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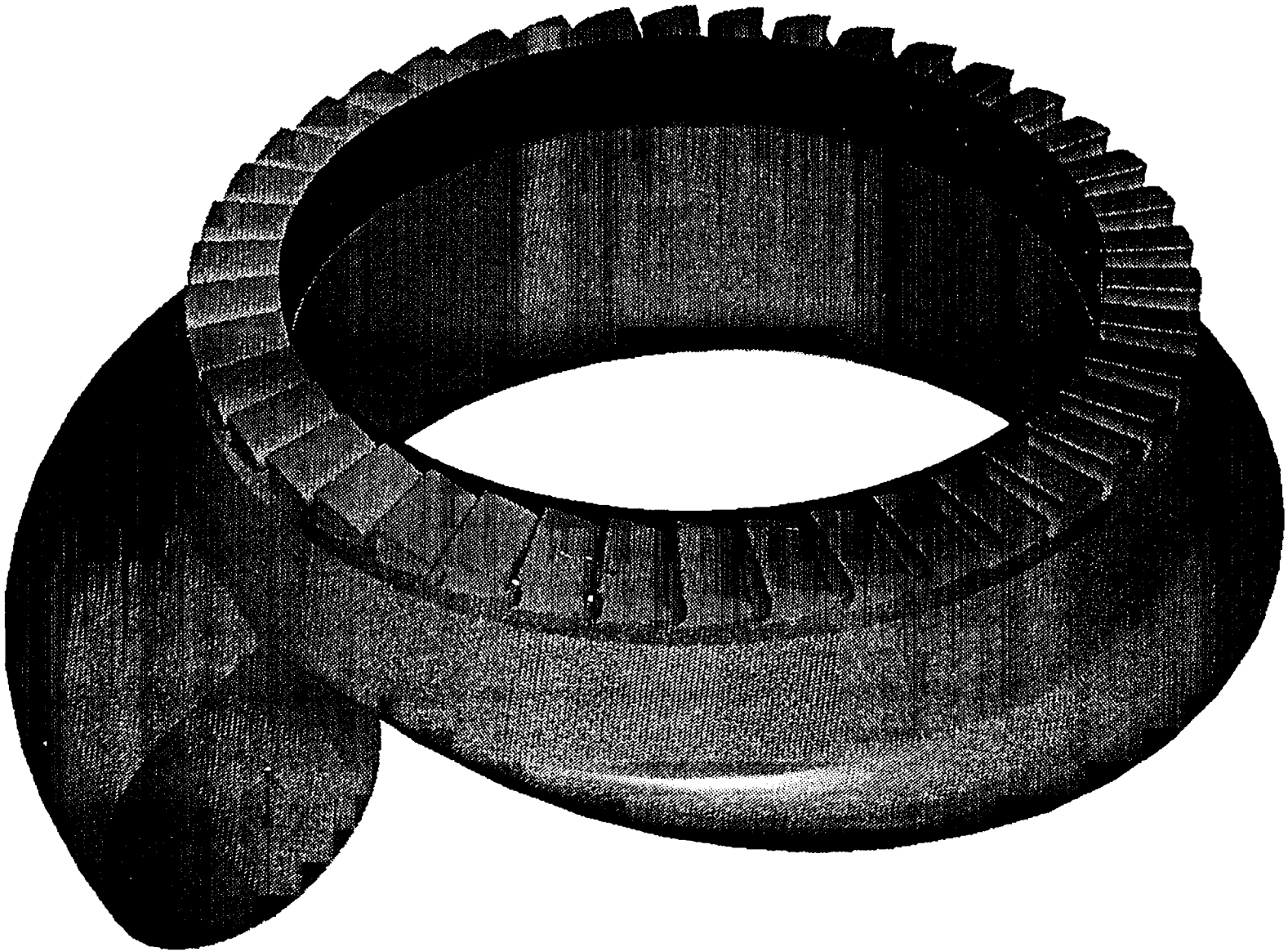

Objective

- o 3-D Turbulent Flow inside Volute
- o Integrated Analysis of Turbine Stage and Inlet & Exit Volutes

Approach

- o 3-D Navier-Stokes Code (Structured Grid)
- o 3-D Euler Code (Unstructured Grid)

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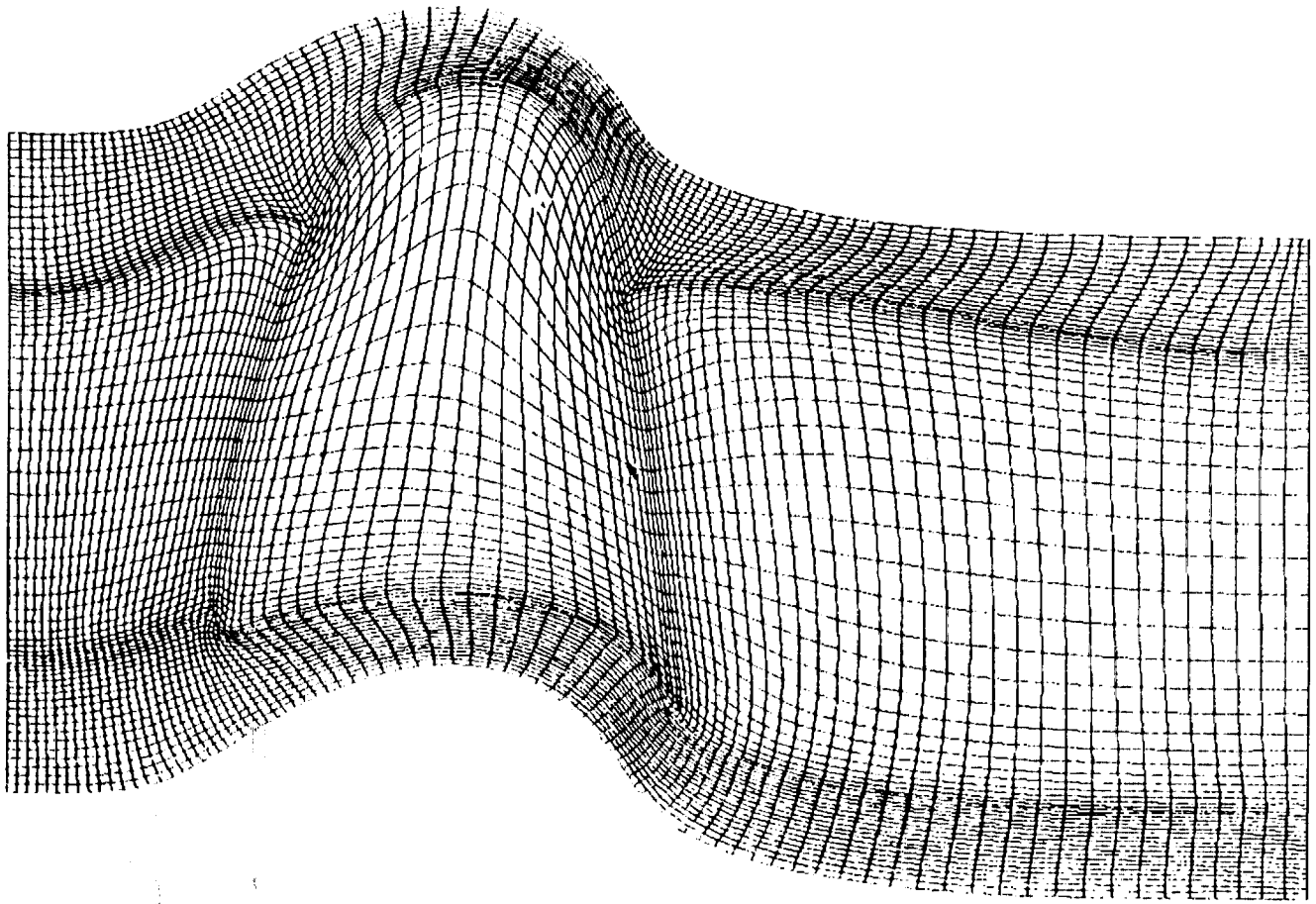

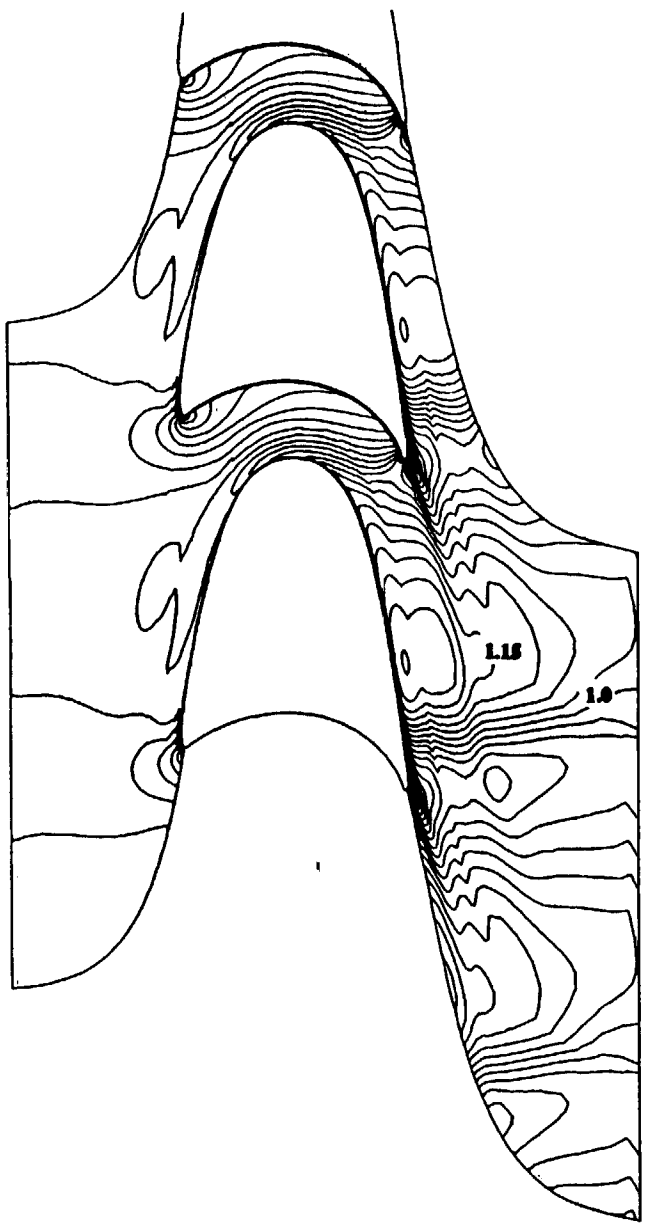

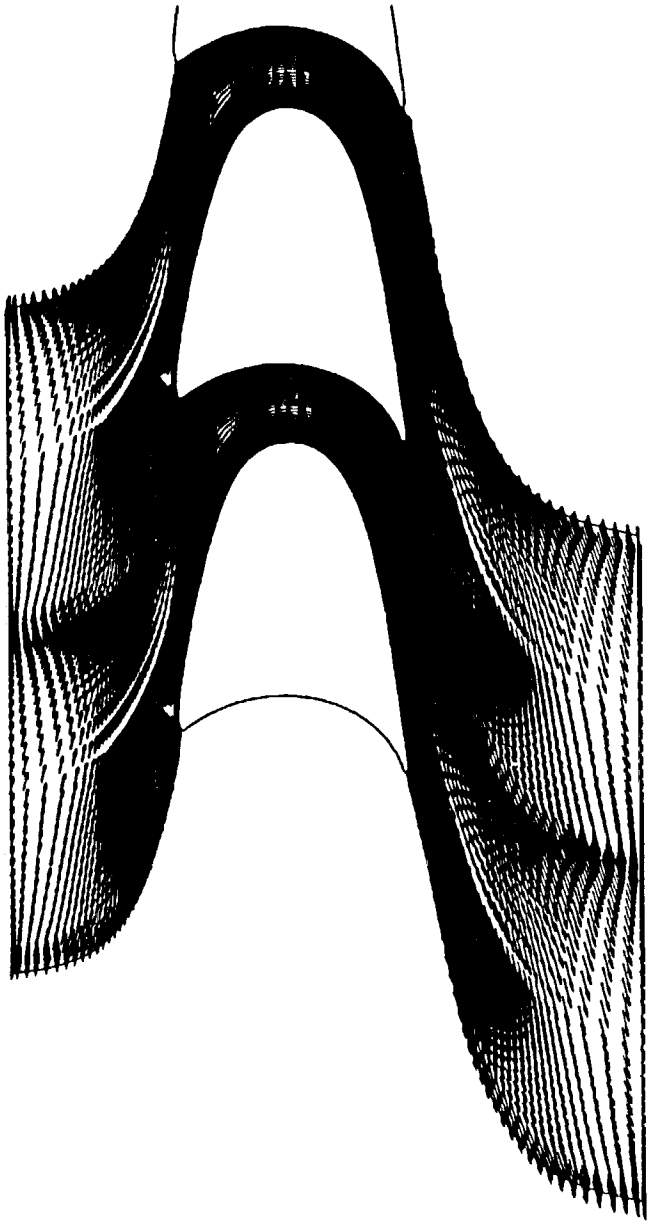

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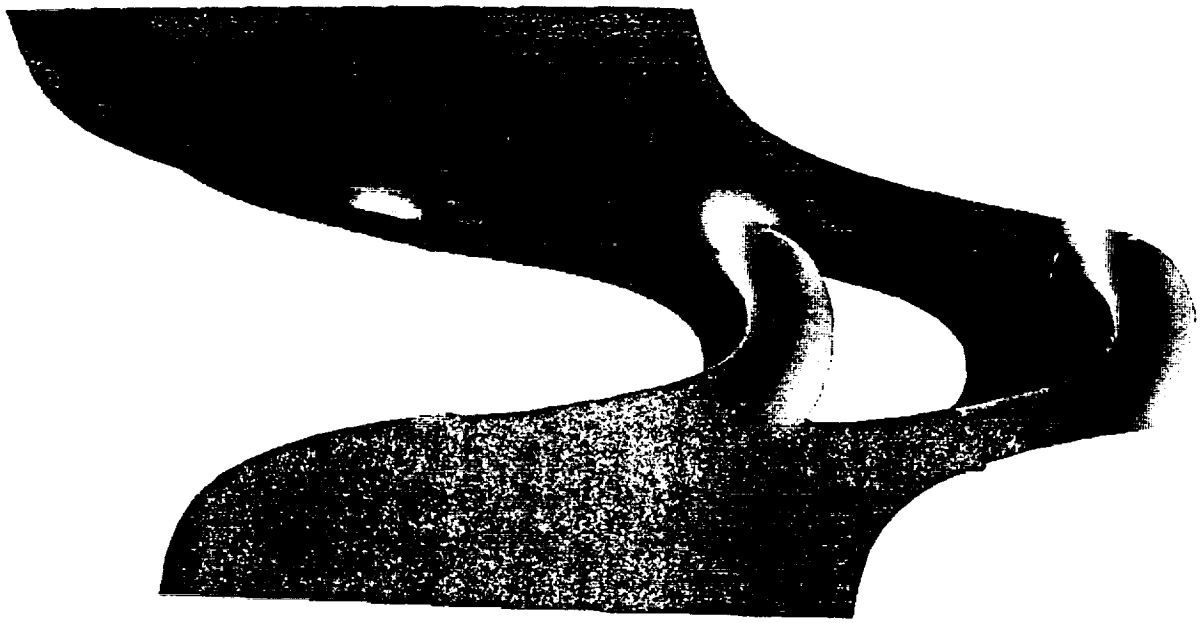

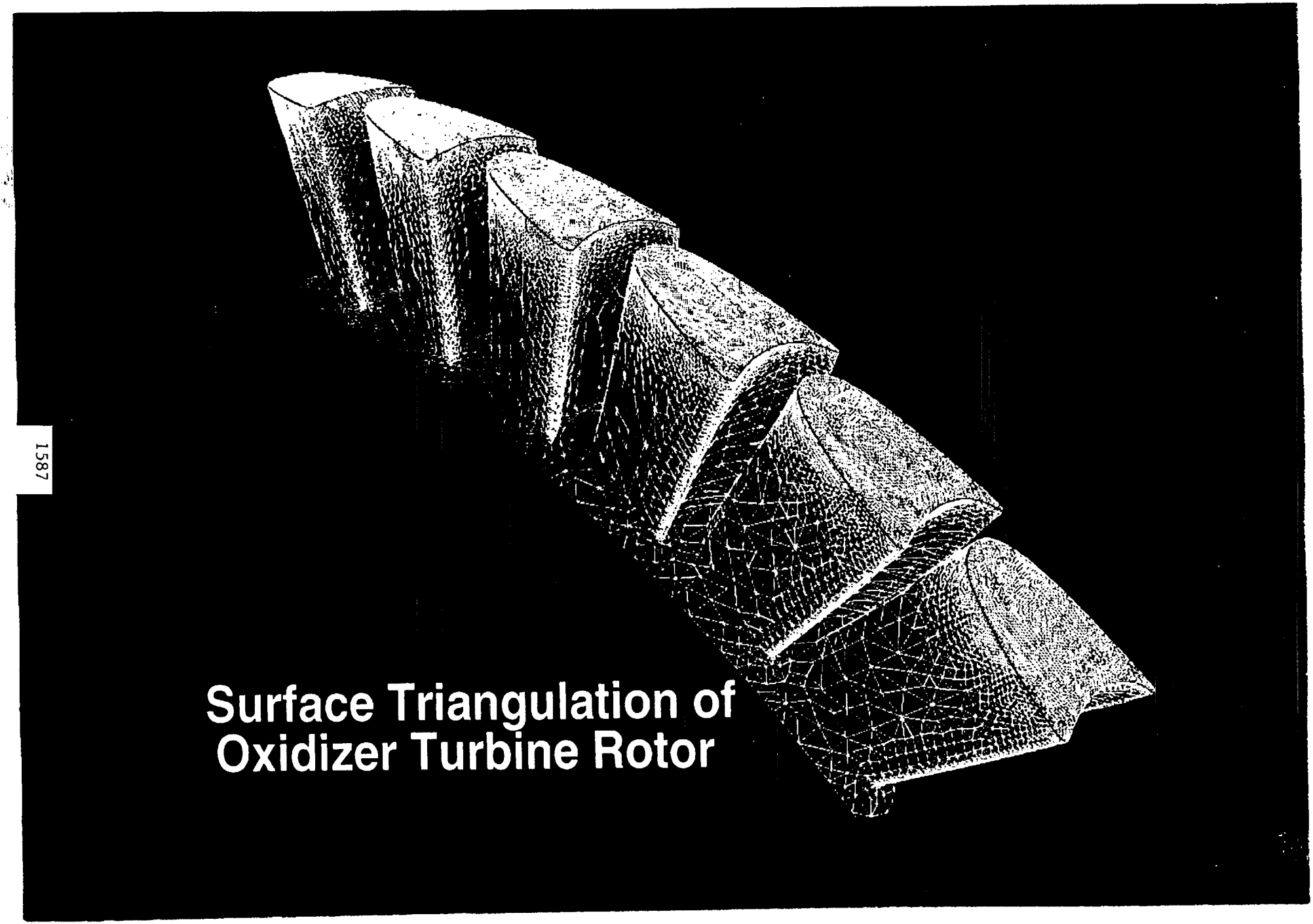

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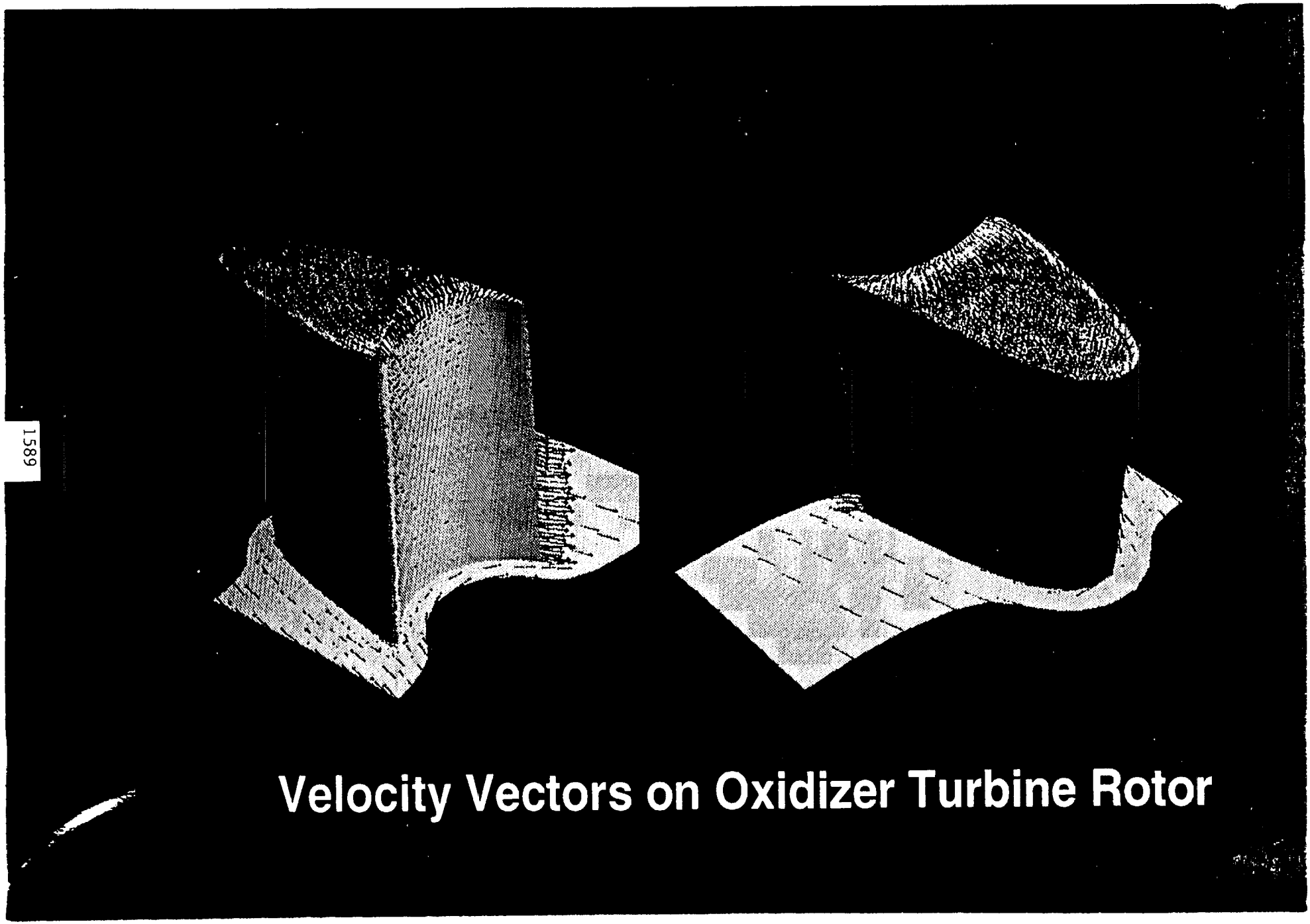

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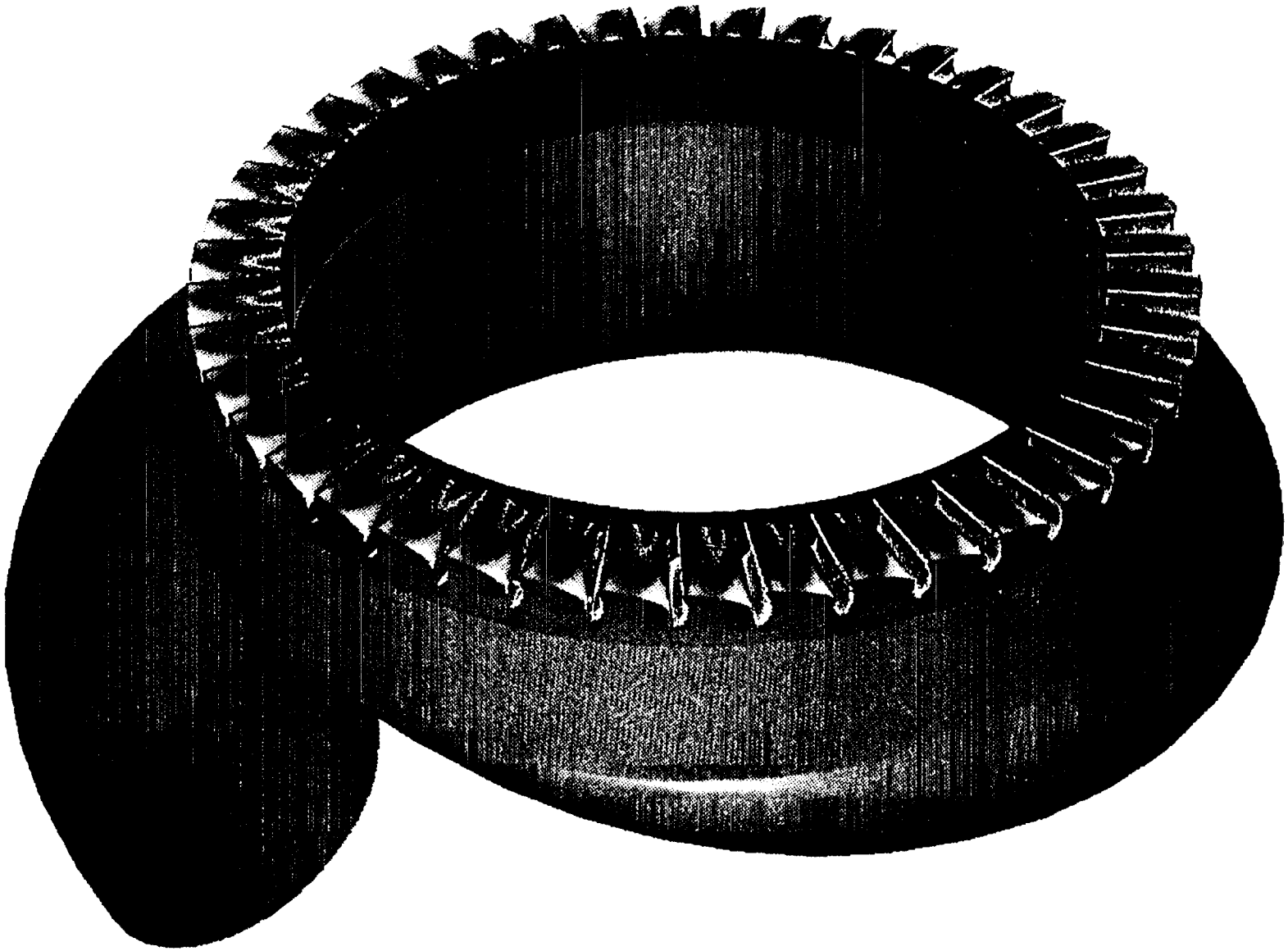
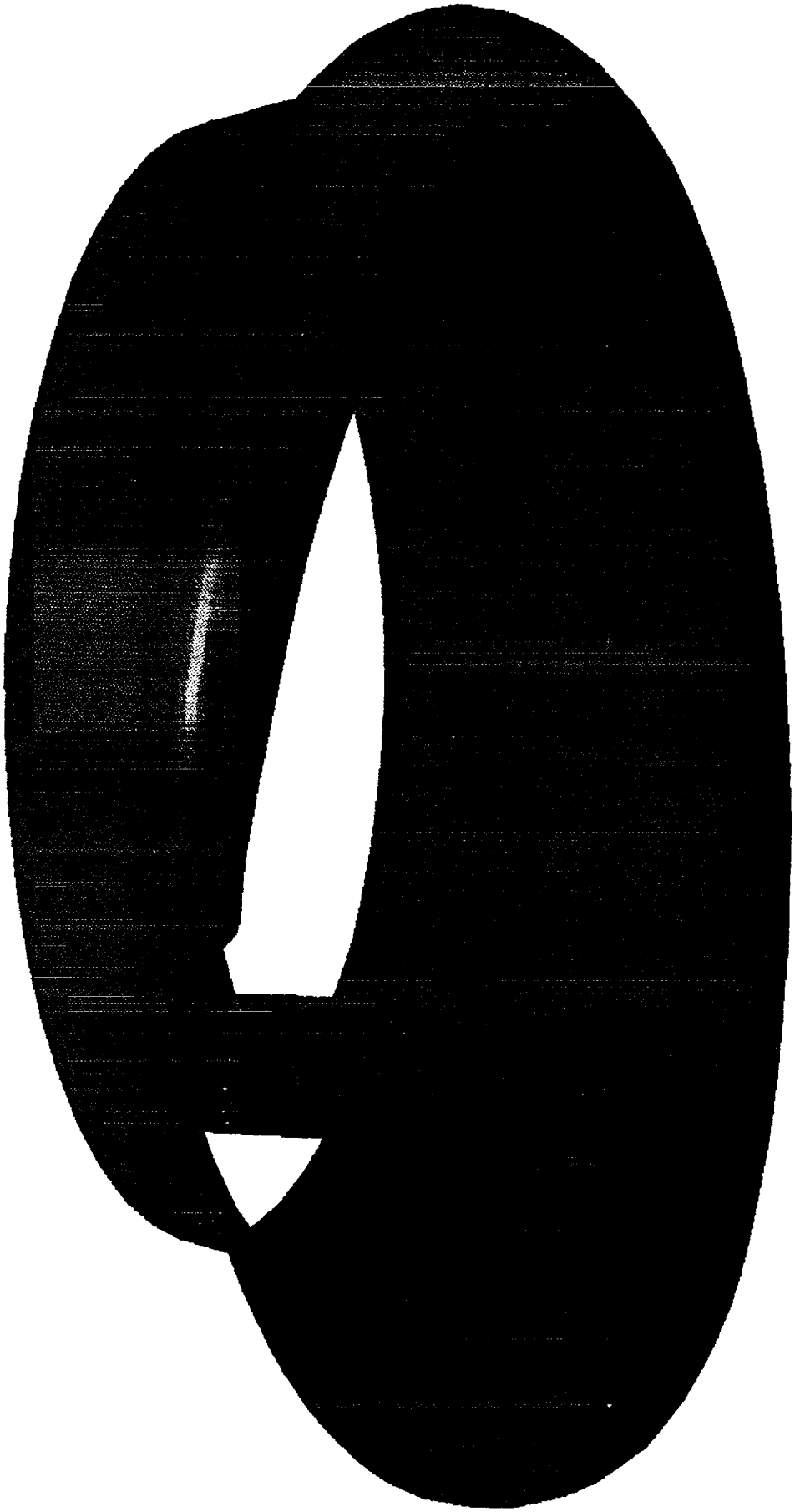
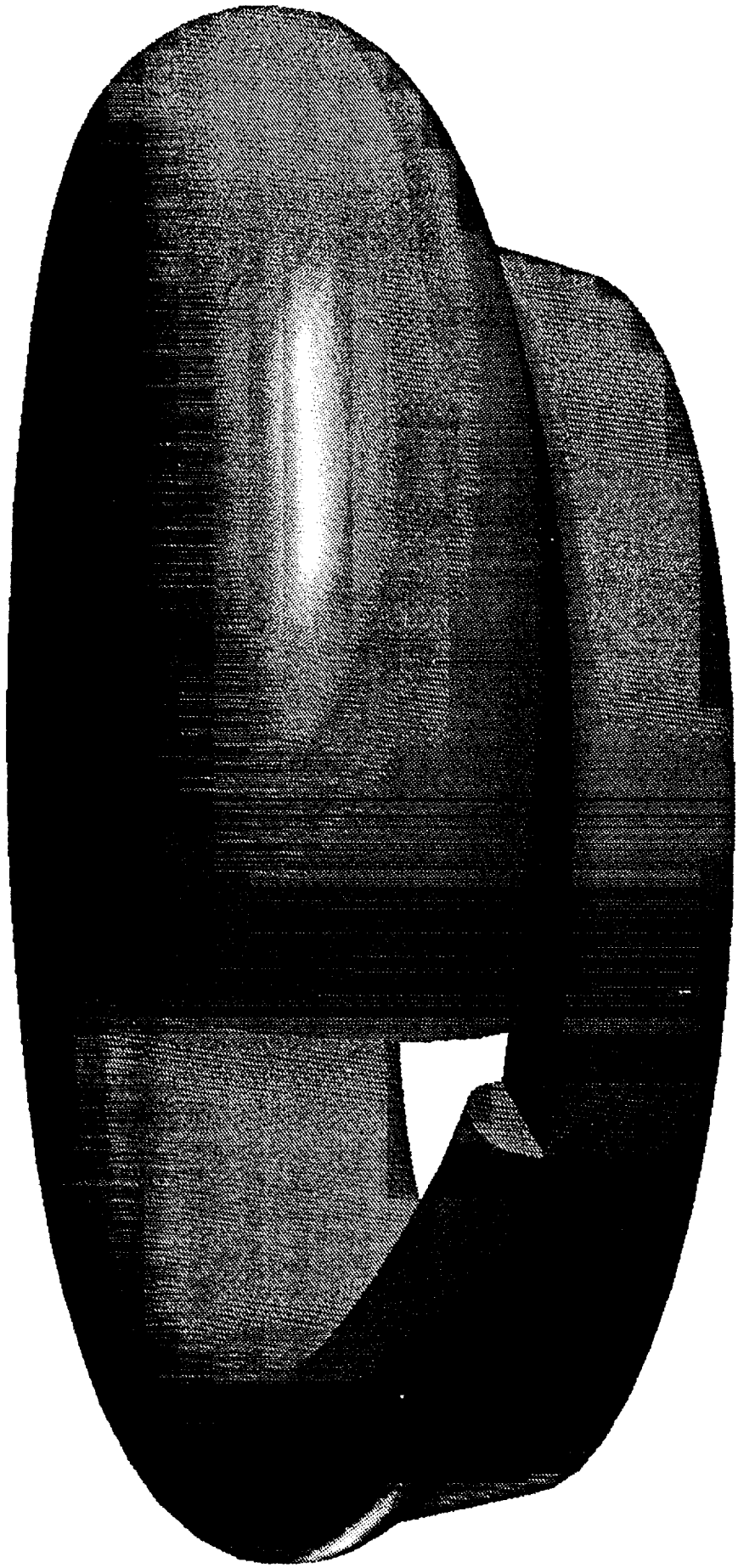


Computational grid

- o Structured Grid (I-Grid) : 51x32x46
- o Unstructured Grid : 90,000 Nodes





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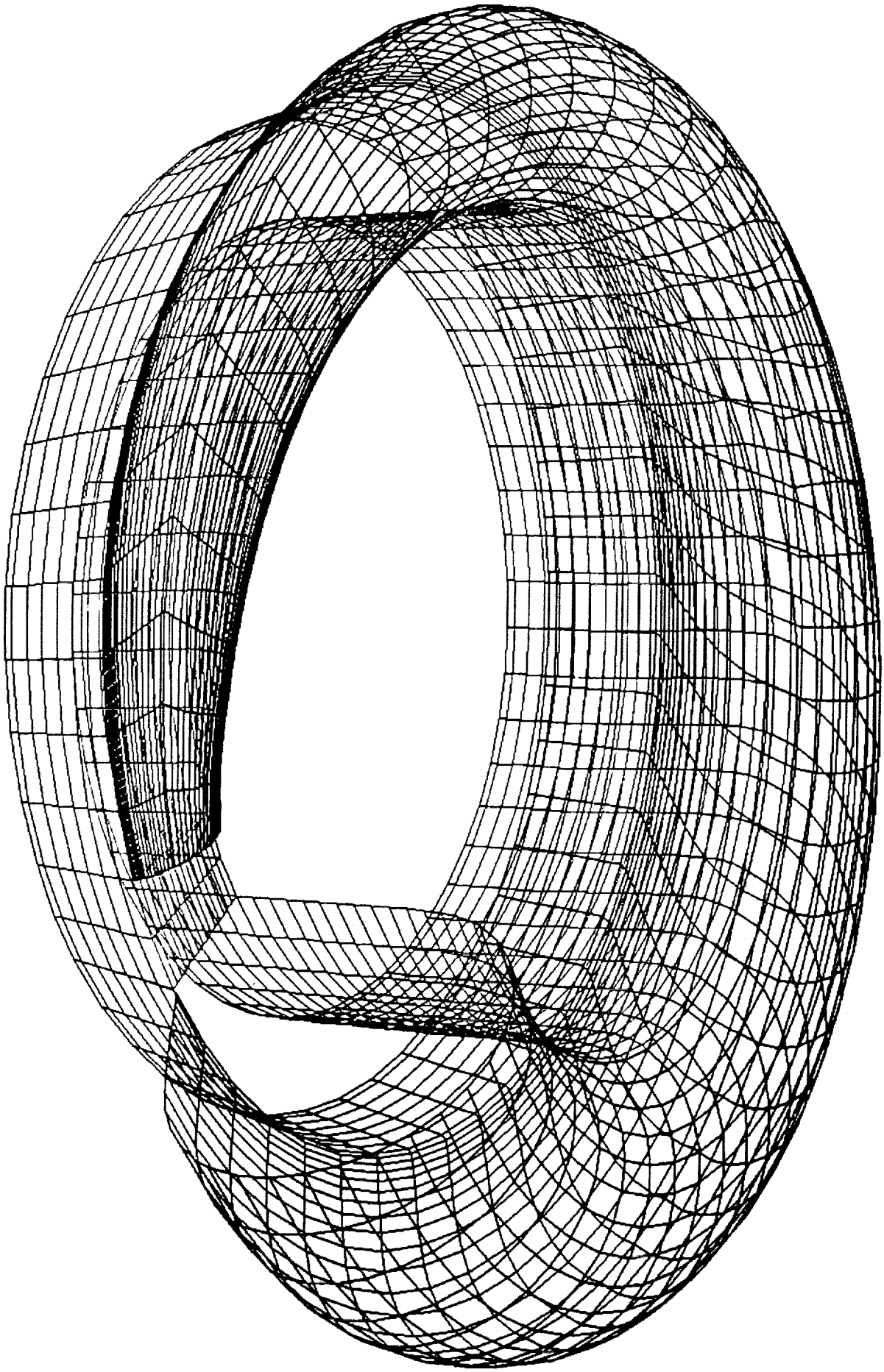

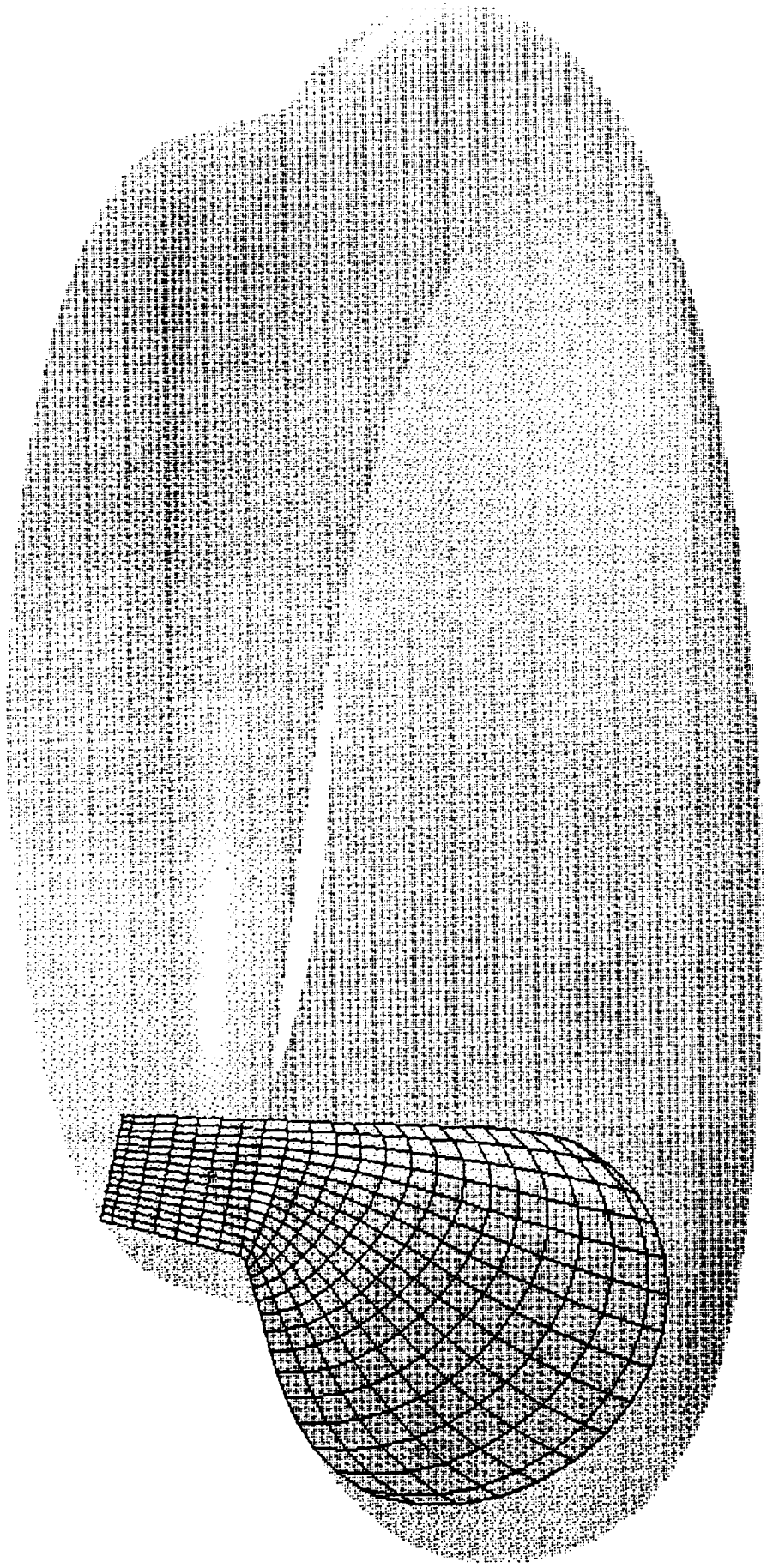

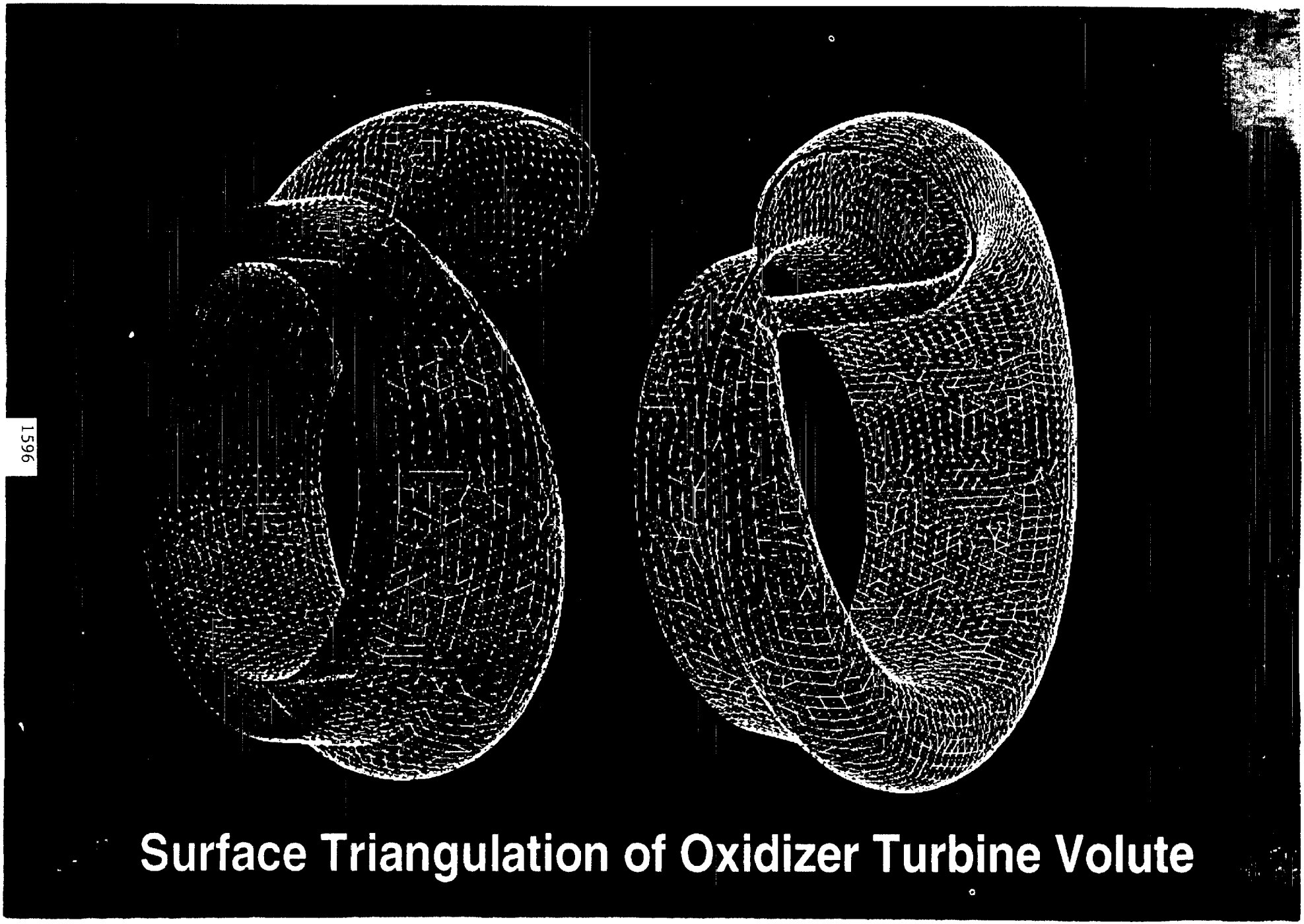

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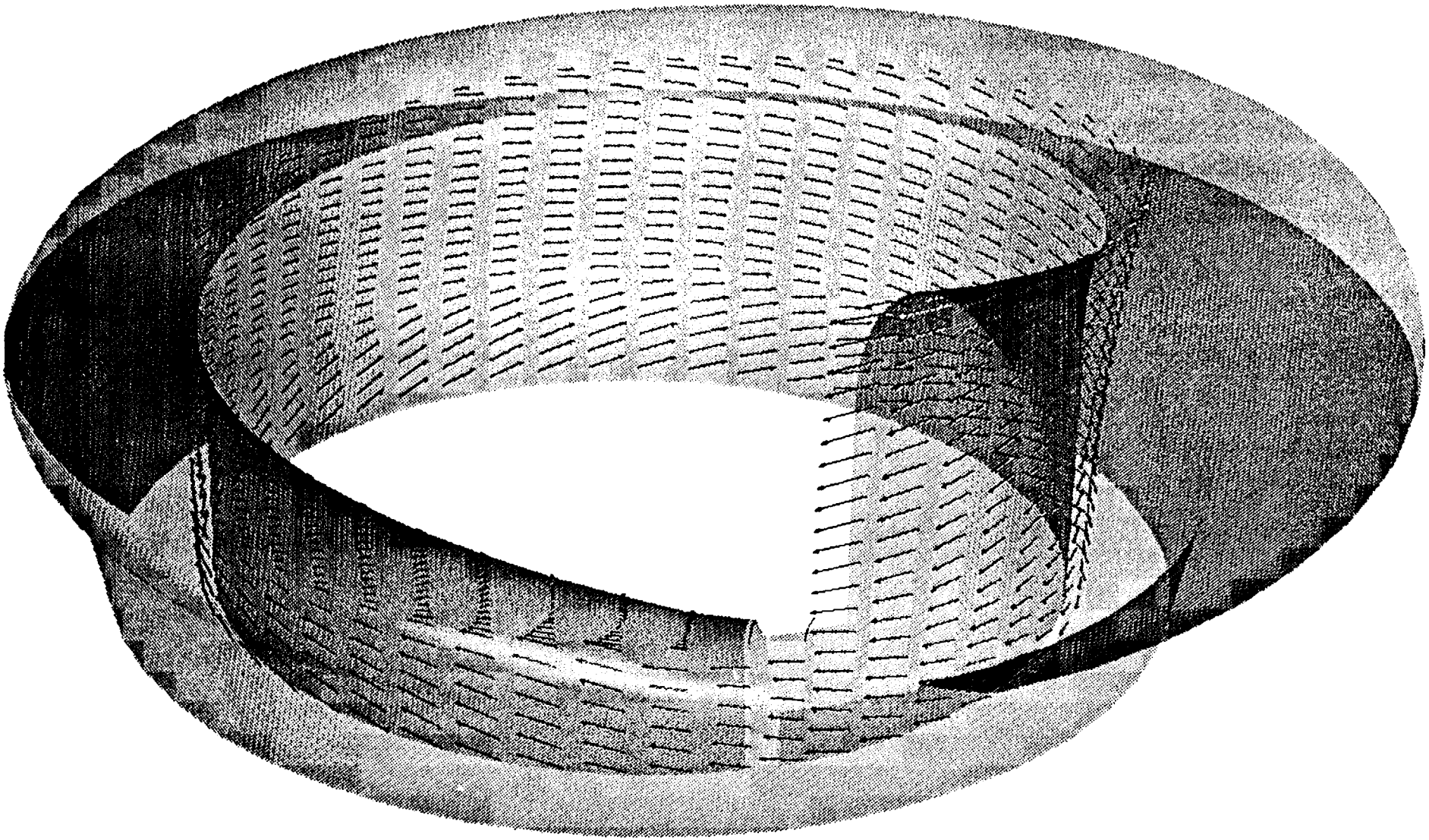
BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

- Inlet
  - Total Pressure
  - Total Temperature
  - Two Velocity Components
- Exit
  - Static Pressure

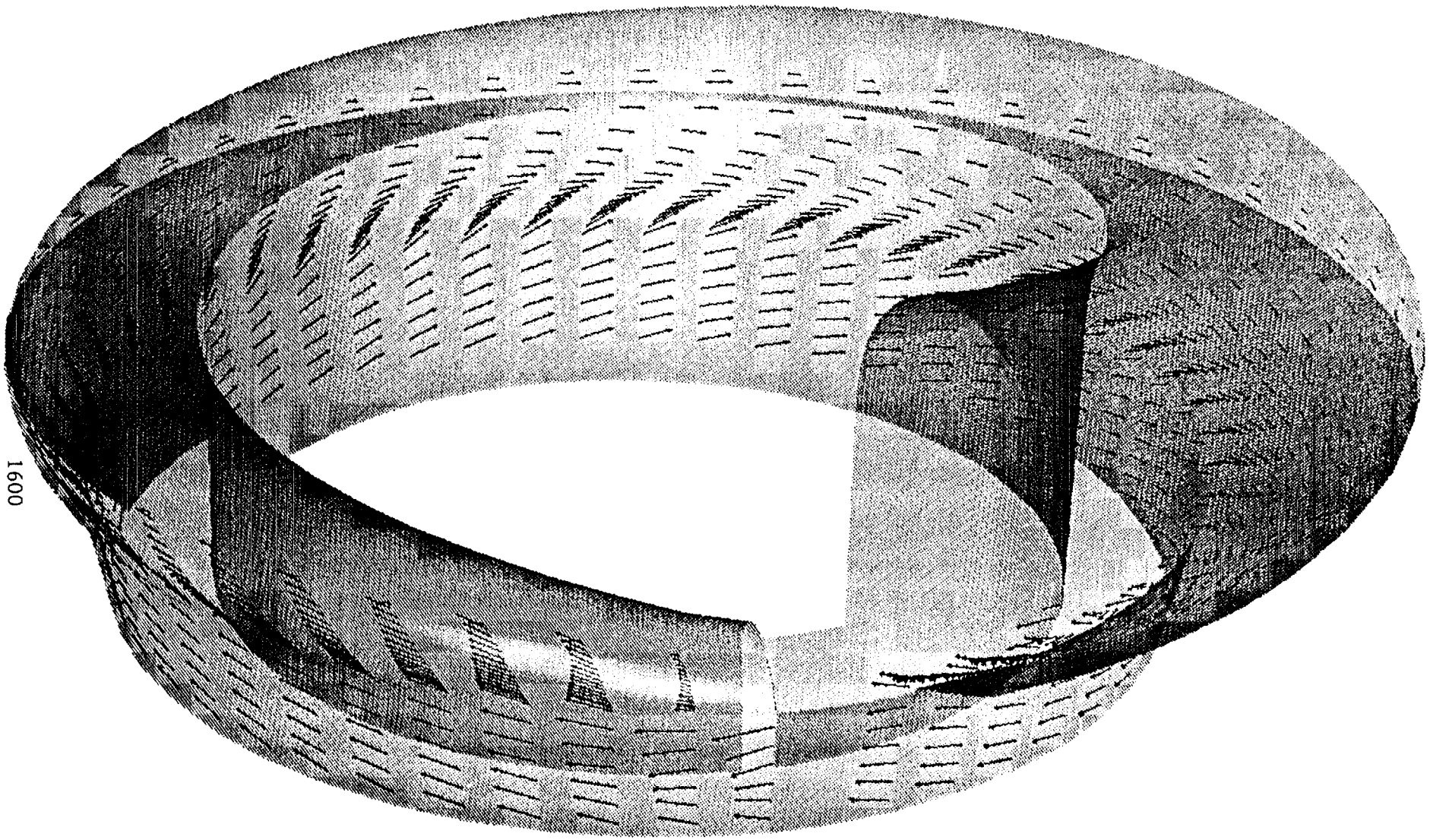
HAH3D Viscous Flow Code

- Three-Dimensional Navier-Stokes
- Pressure-Based Control Volume
- Two-Equation Turbulence Model with Low-Reynolds Number Extension
- Incompressible, Transonic, Supersonic Flows
- Tested for Wide Range of Flows

Velocity Vectors Near Inner Wall



Velocity Vectors Near Outer Wall



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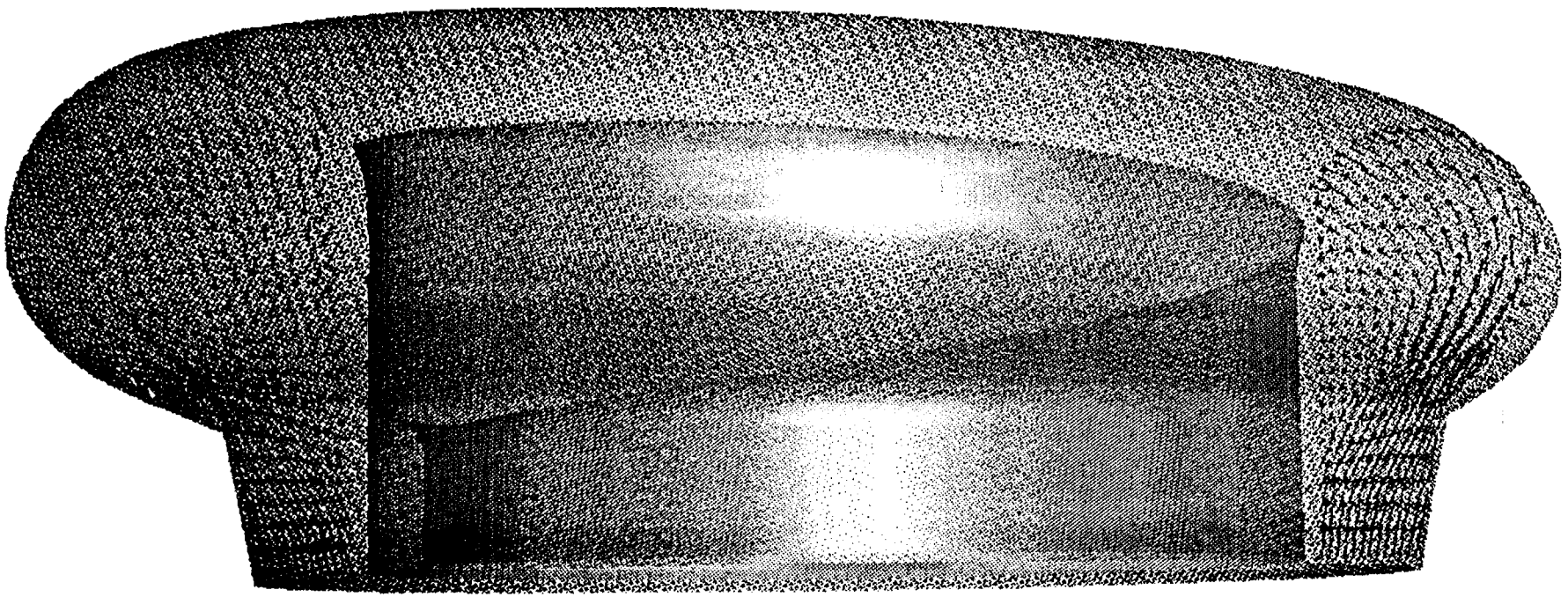
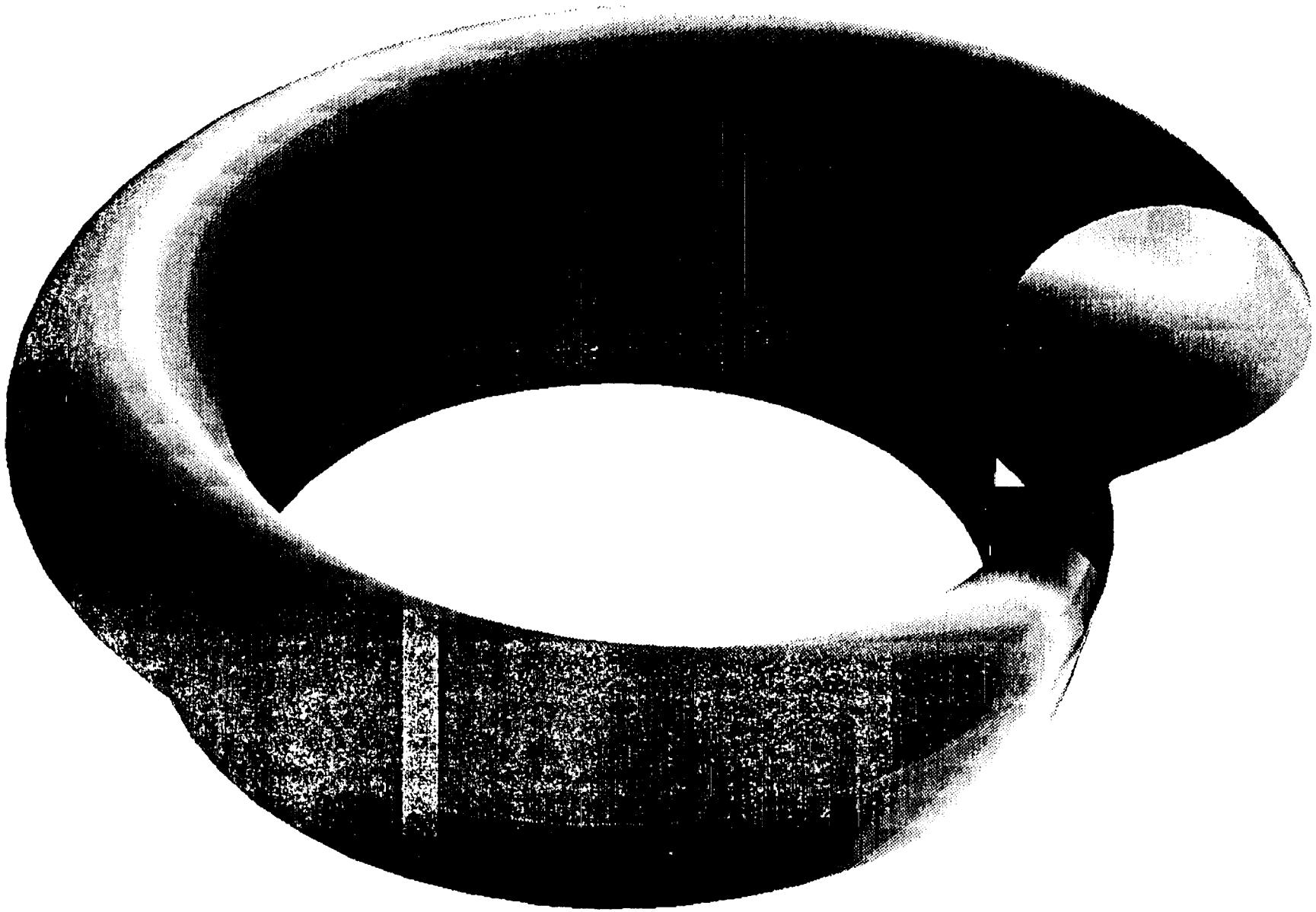
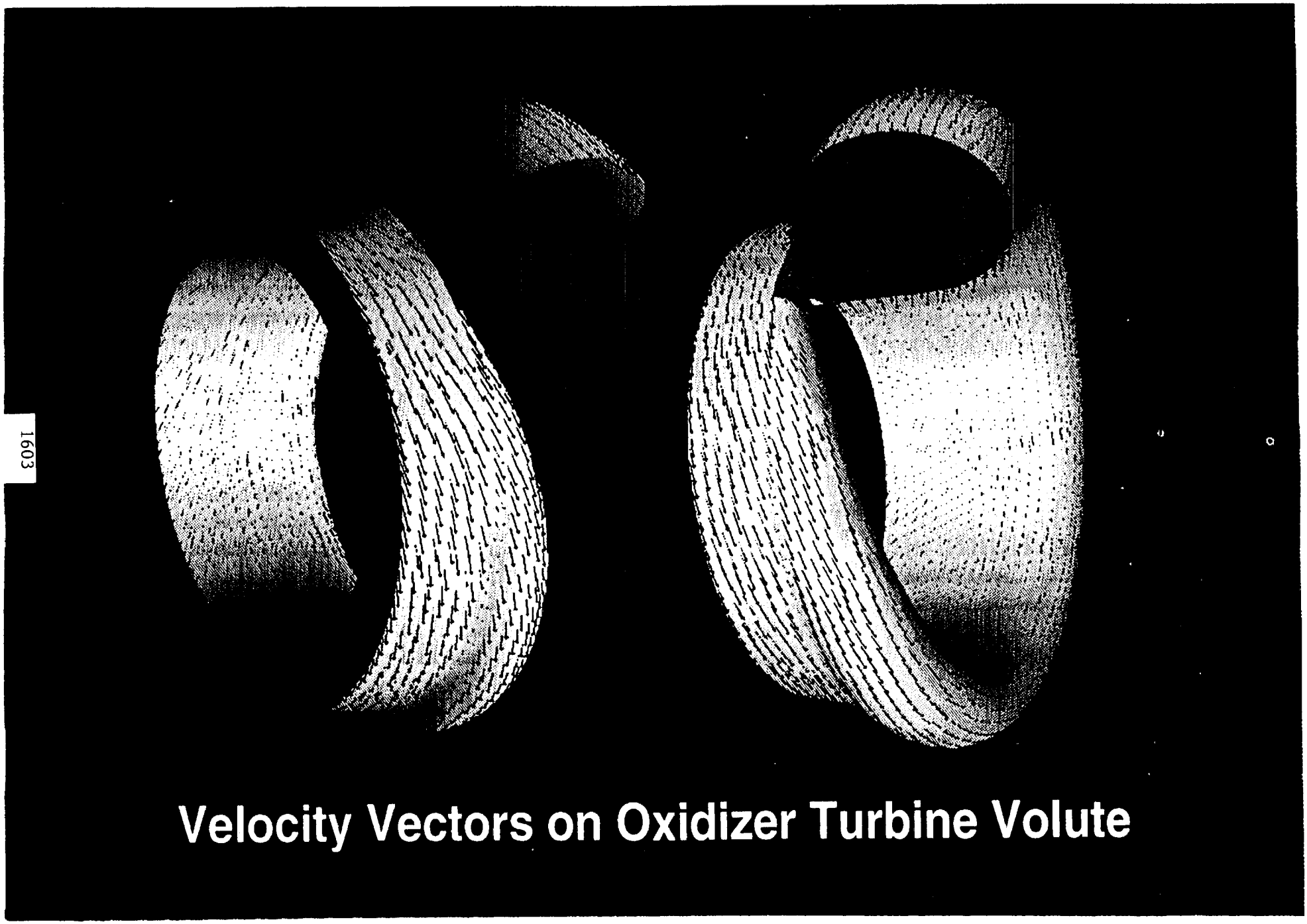


Surface Static Pressure





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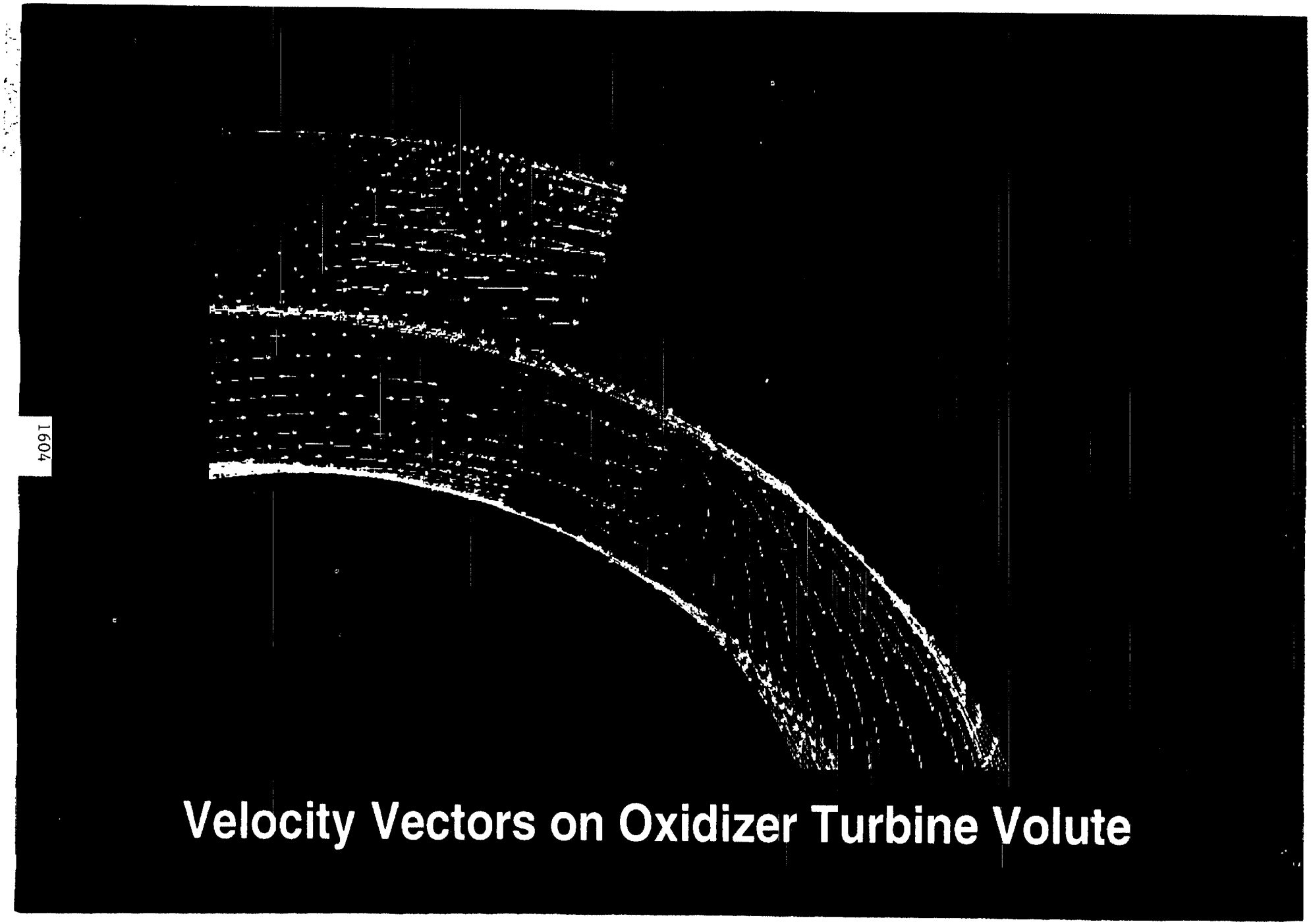

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Observation and Future Study

- o Successful 3-D, N-S & Euler Flow Study for Volute Design
- o N-S & Euler Predict Different Flow features
- o Comparative Study between Structured and Unstructured Grid Methods
- o Further Verification Necessary