



APOLLO/NASTRAN WORK STATION

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TODAY'S BRIEFING

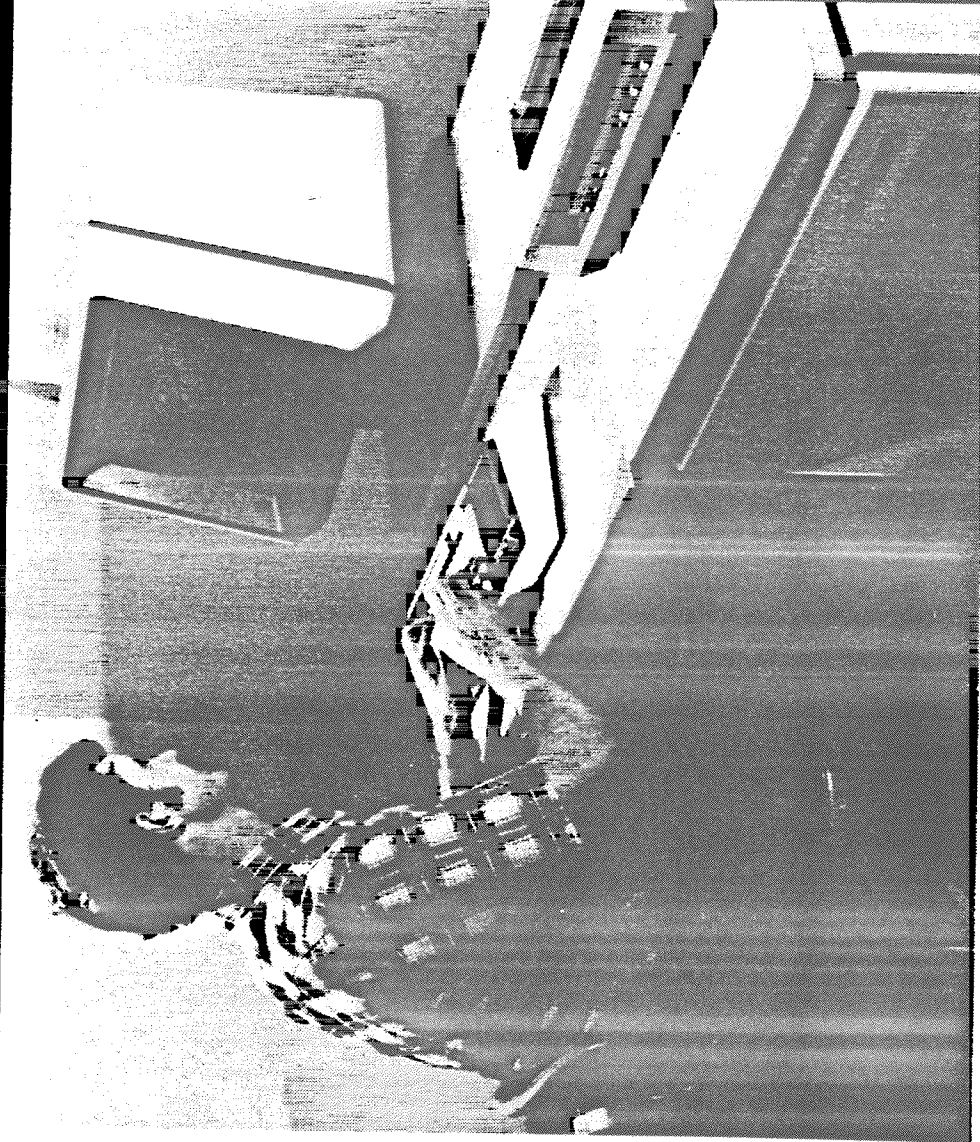
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- **HARDWARE**
- **SOFTWARE**
- **USERS & USAGE**
- **PERFORMANCE**
- **ADVANTAGES**
- **INITIAL PROBLEMS**
- **FUTURE SOLUTIONS**



APOLLO DN 420 WORK STATION

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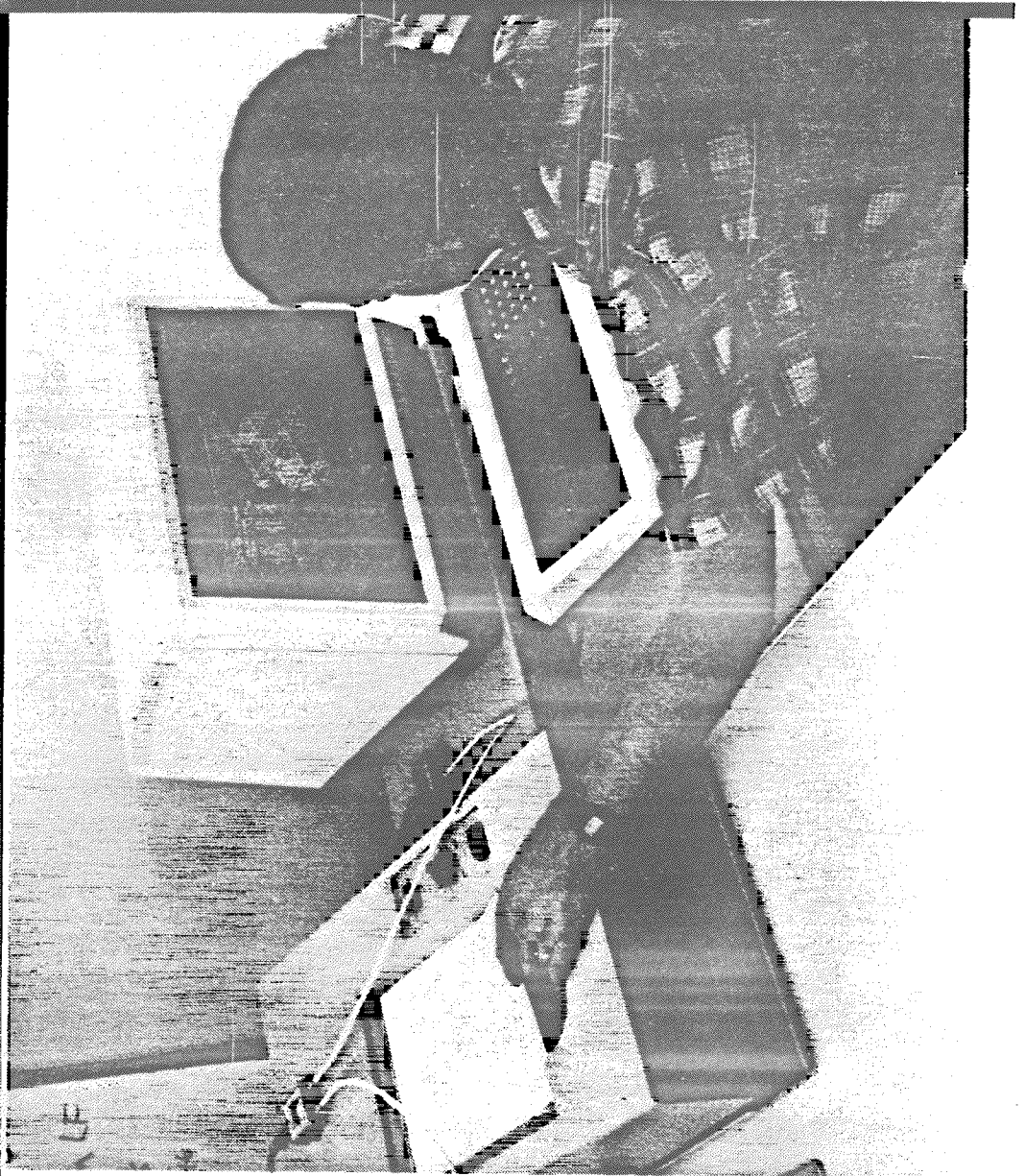


- 158 WB WINCHESTER DISK
- PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT BOARD
- 2 DN420 2 MB
- 1 DN600 1 MB
- 2 DN300 1 MB
- CIPHER TAPE DRIVE
- PRINTRONIX 300 LPM PRINTER
- QMS 12 PAGE/MIN LASER PRINTER
- HP PEN PLOTTER
- SEIKO COLOR COPIER



COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

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- 11 TIME SHARING LINES AT 9600 BAUD
- HARDWIRED VISUAL 50 TERMINAL
- 2 PORTS PER NODE TO HUGHES DATA SWITCH
- REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS – TERMINAL EMULATION & HASP EMULATION



APOLLO OPERATING SYSTEM

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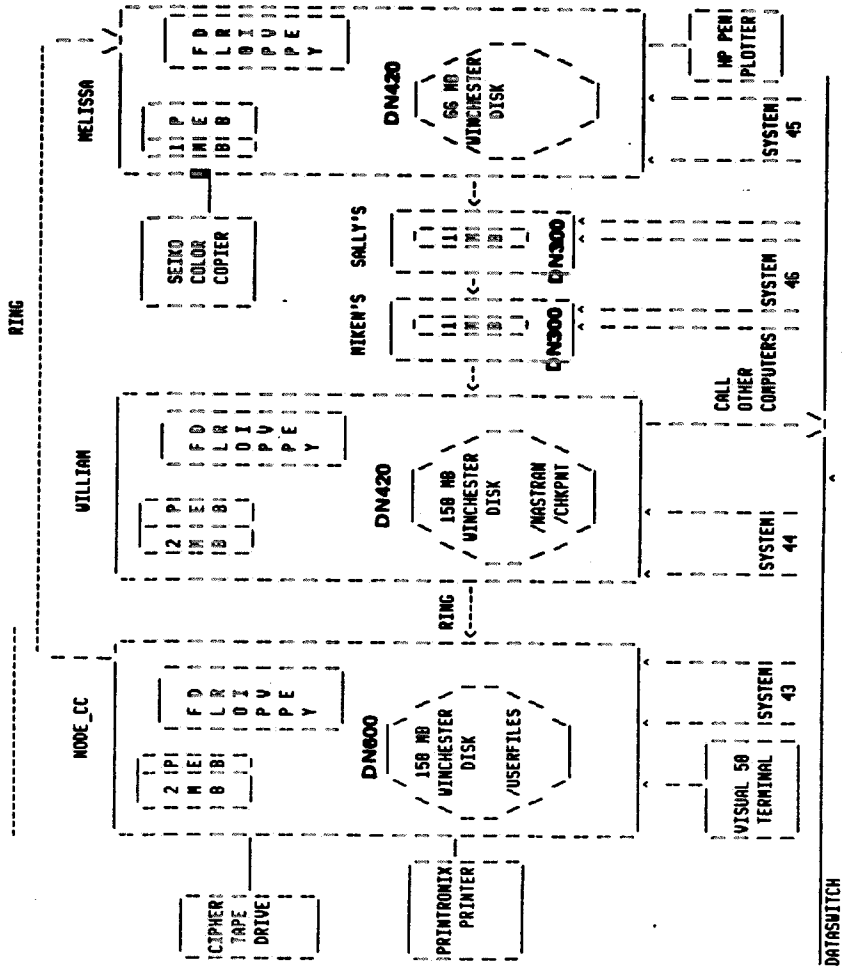
- SCREEN — MULTIPLE PROCESSES PLUS EDITOR
- TIME SHARING — ONE PROCESS PER LINE
- JOB QUEUES — MOST JOBS RUN — BACKGROUND PROCESS
- PRINT QUEUE — ALSO PRINTS SCREEN DISPLAY
- LASER PRINTER CAN REPRODUCE PLOT-10 FILES



CURRENT SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

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APOLLO SYSTEM - HARDWARE



RANTEK, TEKTRONIX, HP2621, VISUAL50 TERMINALS



STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

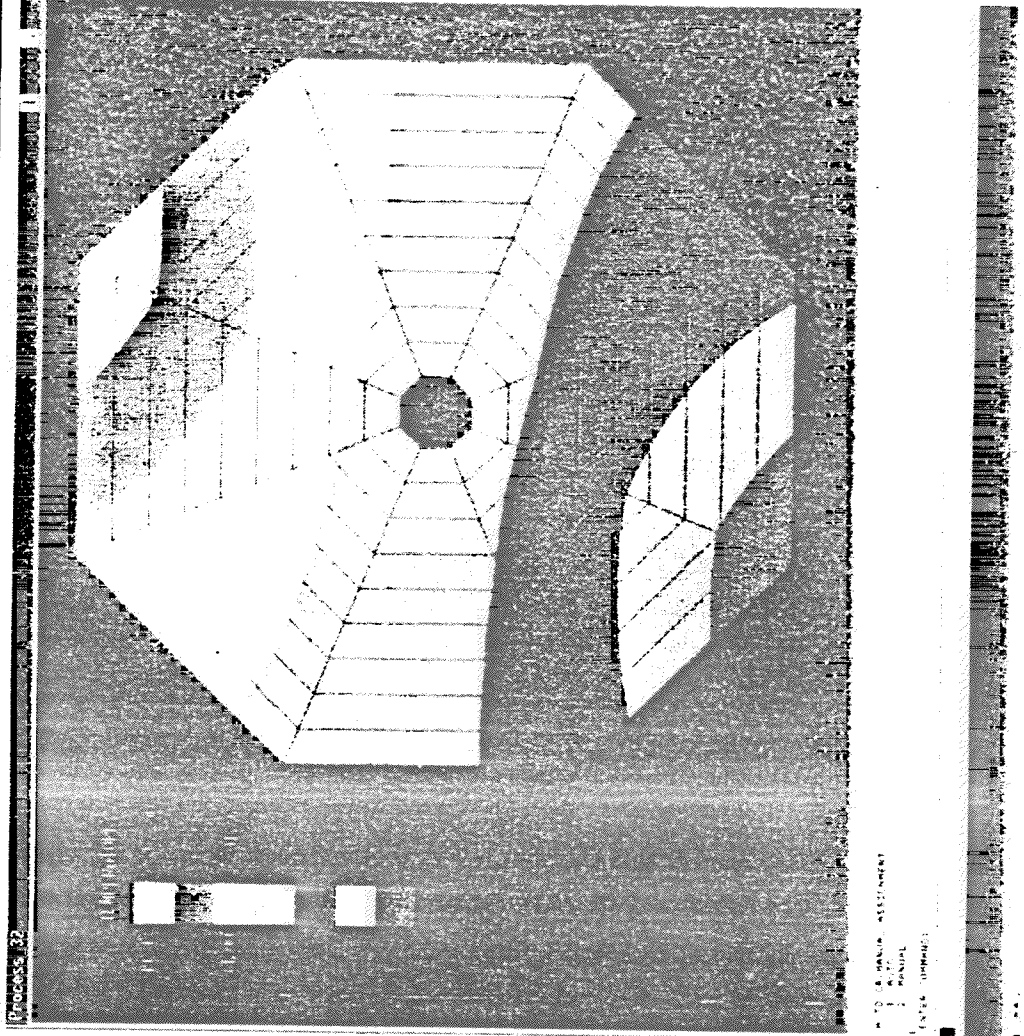
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- SOFTWARE
 - NASTRAN
 - HUGHES INTERACTIVE PRE/POSTPROCESSORS
 - MODEL GENERATION
 - DEFORMED PLOTS
 - MODE SHAPE ANIMATION
 - COLOR FILL PLOTS
 - PLOTTING
- 15 ANALYSTS – PART TIME
- THIRD OF SYSTEM USAGE



DISPLAY OF ELECTRICAL MODEL

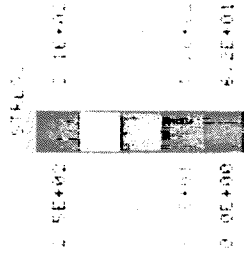
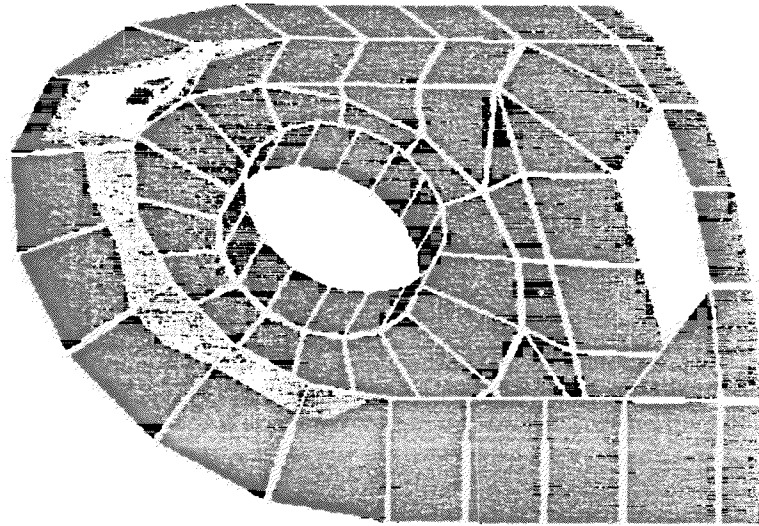
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DISPLAY OF STRUCTURAL MODEL

 Thermal
Structural
Mechanics





USAGE (TYPICAL WEEK)

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- 84 CPU HOURS (30% FOR NASTRAN)
(15 CPU HOURS – VAX 11-780)
67 HRS JOB QUEUES
17 HRS FOREGROUND
- 186 CONNECT HOURS
133 SIO LINES
153 APOLLO SCREENS
- 240,000 LINES PRINTED
- 280 MB OF DISK STORAGE



ADVANTAGES

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- **LOCAL PROCESSING**
FASTER, MORE RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS
NO WAITING FOR OUTSIDE DATA
ELIMINATES PRINTER OPERATOR
SYSTEM CONTROL – PRIORITIES, RATES, ETC
- **USER – FRIENDLY OPERATING SYSTEM**
- **EXCELLENT EDITING CAPABILITIES**
- **DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING**



NASTRAN SYSTEM SOLUTION

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- **PROBLEM – BOTH NODES SLOWED DOWN
WHEN NASTRAN WAS RUNNING**
- **SOLUTION**
 - **PUT NASTRAN FILES ON NASTRAN NODE
TO AVOID NETWORK I/O**
 - **COPY FILES BACK TO NODE WITH USER FILES
AFTER RUN**
 - **BUY FASTER MACHINE**



OTHER INITIAL PROBLEMS

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- SLOW
- EXECUTION – SOME NASTRAN JOBS RUN 4-8 HOURS
- FILE TRANSFER TO/FROM OTHER COMPUTERS
- TOO MANY USERS FOR RESOURCES



FUTURE SOLUTIONS

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- FASTER COMPUTER

POSSIBLE OPTIONS

APOLLO COMPUTER ENGINE DN160 P.O.
IMPROVED APOLLO DN460, DN660 P.O.
RIDGE
VAX

PROBLEMS

NASTRAN/3 MONTHS
COST
COST

FPS-164, ARRAY PROCESSOR

- DATA LINK FOR BETTER OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS
ETHERNET TO VAX



THE BOTTOM LINE

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IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY