes, one steady state and one pulsed. Author
N87-14998*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. ASYMMETRIC ANALYSIS OF CORONA DISCHARGE FROM THIN ELECTRODES P. A. DURBING Sep. 1986 7 p (NASA-TP-2645; E-3151; NAS 1.60:2645) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20i The steady discharge of a high-voltage corona is analyzed as a singular perturbation problem. The small parameter is the ratio of the length of the ionization region to the total gap length. By this method, current versus voltage characteristics can be calculated analytically. Author

N87-16614*# Iowa Univ., Iowa City. Dept. of Physics and Astronomy. MEASUREMENTS OF PLASMA DENSITY AND TURBULENCE NEAR THE SHUTTLE ORBITER A. TRIBBLE, N. DANGELO, G. MURPHY, and J. PICKETT Jan. 1987 12 p (Contract NAS8-32807; NAG3-449) (NASA-CR-180102; NAS 1.26:180102) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20i In August 1985 the University of Iowa’s Plasma Diagnostics Package was used in the Spacelab 2 mission to study the plasma environment near the shuttle orbiter. Measurements of the plasma density and the perpendicular density fluctuations yield information about the structure of the orbiter’s wake. These data appear to be in general agreement with previous shuttle results and with laboratory observations of plasma flow-body interactions. Author

N87-18428*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. PLASMA CONTACTORS FOR ELECTRODYNAMIC TETHER M. PATTERSON and P. J. JILBUR Sep. 1986 31 p Presented at the International Conference on Tethers in Space, Arlington, Va., 17-19 Sep. 1986; sponsored in part by NASA, AIAA and PSN Prepared in cooperation with Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins (NASA-TM-88850; E-3242; NAS 1.15:88850) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 20i The role plasma contactors play in effective electrodynamic tether operation is discussed. Hollow cathodes and hollow cathode-based plasma sources have been identified as leading candidates for the electrodynamic tether plasma contactor. Present experimental efforts to evaluate the suitability of these devices as plasma contactors, conducted concurrently at NASA Lewis Research Center and Colorado State University, are reviewed. Theoretical plasma models include the definition of preionization for a hollow cathode-based plasma contactor and the characterization of their operation both as electron emitters and electron collectors to and from a simulated space plasma. Results indicate that amperage-level electron currents, sufficient for electrodynamic tether operation, can be exchanged between hollow cathode-based plasma contactors and a dilute plasma. Author

N87-22508*# Alabama Univ., Huntsville. College of Science. INVESTIGATION OF BEAM-PLASMA INTERACTIONS Final Report RICHARD C. OLSEN May 1987 29 p (Contract NAG3-620) (NASA-CR-180579; NAS 1.26:180579) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 20i Data from the SCATHA satellite were analyzed to solve the problems of establishing electrical contact between a satellite and the ambient plasma. The original focus of the work was the electron gun experiments conducted near the geosynchronous orbit, which resulted in observations which bore a startling similarity to observations of the SEPAC experiments on SPACELAB 1. The study has evolved to include the ion gun experiments on SCATHA, a major laboratory effort in hollow cathode performance, and preparation for flight experiments pertinent to tether technology. These areas are addressed separately. Author

N87-28423*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. GROUND-BASED PLASMA CONTRACTOR CHARACTERIZATION M. PATTERSON (Washington Univ., Seattle) and R. A. AADLAND 1987 17 p Prepared for presentation at the 2nd International Conference on Tethers in Space, Venice, Italy, 6-8 Oct. 1987; sponsored in part by ESA, AIAA and AAS (NASA-TM-100194; E-3784; NAS 1.15:100194) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 20i Presented are recent NASA Lewis Research Center (LoFC) plasma contractor experimental results, as well as a description of the plasma contractor test facility. The operation of a 24 cm diameter plasma source with hollow cathode was investigated in the lighted-mode regime of electron current collection from 0.1 to 7.0 A. These results are compared to those obtained with a 12 cm plasma source. Full two-dimensional plasma potential profiles were constructed from emissive probe traces of the contractor plume. The experimentally measured dimensions of the plume sheaths were then compared to those theoretically predicted using a model of a spherical double sheath. Results are consistent for currents up to approximately 1.0 A. For currents above 1.0 A, substantial deviations from theory occur. These deviations are due to sheath asphericity, and possibly volume ionization in the double-sheath region. Author

76 SOLID-STATE PHYSICS

Includes superconductivity.


A study on the field-induced surface-charge region in 3C silicon carbide (SiC) using 1 MHz capacitance-voltage (C-V) measurements at room temperature is here reported. A double column mercury probe was used on oxidized SiC substrates to form metal-oxide-semiconductor (MOS) structures. These structures were characterized in terms of the substrate doping profile, effective fixed oxide charge, and interface trap density. A distinctive feature of the MOS C-V curves from accumulation to inversion is that after going into deep depletion the capacitance rises to its equilibrium inversion level during the voltage sweep. Capacitance transient measurements indicate that the minority-carrier generation occurs at the SiO2/SiC interface. Author

A87-12292* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. STOCHIOMETRIC DISTURBANCES IN COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTORS DUE TO ION IMPLANTATION R. E. AVILA and C. D. FUNG (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Applied Physics (ISSN 0021-8979), vol. 60, Sept. 1, 1986, p. 1602-1606. refs (Contract NAG3-490; NAG3-389)

A method is developed to calculate the depth distribution of the local stoichiometric disturbance (SD) resulting from ion implantation in binary-compound substrates. The calculation includes first-order recoils considering projected range straggles of projectiles and recoils and lateral straggles of recoils. The method uses tabulated final-range statistics to infer the projectile range distributions at intermediate energies. This approach greatly simplifies the calculation with little compromise on accuracy as compared to existing procedures. As an illustration, the SD profile is calculated for implantation of boron, silicon, and aluminum in silicon carbide. The results for the latter case suggest that the SD may be responsible for otherwise unexplained distortions in...
the annealed aluminum profile. A comparison with calculations by other investigators using the Boltzmann transport equation shows good agreement.

**A87-14222** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**CELL PERFORMANCE AND DEFECT BEHAVIOR IN PROTON-IRRADIATED LITHIUM-COUNTERDOPED n(+)-p SILICON SOLAR CELLS**

I. WEINBERG, J. W. STUPICA, C. K. SWARTZ (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH), and C. GORADIO (Cleveland State University, OH) Journal of Applied Physics (ISSN 0021-8979), vol. 60, Sept. 15, 1986, p. 2179-2181. refs

Lithium-counterdoped n(+)-p silicon solar cells were irradiated by 10-MeV protons, and their performance was determined as a function of fluence. It was found that the cell with the highest lithium concentration exhibited the higher radiation resistance. Deep-level transient spectroscopy studies of deep-level defects were used to identify two lithium-related defects. Defect energy levels obtained after the present 10-MeV irradiations were found to be markedly different than those observed after previous 1-MeV electron irradiations. However, the present DLTS data are consistent with previous suggestion by Weinberg et al. (1984) of a lithium-oxygen interaction which tends to inhibit formation of an interstitial boron-oxygen defect. 

**A87-15071** Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio.

**COMPENSATION IN EPITAXIAL CUBIC SiC FILMS**


Hall measurements on four n-type cubic SiC films epitaxially grown by chemical vapor deposition on (100) Si substrates are presented, and the temperature-dependent carrier concentrations are analyzed. Samples are found to be highly compensated (greater than 90 percent) contrary to the assumption made in previously published work, and the donor ionization energies, E(D), are shown to be less than one-half the value quoted previously. New E(D) and donor concentration values, however, provide evidence for identifying the donors as nitrogen in cubic SiC. 

**A87-20519** Nebraska Univ., Lincoln.

**VARIABLE ANGLE OF INCIDENCE SPECTROSCOPIC ELLIPSMETRY APPLICATION TO GAAS-AL(X)GA(1-X)AS MULTIPLE HETEROSTRUCTURES**

PAUL G. SNYDER, MARTIN C. ROST, GEORGE H. BU-ABBUD, JOHN A. WOOLAM (Nebraska, University, Lincoln), and SAMUEL A. ALTEROVITZ (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Applied Physics (ISSN 0021-8979), vol. 60, Nov. 1, 1986, p. 3293-3302. refs (Contract NAGS-154)

The sensitivity of spectroscopic ellipsometry data to multilayer model parameters is shown to be a strong function of the angle of incidence. A quantitative study of sensitivity versus angle of incidence is performed for a GaAs-Al(x)Ga(1-x)As-GaAs substrate structure, showing that maximum sensitivity to layer thicknesses and AlGaAs composition occurs near the wavelength-dependent principal angle. These results are verified by experimental measurements on two molecular-beam epitaxy grown samples. 

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**FORMATION OF A PN JUNCTION ON AN ANISOTROPICALLY ETCHED GAAS SURFACE USING METALORGANIC CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION**


A continuous p-type GaAs epilayer has been deposited on an n-type sawtooth GaAs surface using MOCVD. A wet chemical etching process was used to expose the intersecting (111)Ga and (-1 -1 1)Ga planes with 6-micron periodicity. Charge-collection microscopy was used to verify the presence of the pn junction thus formed and to measure its depth. The ultimate goal of this work is to fabricate a V-groove GaAs cell with improved absorptivity, high short-circuit current, and tolerance to particle radiation. 

**A87-23967** National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

**ELLIPSOMETRIC AND OPTICAL STUDY OF AMORPHOUS HYDROGENATED CARBON FILMS**


Now-frequency plasma deposition system was used to prepare amorphous hydrogenated carbon (a-C:H) films. The growth energy was varied by changing the power and/or pressure of the plasma. Ellipsometry and optical absorption were used to obtain the optical energy gap, the density of states, and the refractive index. Ion sputtering was used in conjunction with ellipsometry and Auger electron spectroscopy to get absolute sputtering rates. The plasma deposited a-C:H is amorphous with an optical energy gap of approximately 2.0-2.4 eV. These a-C:H films have higher density and/or hardness, higher refractive index, and lower optical energy gaps with increasing energy of the particles in the plasma, while the density of states remains unchanged. These results are in agreement with, and give a fine-tuned positive confirmation to, an existing conjecture on the nature of the a-C:H films (Kaplan et al., 1985).

**A87-27198** Nebraska Univ., Lincoln.

**THERMAL AND STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF COSPUTTERED AMORPHOUS Ta(X)Cu(1-X) ALLOY THIN FILMS ON GAAS**


The characteristics of thin films of Ta-Cu, prepared over a wide range of compositions by cosputter deposition onto GaAs and fused quartz substrates, are studied by X-ray diffraction and van der Pauw resistivity measurement. Results show films to be amorphous over the range of 55-95 at. pct, and show Ta(93)Cu(7) barriers to be effective in preventing Au in-diffusion, with a 3000-A layer remaining unpenetrated after an annealing at 700 C for 20 min. Diffusion of Ga and/or As into amorphous 93 at. pct Ta is found to be more rapid than that of Au, and interfacial reactions were shown to form compounds including Ta3Au, CuAu, Ta3As2, and Ga3Cu7 above 700 C. 

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in pitch based carbon fibers at low temperatures, simultaneous presence of a negative magnetoresistance and the Shubnikov-de Haas effect are found. The strengths of these effects correlate inversely. These results can be understood in terms of the amount of order vs disorder in the fiber, as described by Guigou and Oberlin from structural studies.


Very shallow n(+) layers have been obtained in InP by using gallium sulfide as a source for sulfur diffusion, and chemically vapor-deposited SiO2 as a cap. Diffusions were carried out from 585 to 725 C in an open-tube system with a nitrogen ambient. The doping profile of sulfur in InP is estimated to be of the complementary error function type with a surface concentration of 5.6 x 10 to the 13th/cm2 at a diffusion constant of 1.1 x 10 to the -14th cm2/s at 670 C. Diodes made on n(+-)p junctions obtained by this diffusion technique show ideality factors close to unity and saturation current densities as low as 3.4 x 10 to the -15th A/sq cm, signifying the presence of a defect-free junction. These diffusions, with junction depths in the 400-700 A range, are ideal for solar cell applications.

A87-30025* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. ANTIPHASE BOUNDARIES IN EPITAXIALLY GROWN BETA-SIC P. PIROUZ, C. M. CHOREY (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH), and J. A. POWELL (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Applied Physics Letters (ISSN 0003-6951), vol. 50, Jan. 26, 1987, p. 221-223. refs (Contract NGS-36-278-077)

When the surface of beta-SiC, grown epitaxially on (001) silicon by chemical vapor deposition, is chemically etched, boundaries appear which may be observed by optical or scanning electron microscopy. Examination by plan-view and cross-sectional transmission electron microscopy shows boundaries in the film which exhibit line or fringe contrast. Convergent beam electron diffraction has been used to show that these boundaries separate domains that are in an antiphase relationship to each other. A model is presented which discusses the formation of these domains from independent nucleation on a stepped substrate surface.

A87-39687* University of Southern California, Los Angeles. NONLINEAR ABSORPTION IN ALGAAs/GAAS MULTIPLE QUANTUM WELL STRUCTURES GROWN BY METALORGANIC CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION H. C. LEE, A. HARRTZ, P. D. DAPKUS, A. KOST, M. KAWASE (Southern California, University, Los Angeles, CA) et al. Applied Physics Letters (ISSN 0003-6951), vol. 50, April 27, 1987, p. 1182-1184. Research supported by University of Southern California, U.S. Army, and NSF. refs (Contract AF-AFOSR-64-305; AF-AFOSR-85-0297; NAG3-529)

This paper reports the study of growth conditions for achieving the sharp exciton resonances and low-intensity saturation of these resonances in AlGaAs-GaAs multiple quantum well structures grown by metalorganic chemical vapor deposition. Low growth temperature is necessary to observe these sharp resonances feature at room temperature. The optimal growth conditions are a tradeoff between the high temperatures required for high quality AlGaAs and low temperatures required for high-purity GaAs. A strong optical saturation of the excitonic absorption has been observed. A saturation density as low as 250 W/sq cm is reported.

A87-42846* Case Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. COMMENT ON TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF NON-DOPED AND NITROGEN-DOPED BETA-SIC SINGLE CRYSTALS GROWN BY CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION B. SEGALL (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH), S. A. ALTEROVITZ, E. J. HAUGLAND, and L. G. MATUS (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Applied Physics Letters (ISSN 0003-6951), vol. 50, May 25, 1987, p. 1533, 1534; Reply, p. 1534. refs

A87-44562* Nebraska Univ., Lincoln. INTERACTIONS OF AMORPHOUS TA(x)CU(1-x) (X = 0.93 AND 0.80) ALLOY FILMS WITH AU OVERLAYERS AND GAAS SUBSTRATES JAE E. OH, JOHN A. WOOLLAM (Nebraska, University, Lincoln), and JOHN J. POUCH (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Applied Physics Letters (ISSN 0003-6951), vol. 50, June 15, 1987, p. 1722-1724. refs (Contract NAG3-154)

Amorphous Ta(93)Cu(7) and Ta(80)Cu(20) alloy films are prepared by cosputtering of pure Ta and pure Cu targets with a rotating sample holder table. To investigate the possible application of these materials as diffusion barriers for the Au-GaAs system, vacuum annealings are made in the temperature range from 200 to 800 C. Resistivity change, X-ray diffraction, and Auger electron spectroscopy measurements are performed to find the chemical and metallurgical stabilities of these materials in this system. The reaction temperature for Ta(x)Cu(1-x) in contact with GaAs lies between 500 and 700 C. For Au in contact with Ta(x)Cu(1-x) the reaction occurs at about 600 C. Amorphous Ta(93)Cu(7) shows different interdiffusion characteristics with surrounding elements than does Ta(80)Cu(20).


Morphological and electrical characterization results are presented for cubic SiC films grown by chemical vapor deposition on single-crystal Si substrates. The films, up to 40 microns thick, were characterized by optical microscopy, (SEM), (TEM), electron channeling, surface profilometry, and Hall measurements. A variety of morphological features observed on the SiC films are described. Electrical measurements showed a decrease in the electron mobility with increasing electron carrier concentration, similar to that observed in Si. Room-temperature electron mobilities up to 520 cm2/V-s (at an electron carrier concentration of 5 x 10 to the 16th/cm3) were measured. Finally, a number of parameters believed to be important in the growth process were investigated, and some discussion is given of their possible effects on the film characteristics.

A87-48733* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. DENDRITIC SOLIDIFICATION IN A BINARY ALLOY MELT - COMPARISON OF THEORY AND EXPERIMENT V. LAXMANAN (NASA, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH) Journal of Crystal Growth (ISSN 0022-0248), vol. 83, no. 3, June 1987, p. 391-402. NASA-supported research. refs

A simple model for 'constrained' growth of an 'array' of cells or dendrites in a binary alloy melt, in the presence of a positive temperature gradient in the liquid ahead of the tips, is presented. The cell or dendrite tip radius is calculated by adopting both the
These processes are discussed. The density of states parameter increases up to 25 percent and the temperature dependence being the dominating factor. The films were characterized by optical absorption and by ellipsometry in the near UV and the visible. The bandgap, estimated by RF coils while the laser beam was perpendicular to the gas flow. Typical gas flow parameters are 12 slm of H2, 15 scm of GaCl3, 13 scm of AlCl3, and a pressure of 250 mbar. The initial energy density of the beam at the surface was 40 mJ/sq cm, the pulse rate was 20 pps, and the growth time was 7 min. The films were analyzed by Auger electron spectroscopy for the aluminum concentration and by TEM for the surface morphology.

The objective is to develop 60 GHz IMPATT diodes suitable for communications applications. The performance goals of the 60 GHz IMPATT is 1W CW output power with a conversion efficiency of 15 percent. The final doping profile of the 60 GHz IMPATT structure evolved from computer simulations performed at the University of Michigan. The initial doping profile, involving a hybrid double-drift (HDD) design, was derived from a drift-diffusion model that used the static velocity-field characteristics for GaAs. Unfortunately, the model did not consider the effects of velocity undershoot and delay of the avalanche process due to energy relaxation. Consequently, the initial devices were oscillating at a much lower frequency than anticipated. With a revised simulation program that included the two effects given above, a second HDD profile was generated and was used as a basis for fabrication efforts. In the area of device fabrication, significant progress was made in epitaxial growth and characterization, wafer processing, and die assembly. The organo-metallic chemical vapor deposition (OMCVD) was used. Starting with a baseline X-Band IMPATT technology, appropriate processing steps were modified to satisfy the device requirements at V-Band. In terms of efficiency and reliability, the device requirements dictate a reduction in its series resistance and thermal resistance values. Qualitatively, researchers were able to reduce the diodes' series resistance by reducing the thickness of the N+ GaAs substrate used in its fabrication.

A low energy ion beam deposition technique was used to grow boron nitride films on quartz, germanium, silicon, gallium arsenide, and indium phosphate. The film structure was amorphous with evidence of a hexagonal phase. The peak boron concentration was 82 at %. The carbon and oxygen impurities were in the 5 to 8 at % range. Boron-nitrogen and boron-boron bonds were revealed by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy. The index of refraction varied from 1.65 to 1.67 for films deposited on III-V compound semiconductors. The coefficient of friction for boron nitride in sliding contact with diamond was less than 0.1. The substrate was silicon.
THERMODYNAMICS AND STATISTICAL PHYSICS

Includes quantum mechanics; theoretical physics; and Bose and Fermi statistics.


The total energy versus interatomic spacing of ionic, metallic, covalent, and rare-gas solids is examined, and a universal form for pressure as a function of volume for all classes of solids in compression is derived. The relation is shown to hold for pressure-volume data for hydrogen and deuterium, xenon, cesium, molybdenum, sodium chlorides, and magnesium oxide.

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A universal form is proposed for the equation of state (EOS) of solids. Good agreement is found for a variety of test data. The form of the EOS is used to suggest a method of data analysis, which is applied to materials of geophysical interest. The isothermal bulk modulus is discussed as a function of the volume and of the pressure. The isothermal compression curves for materials of geophysical interest are examined.

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N87-20274* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. THERMODYNAMICS AND COMBUSTION MODELING FRANK J. ZELEZNİK. In its NASA-Chinese Aeronautical Establishment (CAE) Symposium p 113-133 1986 Avail: NTIS HC A01/MF A01 CSCL 20B

Modeling fluid phase phenomena blends the conservation equations of continuum mechanics with the property equations of thermodynamics. The thermodynamic contribution becomes especially important when the phenomena involve chemical reactions as they do in combustion systems. The successful study of combustion processes requires (1) the availability of accurate thermodynamic properties for both the reactants and the products of reaction and (2) the computational capabilities to use the properties. A discussion is given of some aspects of the problem of estimating accurate thermodynamic properties both for reactants and products of reaction. Also, some examples of the use of thermodynamic properties for modeling chemically reacting systems are presented. These examples include one-dimensional flow systems and the internal combustion engine.

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within the engines. Stirling engine thermodynamic loss mechanisms that occur in the oscillating flow and pressure level environment to poor understanding of the fluid flow and heat transfer phenomena reviewed. The need for additional experimental rigs and rig now underway to characterize various loss mechanisms are design codes shows a general deficiency; this deficiency is due Technology Development Meeting, Dearborn, Mich., 27-30 Oct. (NASA-TM-88891; DOE/NASA-501 12/67; E-3302; NAS 1.15:88891) Avail: NTIS HC A01 /MF A01 CSCL 10B 1 986; sponsored by Society of Automotive Engineers PROGRESS OF STIRLING CYCLE ANALYSIS AND LOSS ANL/RBC: A COMPUTER CODE FOR THE ANALYSIS OF RANKINE BOTTOMING CYCLES, INCLUDING SYSTEM COST EVALUATION AND OFF-DESIGN PERFORMANCE Final Report G. A. MCLENNAN May 1986 68 p (Contract NASA ORDER C-80002-E; DE-A01-86CE-50162) (NASA-CR-179462; NAS 1.26:179462; DOE/NASA/80002-1; ANL/CT-86-3) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 10B This report describes, and is a User's Manual for, a computer code (ANL/RBC) which calculates cycle performance for Rankine bottoming cycles extracting heat from a specified source gas system. The code calculates cycle power and efficiency and the sizes for the heat exchangers, using tabular input of the properties of the cycle working fluid. An option is provided to calculate the costs of system components from user defined input cost functions. These cost functions may be defined in equation form or by numerical tabular data. A variety of functional forms have been included for these functions and they may be combined to create very general cost functions. An optional calculation mode can be used to determine the off-design performance of a system when operated away from the design-point, using the heat exchanger areas calculated for the design-point. ADVANCED STIRLING CONVERSION SYSTEMS FOR TERRESTRIAL APPLICATIONS Final Report R. K. SHALTENS 1987 26 p To be presented at the Solar Energy Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 22-27 Mar. 1987; cosponsored by ASME, JSME and JSES (Contract DE-AT04-85AL-33408) (NASA-TM-88897; E-3314; DOE/NASA-33408/1; NAS 1.15:88897) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 10B Under the Department of Energy's (DOE) Solar Thermal Conversion Program, Sandia National Laboratories (SNLA) is developing heat engines for terrestrial Solar Distributed Heat Receivers. SNLA has identified the Stirling to be one of the most promising candidates for the terrestrial applications. The free-piston Stirling engine (FPSPE) has the potential to meet the DOE goals for both performance and cost. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lewis Research Center (LeRC) is conducting free-piston Stirling activities which are directed toward a dynamic power source for space applications. Space power system requirements include high efficiency, very long life, high reliability and low vibration. The FPSPE has the potential for future high power space conversion systems, either solar or nuclear. Generic free-piston technology is currently being developed by LeRC for DOE/ORNL for use with a residential heat pump under an Interagency Agreement. Since 1983, the SP-100 Program (DOE/NASA/DOE) is developing dynamic power sources for space. Although both applications (heat pump and space power) appear to be quite different, their requirements complement each other. A cooperative Interagency Agreement (IAA) was signed in 1985 with NASA Lewis to provide technical management for an Advanced Stirling Conversion System (ASCs) for SNLA. Conceptual design(s) using a free-piston Stirling (FPSPE), and a heat pipe will be discussed. The ASCs will be designed using technology which can reasonably be expected to be available in the 1980's.
The evaluation of these lubricants, using a burnishing method of room temperature to 540°C. Two hard coats were also evaluated.

EFFECT OF WATER ON HYDROGEN PERMEABILITY Final Report
DAVID HULLIGAN and WILLIAM A. TOMAZIC Jan. 1987 25 p
Contract DE-A01-86SC-50112; DOE/NASA-50112-68; NAS 1.15:88998
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Doping of hydrogen with CO and CO2 was developed to reduce hydrogen permeation in Stirling engines by forming a low permeability oxide coating on the inner surface of the heater head tubes. Although doping worked well, under certain circumstances the protective oxide could be chemically reduced by the hydrogen in the engine. Some oxygen is required in the hydrogen to prevent reduction. Eventually, all the oxygen in the hydrogen gas - whatever its source - shows up as water. This is the result of hydrogen reducing the CO, CO2, or the protective inner surface oxides. This water can condense in the engine system under the right conditions. If the concentration of water vapor is reduced to a low enough level, the hydrogen can chemically reduce the oxide coating, resulting in an increase in permeability. This work was done to define the minimum water content required to avoid this reduction in the oxide coating. The results of this testing show that a minimum of approximately 750 ppm water is required to prevent an increase in permeability of CG-27, a high temperature metal alloy selected for Stirling engine heater tubes.

SOLID LUBRICATION DESIGN METHODOLOGY, PHASE 2 Final Report
Prepared in cooperation with Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
Contract DEN-3-323
(NASA-CR-175114; DOE/NASA-0323-2; NAS 1.26:175114; AT86D002)
Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11G

The high temperature performance of solid lubricated rolling elements was conducted with a specially designed traction (friction) test apparatus. Graphite lubricants containing three additives (silver, phosphate glass, and zinc orthophosphate) were evaluated from room temperature to 540°C. Two hard coats were also evaluated. The evaluation of these lubricants, using a burnishing method of application, shows a reasonable transfer of lubricant and wear protection for short duration testing except in the 200°C temperature range. The graphite lubricants containing silver and zinc orthophosphate additives were more effective than the phosphate glass material over temperatures examined. Graphite lubricant traction coefficients ranged from a low of 0.07 to a high of 0.6. By curve fitting the traction data, empirical equations for slope and maximum traction coefficient as a function of contact pressure (P), rolling speed (U), and temperature (T) can be developed for each lubricant. A solid lubricant traction model was incorporated into an advanced bearing analysis code (SABERTH). For comparison purposes, preliminary heat generation calculations were made for both oil and solid lubricated bearing operation. A preliminary analysis indicated a significantly higher heat generation for a solid lubricated ball bearing in a deep groove configuration. An analysis of a cylindrical roller bearing configuration showed a potential for a low friction solid lubricated bearing.

AUTOMOTIVE STIRLING ENGINE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SPACE POWER APPLICATION
JACK G. SLABY and DONALD L. ALGER 1987 13 p
(NASA-TM-88932; E-3485; NAS 1.15:89832)
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An overview is presented of the NASA Lewis Research Center free-piston Stirling engine activities directed toward space-power application. NASA Lewis serves as the project office to manage the newly initiated NASA SP-100 Advanced Technology Program. One of the major elements of this five-year program is the development of advanced power conversion concepts of which the Stirling cycle is a viable growth candidate. Under this program the status of the 25 kW opposed-piston Space Power Demonstrator Engine (SPDE) is presented. Included in the SPDE discussion are comparisons between predicted and experimental engine performance, enhanced performance resulting from regenerator modification, increased operating stroke brought about by isolating the gas bearing flow between the displacer and power piston, identifying excessive energy losses and recommending corrective action, and a better understanding of linear alternator design and operation (SPDERH). For more information on these exchange concepts, both design and fabrication, design parameters and conceptual design features are also presented.
for a 25 kW <small>3e</small>, single-cylinder free-piston Stirling space-power converter.

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A free-piston Stirling engine performance code is being upgraded and validated at the NASA Lewis Research Center under an interagency agreement between the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and NASA Lewis. Many modifications were made to the free-piston code in an attempt to decrease the calibration effort. A procedure was developed that made the code calibration process more systematic. Engine-specific calibration parameters are often used to bring predictions and experimental data into better agreement. The code was calibrated to a matrix of six experimental data points. Predictions of the calibrated free-piston code are compared with RE-1000 free-piston Stirling engine sensitivity test data taken at NASA Lewis. Reasonable agreement was obtained between the code predictions and the experimental data over a wide range of engine operating conditions.

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The original 5-y Automotive Stirling Engine Development Program has been extended to 10 years due to reduced annual funding levels. With an estimated completion date of April 1988, the technical achievements and the prospects of meeting the original program objectives are reviewed. Various other applications of this developed Stirling engine technology are also discussed.

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Heat engines were evaluated for terrestrial solar heat receivers. The Stirling Engine was identified as one of the most promising engines for terrestrial applications. The potential to meet the Department of Energy (DOE) goals for performance and cost can be met by the free-piston Stirling engine. NASA Lewis is providing technical management for an Advanced Stirling Conversion System (ASCs) through a cooperative interagency agreement with DOE. Parallel contracts were awarded for conceptual designs of an ASCs. Each design will feature a free-piston Stirling engine, a liquid-metal heat pipe receiver, and a means to provide about 25 kW of electric power to a utility grid while meeting long-term performance and goals. The Mechanical Technology, Ins. (MTI) design incorporates a linear alternator to directly convert the solar energy to electricity while the Stirling Technology Company (STC) generates electrical power indirectly by using a hydraulic output to a ground-based hydraulic pump/motor coupled to a rotating alternator. Both designs use technology which can reasonably be expected to be available in the 1980's. The ASCs designs using a free-piston Stirling engine, a heat transport system, a receiver, and the methods of providing electricity to the utility grid will be discussed.

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Bottoming cycle concepts for heavy duty transport engine applications were studied. A conceptual design and cost data development for Stirling systems; (2) life-cycle cost evaluation of three bottoming systems - organic Rankine, steam Rankine, and Stirling systems; and (3) assessment of future directions in waste heat utilization research. Variables considered for the second task were initial capital investments, fuel savings, depreciation tax benefits, salvage values, and service/maintenance costs. The study shows that none of the three bottoming systems studied are even marginally attractive. Manufacturing costs have to be reduced by at least 65%. As a new approach, an integrated Rankine/Diesel system was proposed. It utilizes one of the diesel cylinders as an expander and capitalizes on the in-cylinder heat energy. The concept eliminates the need for the power transmission device and a sophisticated control system, and reduces the size of the exhaust evaporator. Results of an economic evaluation indicate that the system has the potential to become an attractive package for end users.

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Development test activities on Mod I engines directed toward evaluating technologies for potential inclusion in the Mod II engine are summarized. Activities covered include: test of a 12-tube combustion gas recirculation combustor; manufacture and flow-distribution test of a two-manifold annular heater head; piston rod/piston base joint; single-solid piston rings; and a digital air/fuel concept. Also summarized are results of a formal assessment of candidate technologies for the Mod II engine, and preliminary design work for the Mod II. The overall program philosophy weight is outlined, and data and test results are presented.

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(NASA-CR-180818; DOE/NASA/0167-11; NAS 1.26:180818; GARRRETT-31-3723(11)) Avail: NTIS HC A07/MF A01 CSCL 13F

This report is the eleventh in the series of Technical Summary reports for the Advanced Gas Turbine (AGT) Technology Development Project, authorized under NASA Contract DEN3-167, and sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE). This report was prepared by Garrett Turbine Engine Company, A Division of the Garrett Corporation, and includes information provided by Ford Motor Company, the Standard Oil Company, and AirResearch Casting Company. This report covers plans and progress for the period July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1986. Technical progress during the reported period was highlighted by the 65-hour
endurance run of an all-ceramic engine operating in the 2000 to 2250 F temperature regime. Component development continued in the areas of the combustion/fuel injection system, regenerator and seals system, and ceramic turbine rotor attachment design. Component rig testing saw further refinements. Ceramic materials showed continued improvements in required properties for gas turbine applications; however, continued development is needed before performance and reliability goals can be set.  

**ASTROPHYSICS**

Includes cosmology; celestial mechanics; space plasmas; and interstellar and interplanetary gases and dust.

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**QUASARS AS INDICATORS OF GALACTIC AGES**

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Theoretical models of QSO evolution and their use in estimating the ages of galaxies containing QSOs are discussed, with a focus on the problems involved in extrapolating from statistical data on relatively nearby objects (z less than 2) to characterize distant objects. Graphs and histograms are provided, and it is concluded that the sharp decrease in the number of QSOs between z = 2 and z =3, if not the result of obscuration or some other selection effect, makes it probable that the galaxy-formation processes which led to the formation of the QSOs occurred at z greater than 5. In that case, the QSOs would be one of the only observational probes of these processes. Mechanisms which could account for the time delay between galaxy formation and QSO turn-on are considered.

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**THE LARGE-SCALE PECULIAR VELOCITY FIELD IN FLAT MODELS OF THE UNIVERSE**

NICOLA VITTORIO (California, University, Berkeley) and MICHAEL S. TURNER (NASA/Fermilab Astrophysics Center, Batavia; Chicago, University, IL) Astrophysical Journal, Part 1 (ISSN 0004-637X), vol. 316, May 15, 1987, p. 475-482. NASA-supported research. refs

(Contract DE-AT03-84ER-40161)

The inflationary universe scenario predicts a flat universe and both adiabatic and isocurvature primordial density perturbations with the Zel'dovich spectrum. The two simplest realizations, models dominated by hot or cold dark matter, seem to be in conflict with observations. Flat models with two components of mass density, where one of the components of mass density is smoothly distributed, are examined, and the large-scale peculiar velocity field for these models is computed. For the smooth component the authors consider relativistic particles, a relic cosmological term, and light strings. At present the observational situation is unsettled, but, in principle, the large-scale peculiar velocity field is a very powerful discriminator between these different models.  

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