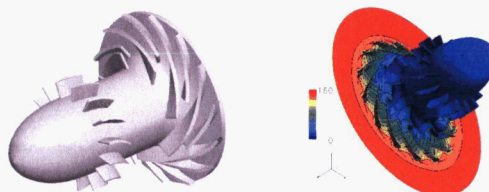




DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF A TURBOPUMP FOR A CONCEPTUAL EXPANDER CYCLE UPPER-STAGE ENGINE



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 - vaned diffuser
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Motivation



- **Develop technologies to be applied to CLV/CEV engine programs**
 - analytical tools → 1D meanline analysis and 3D CFD
 - mechanical design
 - water flow tests
- **Design a conceptual expander-cycle upper stage engine**
- **Demonstrate the design using water flow testing**

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Numerical Methods - I



- **Meanline analysis and geometry generation**
- **Pump Design**
 - Concepts NREC design suite
 - Agile Engineering Design System©, PUMPAL©, CCAD©
- **Diffuser design**
 - Riverbend Design Services pump design code

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Numerical Methods - II



- **PHANTOM CFD code**
- **Three-dimensional, unsteady N-S equations**
- **Generalized Equation Set formulation**
 - Handles liquids and gases
 - Incompressible, compressible and supersonic flow
 - Preconditioning for incompressible flows
- **Implicit, time marching, finite difference scheme**
- **3rd order spatially, 2nd order temporally accurate**
- **Modified Baldwin-Lomax turbulence model**
- **Overlaid O- and H-grids**

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Numerical Methods - III



- **MPI for parallel simulations**
- **Fluid property routines**
 - Perfect gas
 - Real fluid property routines for xenon, N₂, H₂, H₂O, O₂, RP, CH₄, CO, N₂H₄, MMH and N₂O₄
 - Two types of real fluid property routines
 - **Routines provided by J. Oefelein of Sandia Labs – liquid and gas**
 - Solve equations of state, etc.
 - **Routines derived from the NIST tables – liquid and gas**
 - Surfaces generated from splines of data

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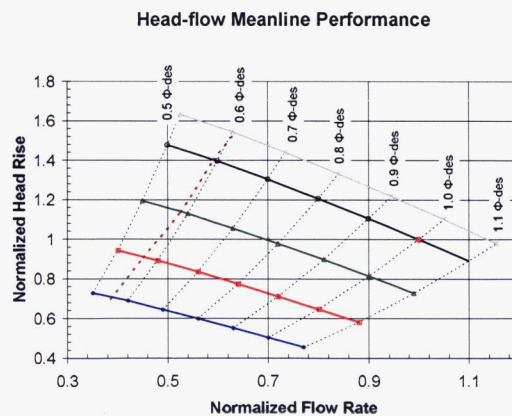
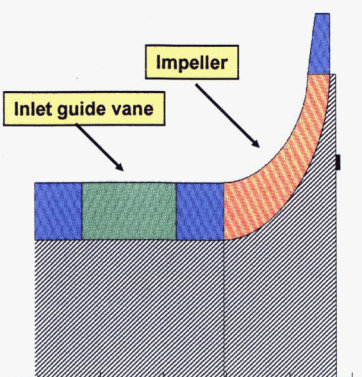
Design Requirements for Water Flow Rig



- Operate in existing water flow facility
- 977 gpm flow rate
- Rotational speed of 3600 RPM
- 70% flow coefficient throttling capability
- Diffuser vane/volute radius and passage constraints due to rig requirements
 - vanes must accommodate 17 bolts
- Actual engine was designed to have two stages, but the water flow model designed to have one stage

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Guide Vane and Impeller Design

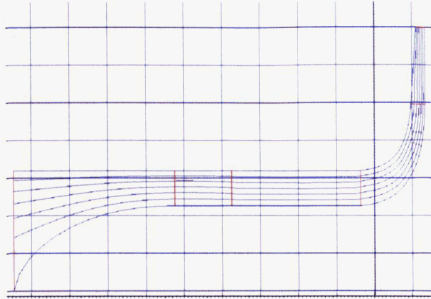


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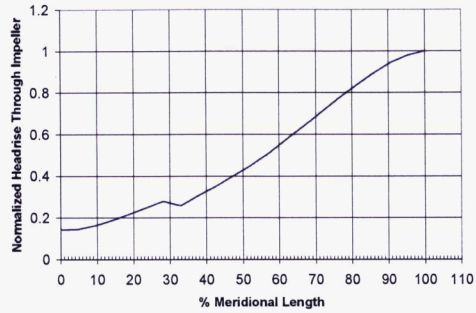
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Mean Streamtube Analysis



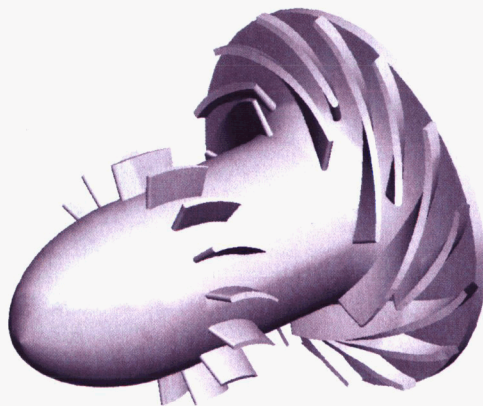
Streamlines



Impeller pressure rise

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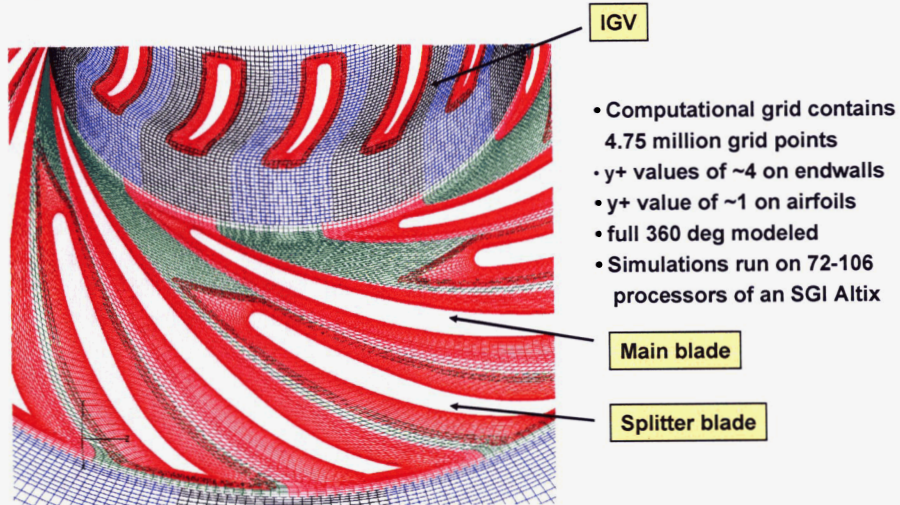


Final Pump Design

1. 15 inlet guide vanes
2. Impeller with 7 main blades and 7 splitter blades

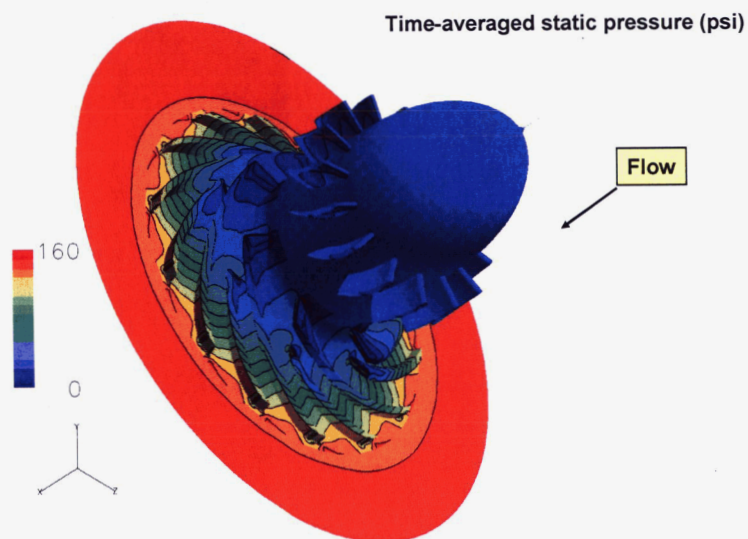
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CFD for IGV, Impeller, Vaneless Diffuser



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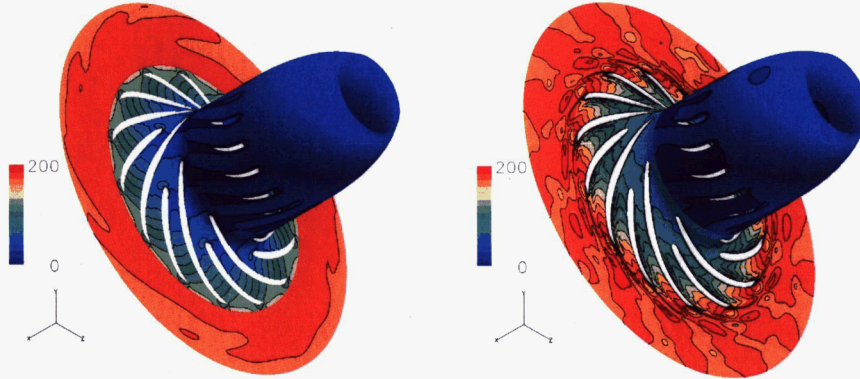


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Relative total pressure (psi)



Time-averaged

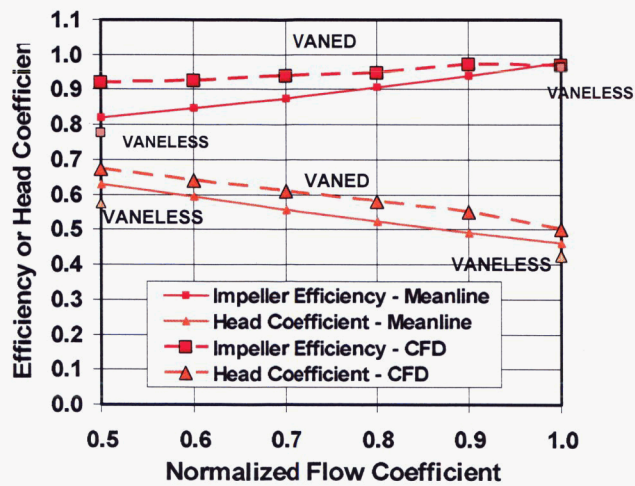
Instantaneous

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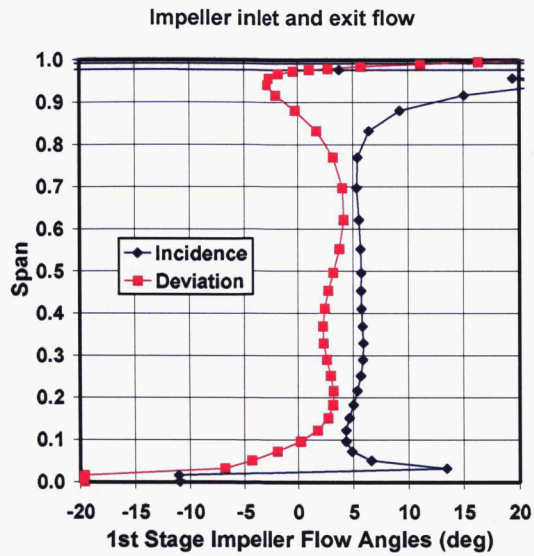


Performance predicted by meanline and CFD codes



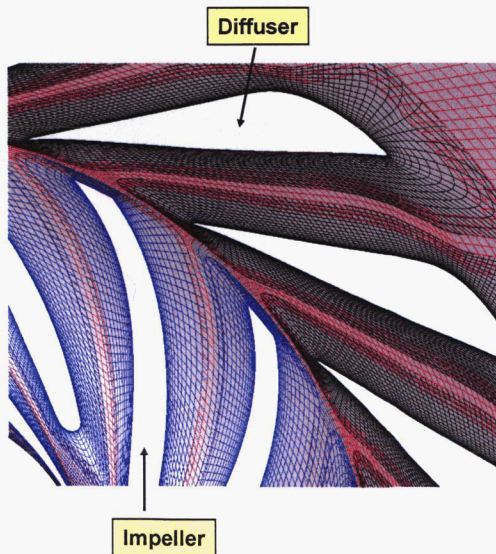
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Variable	Optimum	Actual
L/W_1	4.00	2.60
W_2/W_1	1.60	1.34
θ (deg)	10.0	7.40

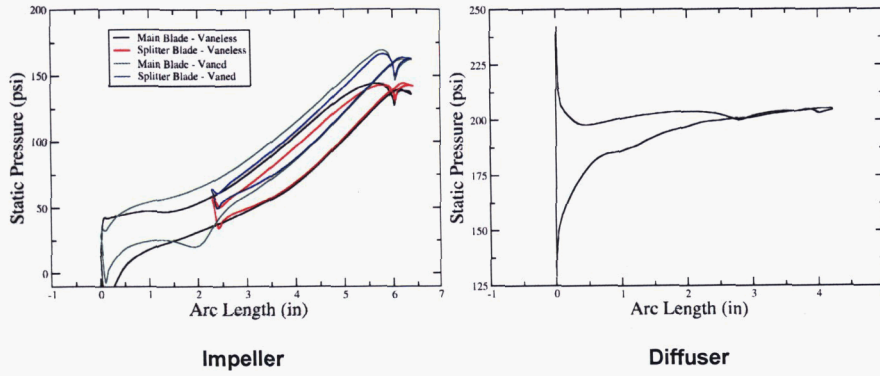
- 17 diffuser vanes
- chord of vane limited by collector

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Time-averaged loading on the impeller and diffuser

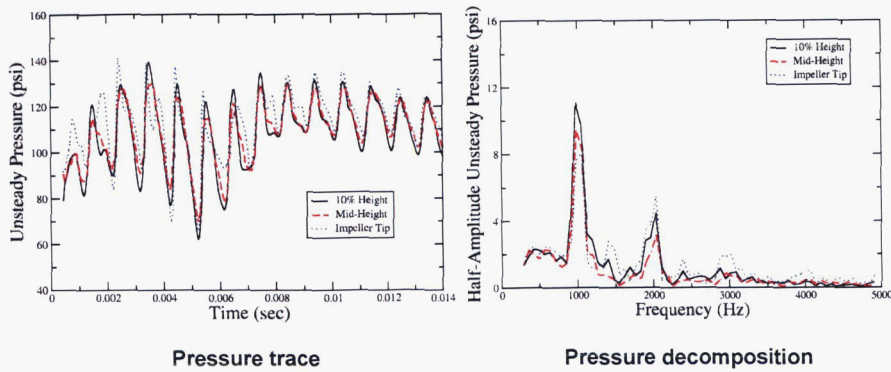


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Unsteadiness on the impeller trailing edge with downstream diffuser vanes



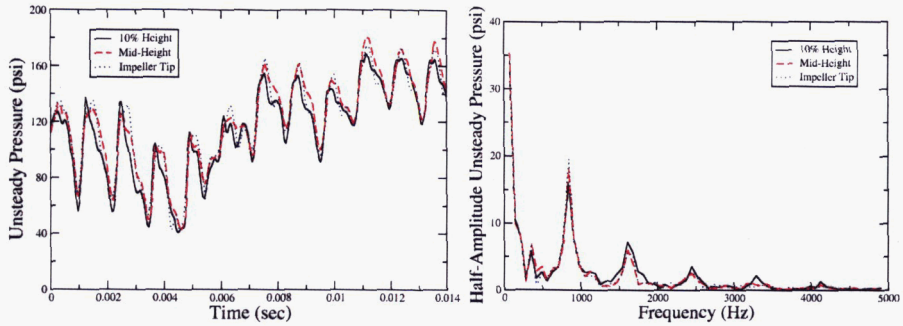
Vane passing frequency = 1020 Hz

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Unsteadiness on the diffuser leading edge with the upstream impeller



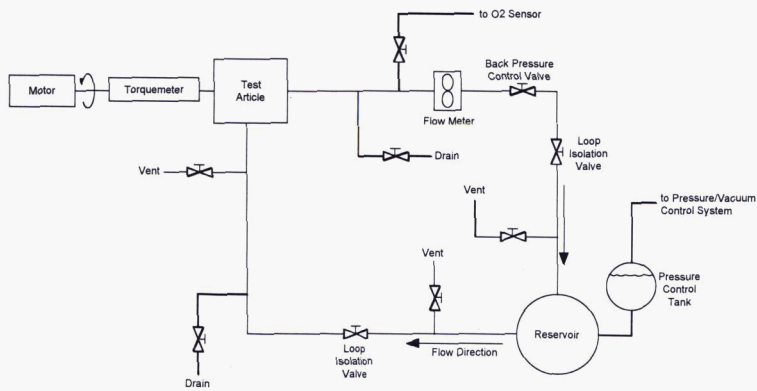
Pressure trace

Pressure decomposition

Blade passing frequency = 840 Hz

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Water Flow Tests



Design to be tested in MSFC water flow facility late summer 2006

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Conclusions



- Inlet guide vane, impeller and diffuser designed for a conceptual expander cycle upper stage engine
- Meanline analysis and three-dimensional unsteady CFD show that the design meets the requirements and constraints
- Water flow testing of the design should begin late summer 2006

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