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Space Transportation Propulsion Systems

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Outline

• Review of Engine/Inlet Coupling Work
• Background/Organization of Space Transportation Initiative
• Synergy between High Performance Computing and Communications Program (HPCCP) and Advanced Space Transportation Program (ASTP)
• Status of Space Transportation Effort
  - Planned Deliverables FY01-FY06
  - FY00 Accomplishments (HPCCP Funded)
  - FY01 Major Milestones (HPCCP and ASTP)
• Review Current Technical Efforts
  - Review of the Rocket-Based Combined-Cycle (RBCC)
  - Scope of Work
  - RBCC Concept Aerodynamic Analysis - Dr. Stewart
  - RBCC Concept Multidisciplinary Analysis - Dr. Suresh
Engine Inlet Dynamic Coupling

Comparison of NPARC-ADPAC Solution with Experimental Results

Normalized Static Pressure (Mid-Span)

ADPAC - Advanced Ducted Propfan Analysis Code
NPARC - National Program for Applications Oriented Research in CFD

Results

• Additional blade row was modeled.

• Coupled using unsteady mixing plane technique.

• Simulation results not significantly improved.

• Current effort stopped, documented for possible future reopening.

R1 - Rotor 1
IGV - Inlet Guide Vane
Space Transportation Initiative

Background

• Growing importance of advanced space transportation propulsion systems and simulations to support development & use of advanced space systems.
• Small space transportation simulation effort begun in FY00.
• Evaluation of advanced technologies by Advanced Space Transportation Program (ASTP) highlights importance of advanced system modeling capabilities.
• Computing and Interdisciplinary Systems Office (CISO) proposes for funding under second- and third-generation reusable launch vehicle projects.
  -Third-generation funds
  -Second-generation zeroed-out in FY01 budget
New ASTP Organization

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Eric Hyde, Technical Assistant
Sven Buschmann, Assis. Mgr.-Prog. Integration

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Program Systems Engineer
Harlan Pratt (MSFC)

Business Manager
Janet Crawford (MSFC)

2nd Generation RLV Investment Area
RLV Focused Project
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- Gary Genge, Assist Manager - Rocket
- Vacant, Lead/Systems Engineer

Space Liner 100 Investment Area
Uwe Heuvel, Manager

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- Craig McArthur, Assist Manager - Airbreathing
- Lance Moore, Airbreathing Lead Engineer
- Vacant, Airbreathing Systems Engineer

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- Catherine McLeod, Assistant Manager

Airframe Technology Project
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Launch Technology Project
Scott Jackson, Acting Manager

Operations and Range Technology Project
Dave Taylor, Manager (KSC)

Integrated Vehicle Health Mgmt. Project
Bill Kaffle, Manager (ARC)

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ASTP Propulsion Story

Second Generation
- Currently cut out of budget by Congress
- Short-term focus - out to FY06
- Huge budget - ~$5B - hardware-oriented
- Four proposal cycles
- Industry-led - hope to team with industry
- Proposed under Cycle 2 - rocket sim. development - still under consideration

Third Generation - SPACELINER100
- Third-generation Spaceliner
- FY01 budget: $445M - foundations - $9.6M
- Mature base (foundation) technologies to enable broad range of concepts to meet Gen 3 goals (FY01-06)
- Mature rocket engine components to enhance T/W, performance, etc. (FY01-06)
- Mature air-breathing components for combined-cycle vehicle thru TRL 6
- Fund university studies to identify new concepts (other than rockets or air-breathers) to meet goal 9

T/W - Thrust to Weight Ratio

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Synergy

- Third-generation reusable launch vehicle funding promised in FY01. Focus on system development:
  - Begin development of rocket engine system simulation
  - Begin development of RBCC system simulation
- HPCCP to focus on high-fidelity and multidisciplinary simulation and prototyping for coupling/zooming/optimization.
- Second-generation reusable launch vehicle funding possible in FY01.
- Future integration.

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## FY00 Accomplishments and FY01 Milestones

### Accomplishments
- GRC RBCC concept forebody & boundary layer diverter capability demonstrated.
- Coupled structural-thermal analysis of GRC RBCC inlet demonstrated.
- SRS for space transportation incremental release.
- Acting TFG for space transportation.

### Milestones
- Coupled aero-structural-thermal analysis of inlet (HPCCP).
- Modify CFD forebody simulation for radiation & skin thermal conductivity (HPCCP).
- Incremental release rocket system simulation (ASTP).
- Formal contractual mechanisms & cooperative agreements in place.
- Space transportation SRS for Version 2 release.

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**SRS** - Software Requirement Specification  
**TFG** - Technical Focus Group  
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Motivations for Scope of Work

**Motivations**
- Requirements in support
  - Complex geometry
  - Physics
  - Accuracy
  - Efficiency
  - Robustness
  - Projects
- Improved multidisciplinary integration of fluid, thermal and structural analysis codes into current design cycles.
- Multidisciplinary analysis well suited to optimization of complete vehicle designs.

**Scope**
- Prototyping of high-fidelity and multidisciplinary coupling of simulations as a prelude to NPSS tool development.
- Reduction of analysis time.
- Detailed high-fidelity analysis of GRC RBCC concept (GTX).
Rocket-Based Combined-Cycle (RBCC)

Hydrogen fuel injection sites

Translating centerbody

Ramjet duct and nozzle

Diverter pylon

Cowl lip

Station 1

Station 2

Station 3

Plug nozzle

Trailing edge of fixed hub containing rocket element

Forward Spacecraft centerline

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GRC RBCC 3-D Inlet-Forebody Aerodynamic Analysis

Dr. Mark Stewart

- RBCC, Single-Stage-to-Orbit
- Rocket and Air-Breathing RAM/SCRAM Modes
- Design Questions
  - Diverter performance
  - Forebody boundary layer's effect on inlet

- Design point: M=6; altitude=80,000 ft; AOA=4°; Re/l=1.4x10^5
- Operating range of interest: M=2.5-10.; AOA=0°
Validation of CFD Solutions

- Comparison with Theoretical Properties
  - Axisymmetry
  - $Y^+$ values

- Comparison with Cone Shock Solutions

- Comparison with Rig 3.1 at AOA=0°; $M=2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5$
  - Forebody boundary layer profiles
  - Forebody static pressure distribution

- Comparison with Independent CFD Solution
Observations

- Results suggest diverter design changes.
- Results clarify some rig results.