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Mr David Chapman Senior Vice-President of Manufacturing Data General Corporation 4400 Computer Drive Westboro MA 01580

Dear Mr Chapman

Gwen Bell has told me that you have offered to help us try to obtain a large computer-designed aircraft part, such as a wing, from Boeing. I enclose copies of two letters I have written so far to people at Boeing and also the proposal for the exhibit <u>The</u> Computer and the Image.

Nothing brings an exhibit to life more than an exciting threedimensional object, especially a large one. In a recent gallery I put together for the Science Museum, London on <u>Seeing the</u> <u>Invisible</u> we exhibited an entire helicopter engine fitted with a borescope to illustrate methods of seeing inside solid objects. The display works well and has a continuous stream of people waiting to look inside to see the turbine blades turning.

In the case of the present exhibit, an aircraft part is especially appropriate both because of the long history of computer-aided design of aircraft surfaces and because of CAD's central role in the process. The gallery is about 55 foot square; something about 25 feet long would suit us perfectly!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or have some comments. The address at our new site is: The Computer Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, telephone 426-7190. Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely

Dr Oliver Strimpel Curator

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Mr David Chapman Senior Vice-President of Manufacturing Data General Corp 4400 Computer Drive Westboro MA 01580

Dear Mr Chapman

Thank you very much for pursuing the possibility of a large computer-designed exhibit with Boeing.

The first major exhibit the visitor sees when he enters the Museum is the SAGE computer and a mock-up of the 'blue room' typical of such installations. We feel, therefore, that the overall bias of the Museum would be too military if the dominant piece in the exhibit <u>The Computer and the Image</u> was a cruise missile.

Is there any chance of obtaining a substantial computer-designed piece from a civilian aircraft? It need not be a wing.

Thank you again for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Oliver Strimpel Curator The Computer Museum NB: Founder: Flenny Rammay 'CAO Cab'

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Mr Christopher Klomp Director of Engineering Computing Systems Development Boeing Company MS 6E-30 PO Box 3707 Seattle Washington 98124

Dear Mr Klomp

Further to my recent telephone conversation with Mr Rudi Gern, I am writing to ask whether you might participate in an exhibit at The Computer Museum entitled <u>The Computer and the Image</u> due to open in December 1984.

I enclose a recent quarterly report of the Museum which shows some pictures of our new site in downtown Boston and an article reprinted from <u>Discover</u> magazine on the old site. The move also coincides with a change of emphasis - state-of-the-art computing will be displayed as well as the history of computing.

The proposed 5000 square foot exhibit on the computer and the image is described in the enclosed outline. We would like to display a large, arresting object in the CAD/CAM section (see page 6 of the proposal) and use this both as a "bait" and as the example of the finished product of a CAD/CAM process. Ideally, a simplified CAD system would be running in the gallery for the visitors to interact with. Images of rendered aircraft surfaces can also be displayed statically or on film. We would also like to include some of Boeing's pioneering work in the subject using the IBM 2250 system and earlier.

We are seeking donations of hardware from computer manufacturers and have already had positive responses from DEC, HP, Apollo, Lexidata, Computervision, NYIT and others. If there is some specific system which might demonstrate your application in a museum setting we would be pleased to pursue the possibility of obtaining the necessary hardware.

I hope you will be able to participate in this exhibit and look forward to your reply. Our new address is: The Computer Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, telephone 617-426-7190. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Dr Oliver Strimpel Curator February 1 1984

Mr Henry Ramsay Boeing Computer Services Company MS 6E-18 PO Box 24346 Seattle Washington 98124

Dear Mr Ramsay

Further to our telephone conversation today I am enclosing a copy of the gallery proposal for <u>The Computer and the Image</u>. I also enclose a copy of my letter to Mr Klomp as it goes into somewhat more detail about what sort of exhibit we would like.

Perhaps you would like to know that we have been in touch with GE with regard to showing the use of CAD with the turbine blade and with IBM for CAD in creating layouts of VLSI components. In each case it should be possible to exhibit the resulting product. I appreciate, however, that your products are on a different scale, but know that this would make it all the more arresting and striking an exhibit. Perhaps you might know of a source of non-airworthy aircraft parts designed with the help of computers that we might exhibit.

Let me know if there is anything else you may wish to know about the exhibit or about the Museum. The new address is : The Computer Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210. I look forward to hearing your suggestions. Should it look as though Boeing will participate, I could visit you during the second week of March when I plan to be on the West Coast.

Yours sincerely

Dr Oliver Strimpel Curator

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Dr. Oliver Strimpel Curator, The Computer Museum Museum Wharf **300 Congress Street** Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Dear Dr. Strimpel, As requested in your letter of January 30, 1984, we are sending you the enclosed items for Cord your upcoming exhibit, "The Computer and the Image".

Gerly July 30, 1984

The theme which we selected is that of CAD/CAM as applied to Boeing's commercial airplane products. In particular the theme stresses the application of geometric modeling and graphics techniques to our production processes in design and numerical control parts fabrication.

The following is a brief description of enclosed items:

- 1. A 16mm film, made up of several small, self-explanatory segments showing CAD/CAM at Boeing.
- 2. The 35mm slides and associated text tell about our manufacturing/engineering interface, kinematics, parametric design, and interactive computer graphics.
- The "SPLICE RIB WING TIP" used on the 727. The computerized engineering 3. model was directly assumed by manufacturing for N/C parts fabrication.
- The "CARRIER WING FITTING ASSEMBLY OFF WING ESCAPE SLIDE SYSTEM" 4. used on the 757. The computerized engineering model was directly assumed by manufacturing for N/C parts fabrication.
- 5. The "HORIZONTAL TAIL - H5" is part of a wind tunnel model used for aerodynamic testing. The surface model for an entire airplane is stored in the computer, allowing manufacturing to access as fine a set of points off the surface as is necessary to machine the part using N/C machine tools. The computerized surface model is then used by quality control to check the part for dimensional accuracy.

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If you need any further information concerning the enclosed, please feel free to contact Mr. Rudi Gern at (206) 251-2316.

We hope that this contribution of the Boeing Company serves your purpose and we wish you a most successful exhibit.

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C. W. Klomp Director Engineering Computing Systems

C. È. Bradner Director Operations Computing Systems

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PER OUR CONVERSATION OF 10/02/84 HERE ARE THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING SOME OF THE MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT OF THE SPLICE RIB-WING TIP.

PHOTO # 1 SHOWS THE PART BEING MACHINED ON A SUNSTRAND OM-3 5-AXIS NC MILLING MACHINE.

PHOTO # 2 & 3 SHOWS THE NIC PART PROGRAMMER DISCUSSING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PART WITH THE NIC MACHINE OPERATOR.

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December 7, 1982

At the Boeing Commercial Airplane Company, we are divided into product divisions. The 747 and 767 airplanes are built at Everett. Gary supports that site.

The 727, 737 and 757 are produced at Renton. That is the site I support. As you might suppose, there is a little friendly competition between sites, especially as it relates to our two new commercial entries. So I wear my 757 hat to assure my identity. Also, if you or any of your friends are in the market for one of these airplanes, please contact us after this presentation. We can use a few sales right now.

Computing at Boeing is a multi-million dollar activity. We could spend a week just telling you about our development programs which are in progress in support of our next product venture. However, in view of your technical backgrounds, we were asked to confine our discussion to some of the applications we are using for detail design and for manufacturing. We will not spend time developing the return on investment of these applications although some savings will be mentioned in passing.

Our agenda, then, will consist of me telling you a little about our manufacturing/engineering interface in BCAC and giving you some information on kinematics. Gary will cover parametric design and interactive computer graphics applications. Before I get into these applications, however, I should take some time to familiarize you with the tools we use and their overall integration. Our batch processing confines itself primarily to geometry definition as opposed to analysis. We use APT, which stands for Automated Programmed Tooling. This is the language used in Manufacturing to drive the NC chip-cutting tools. In Design, we drive a pen, instead of a cutter, and thereby draw part geometry on paper or mylar to create engineering layouts and drawings. This tool is particularly effective for family of parts definition early in the product definition phase. Gary will go into the use of APT batch programs in more detail for you.

Our other batch process is TX95 which is the designation of our surface geometry system. It is a mathematical modeling program which uses second order equations for contour definition. All of the wetted areas of the airplane and much of the interior sidewall and ceiling panel surfaces are defined and controlled using TX95.

Jumping down to the bottom bullets, our interactive design machines are the Gerber IDS and Computervision, or CV's. We also have a small number of Applicons but they are not yet fully integrated into the CAD/CAM network.

As a matter of interest, the IDS systems and the CV's are not comingles on the same site. The history behind that is the 767 was the first program to endure (and I use the work advisedly) to endure a concentrated effort to use computing in the design process. The Company's background at the time, limited as it was, happened to be with a Gerber system. We had been doing a lot of development on the system and it was a key node in our integrated network plan. That drove the equipment selection. At peak engineering manpower, there were 25 systems with 5 local data base management systems, and 98 design scopes.

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when the 757 Program was started, CV was considered the front runner in capability and we decided to purchase them. We were also driven by a strategy that we would not put all our ICG eggs in one basket. That later proved to be a wise decision.

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Going back to the middle bullet, the whole bag of tools is tied together with the data base management system by the CAD/CAM Integrated Information Network, affectionately known as CIIN. The tools are all tied together through their own network information processors, or NIPs, and are thus able to communicate with each other. It is possible, for instance, to set at an IDS or CV terminal, access the TX95 loft and take a cut of the airplane wing. You can bring that cut back onto the scope and proceed with the normal detail design or analysis related to that contour.

The standard format of the geometric data base, shown in the central circle, is the lowest common denominator of entity exchange.

- 6 The geographic distribution of this system ranges across the nation via cable, telephone lines, and satellites, as well as trucking a few tapes around on occasion.
- Our computer applications, as related to the design process, started in earnest back in 1960 on the 727 airplane. We used the TX95 system to completely define the exterior surface of the airplane. You can see the growth over the next 20 years. We have turned up the wick substantially in the last four years and have since added the 737-300 to the list. We are making some significant inroads into the design and manufacture of parts made from composites on that airplane. Again, we could spend an hour easily on the subject.

I want to turn your attention now to the manufacturing-engineering interface. To do this, I am going to use a very simple computer application.

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A floor panel is essentially a two-dimensional assembly made up of a honeycomb panel with variations of cutouts, peripheral contours, fasterner patterns, and edge preparations. These panels fit together like a jigsaw puzzle to form the passenger floor of the airplane.

They are installed on the floor beams which are structural members of the basic monocoque configuration of the airplane. When we put both the floor panels and the floor beams in the computer, we can then use a technique we call computerized assembly to fit them all together.

Now we can check for fit and for interference, tolerence, and general arrangement. We can also overlay footprints of galleys, stowage lockers and closets, and general seating arrangements, to check for compatibility. In addition, we can assure that fastener pattern locations agree between the panels and beams. It is easy to see the importance of this step and envision the impact of spotting errors at this point in design as opposed to discovering it out in the factory some 9-months later.

The panel itself is designed and stored in the computer as a leveled collection of data. The general arrangement and leveling of data is primarily the result of negotiations with Manufacturing to satisfy their fabrication, assembly and installation requirements. As you can see, the total panel is essentially point data with minimal annotation. The annotation is kept on one level, since normally, only the manufacturing engineer has any interest in it.

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- The flow of the computer data is from the engineer to the geometric data base at the CAD/CAM data center. The manufacturing engineer assesses the engineering data and processes it for NC usage. The data is sent back to the GDB and on to the NC machine via the DNC for machining of the floor panel. At the same time, the fastener data is extracted from the GDB for use in the automatic floor drilling if equipment or AFDE system. Here you see a typical numerical controlled machine, set up to route and drill floor panels using the engineering released data set.
- \S Geographically, the whole operation is supported by electronic movement of data and automation of fabrication with the exception of trucking the panels from our Auburn facility to the airplane.
 - When this process really pays off is in the installations. The slow, manual drilling of fastener holes using templates, with the attendant opportunity for errors and poor quality holes, is replaced by a robotic process that is virtually error free with a quantum reduction in time.
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This all looks pretty spiffy and highly productive and it is. However, we do have one small problem, the dual data source for configuration ontrol of the part and its installation. That is to say we have a drawing, and its' electronic representation, the data set, both in play.

20 These two come together at the end of manufacturing process when QC buys the part. The implications are obvious. By way of example, 21 here is a case where the drawing shows one location for the fastener and the data set lists another. Generally, this

happens when the designer changes the drawing manually and forgets to change the data set. Such errors are normally brought on by pressure of tight release schedules.

- يري Another, typical discrepancy is disagreement between levels of data, in this case, the point data and the annotation map.
- \mathcal{A} We find cases where a macro is developed to define a standard detail, but the designer modifies the configuration without suppressing the macro data.
- And finally, a classic is discontinuity of the geometry definition. When the NC programmer in manufacturing converted the drawing to an NC tape, he or she would make checks for continuity so that cutter motion was assured. They knew the importance of that step because they had all been to their first tape tryout and received a first hand lesson early in their career. Now, the designer is responsible and some education is going to be required.

The solution to many of these problems is to delete one of the sources as of data, and to me the obvious one is the drawing. We are currently making significant moves in this direction at Boeing, but it is a slow and difficult task. We have spent over 50 years building and refining a paper work system that currently provides configuration control of one of the highest quality transportation products in the world, the Boeing Airplane. It will take time and patience to modify that system to accept such a radically different source of part definition. If we develop the necessary checking tools on the computer so that essentially error free engineering can be produced, we can make a significant step forward in the productivity benefits available in using computerized geometry data.

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Next, I want to spend some time on one of the high leverage areas of computing use in engineering design. Kinematics is the branch of mechanisms dealing with problems of motion and, as you might imagine, on an airplane we have plenty of motion problems. Wing leading and trailing edges, nose and main landing gears, rudder and elevator and a myriad of system controls are all studies in kinematics. I'm going to show you three typical applications of how we solve some of these problems with computers.

- Again, let's look at the tools first. We use APT, graphics systems and main frame programs. We may use these tools independently or in combination with each other. Generally, it is in combination because right now, one system does not have all the capabilities we need to define, analyze, and visualize any one particular problem. We wished they did but they don't. That's one of our challenges to the computing industry.
- A typical data flow process might involve starting the design process on an ICG system like Computervision. Once the design is configured to the engineers satisfaction, the model is submitted to the Integrated Mechanism Program which resides on a large Cyber machine. The IMP processor has the ability to predict motion, forces and dynamics of mechanisms and display that data as a listing. In order to visualize the motion, however, we must either plot it on a quick-plot system or a flatbed plotter or bring it up on a scope. As you might suppose, intricate design problems can be very messy to display as a plot when small increments of motion are involved. Also, one desires a quick look at the analyzed data to determine where the critical areas of the problem lie. Therefore, we normally pass the IMP model data

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to an interactive graphics system where motion can be simulated and special relationships can be quickly visualized and inspected. At BCAC, PDP-11 computers with Vector General Terminals are generally used for this purpose.

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Having made the interactions necessary for a satisfactory design solution, the data ultimately ends up back at a CV where detail drawings and data sets can be produced. The analysis data may be used as part of a document to certify the design to the particular regulatory agency.

- 29 Let's look now at some applications of these computer tools. The first example I want to show you is an analysis of the passenger entry doors. There are anywhere from 4 to 10 of these doors on an airplane depending on the model.
- 30 These are plug type doors which have extremely complex motion. They actually plug into the door frame and as the pressure differential inside the airplane builds with altitude, the door is driven tighter into the door frame. To open the door, it is first rotated open inside the passenger cabin, then swung through the door frame, then swung out to clear the door for passenger entry and egress. You might wonder why these doors are so complicated. First, the design puts the loads in the right place, on the door and not the mechanism and second, it perserves valuable space inside the cabin which can be used for revenue paying seats.

In this case study, we were looking to confirm motion, verify the mechanism and predict the loads of a design which had already been developed on the drafting board. The door and its' mating contours, along with links and cams were modeled from the engineering layouts.

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With the model, we were able to move the door through incremental angles of motion. The center of gravity is identified as a circle, the load on a handle to open and close the door is represented as a rectangle and the instantaneous center of the door rotation is symbolized as a star. The cam surface which controls the door motion is the "S" shaped curve next to the star.

You see two incremental positions of the door with opening loads on the handle and next two positions of the door with closing loads on the handle. Note that a person standing in the airplane trying to start the door moving closed is in fact, almost standing at the instant center of the door. Therefore, the force to close, loads the door mechanisms with very little resultant motion. Imagine a 100 pound stewardess, 15 feet in the air leaning out of the airplane trying to get this door closed.

36 As a result of modeling the mechanism in the computer, we were able to quickly investigate several alternate cam shapes.

37 The resultant plots showed we could keep the loads to start the door 38 closing very low. In fact, we brought the high motion loads into 39 a region where the attendant in the airplane would be better able to handle them. These loads were confirmed ultimately in the mockup shop well ahead of production assembly and installation.

A spinoff of having modeled the door mechanism was that later we were able to run studies on effects of misrigging the door, door handle loads against opening the door under air loads, and door motion envelops for ground handling equipment.

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The next case study involves a trouble shooting incident in the production line. The landing light housing, mounted on the nose landing gear interfered with the landing gear doors. The condition was discovered at functional test when the airplane is put on Jacks in the factory and the gear is cycled.

41 We quickly modeled the light box and duplicated the nose gear mechanism and associated structure in the computer. We immediately embarrassed ourselves by determining that the problem belonged to engineering and not manufacturing who is normally responsible . . . right?

Our first approach was to re-rig the gear door linkages in the computer to allow delaying the door motion and thus providing clearance. Although we could prove the validity of this solution, it turned out : to result in a drag penalty to the airplane and was not acceptable.

The box was then redesigned within an envelope determined by critical 92 gear and door positions. We put the new box in the model and analyzed the configuration for minimum clearance. The results were favorable and the design was completed.

We saved the shop and engineering a great deal of time and money which in the past would have been spent doing an in-line mockup and cycling the gear to determine proper rigging and adequate clearances. That gear operates off a 3,000 psi hydraulic system and is very difficult to control for small incremental motion studies.

The last example I want to show you involves a situation where we initialized the design and analysis on the computer. This, obviously, is the best use of a computer. The design problem was the exhaust gate on the 737-300 trailing edge flap. It was necessary to have a section of the flap, which we call the exhaust gate, remain up out of the engine exhaust plume when the trailing edge flap is extended.

Here again, the kinematics of the system is very complex; almost impossible to do on a drawing board with a high degree of certainty. The exhaust gate rides on the mid flap which moves relative to the wing chord plane. Our desire was to develop the mechanism, keep loads low and use common parts on both right and left wings.

The mechanism is shown in the side and plan views. The high loads come in the "J" shaped cam.

45 As you can see, the monkey motion is very complex. The side view is superimposed for purposes of analyses.

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Again, a plot of motion is available from IMP which quickly shows the results of conditions under investigation. This plot shows how the gate stays with the mid flap until about 14⁰ flap angle, then the gate maintains its' position relative to the wing chord plane.

47 On this particular design, we were able to take a young engineer with a little over one-year of experience and do the job. He was able to take the initial design and reduce the cam forces significantly. The new design caused an early rotation of the gate which caused Aero to consider the effect, a condition they had not previously defined. Although the lower load cam was not accepted because of aerodynamic concerns, the overall design was completed and fully analyzed before any detail parts were designed.
Here again, IMP provides a detail listing of forces as a function of angle or whatever other parameters you might need to analyze the design.

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By using the model on CV, we were able to verify link motions and check clearances and tolerances. Using the Vector General Scope, we investigated the smoothness of the flap motion and the symmetry of motion across the gate.

I want to make, what I feel, is an important point here. It has to do with quality of design and cost avoidance. This graph demonstrates my point.

The smooth curve, defined by the three solid dots represents a traditional load-angle analysis done manually. Experience plus time constraints are married together to develop such curves. With a brief prayer, such data is adopted as requirements for design. Any variations, as shown by the computer analysis, which by the way was done in this case in one tenth the time, were never discovered until parts failed in functional test, or worse, in service. The computer allows us to make the necessary iterations to assure design integrity. This is an intangible benefit which is often difficult to explain to a cost conscience manager, as many of you know. But we have proved it in the trenches many times.

These three examples of computer applications on kinematic design should give you some insight of what we are doing at Boeing, the power of the tools, and why we are so excited about pushing the state-of-the-art of these systems.

Now I'll turn the program over to Gary.

INTRODUCTION

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3 Parametric design began on the 747 SP

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- * Body Frames
- * Floor Panels

4 The concept was expanded on the YC-14

- * L.E. Ribs
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5 On our most recent programs, 767, 7576 parametric design has been used extensively.

"Parametric Design" is applying CAD geometric computing techniques to design and drafting tasks that are similar and repetitive. It allows engineers to rapidly create and iterate the engineering design.

Parametric design is the process of selecting frequently used design configurations and parameters and creating a computer program for sizing and computing the part geometry and related data, i.e., weight, volume

The slide illustrates the parametric design of stiffeners. The input parameters are location of the stiffener, thickness, type of stiffener - Z, T, or channel and fastener spacing.

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The parametric computer program processes the input and the corresponding output is displayed along with other part definitions.

- 8 This process is particularly useful when addressing similar of "family of parts" application. Many design parts can be described with primative geometric shapes that can be fed different parameters for different sized parts.
- 11 Parametric design is used at Boeing for the design of look-alike parts such as wing ribs, body frames, and complex structure such as side of body chord, and spar chords.

Body frames such as this one appear approximately every 20" in an airplane
as indicated here.

- 14 Each frame is contour related and is sized to meet a specific frame station.
- 15 Design data is entered into the program which produces the families of inspar ribs, spars, skins and stringer detail.

Looking at a parametric program module in a little more detail we see that input such as gage values, stiffener selection and rivet spacing parameters are typical type input. Note that intermediate data is stored for subsequent processing. I will mention a little later how the intermediate data can be used to produce lower level detail parts.



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The process in the development of parametric processing is to design one part, and to determine the parameters necessary to design that part, and then modify the parameters enough to produce the remaining parts of the "family".

16 For example, this slide shows a leading edge 17 rib at one station along the wing.

18 The parametric program was written and in these subsequent slides 2 other leading edge ribs were produced with the same program. I have overlayed them with different colors to illustrate that the leading edge ribs look alike, but are unique in detail.

> Parametric programs may be created on a mainframe computer or on some ICG systems that have computing programming capability.

For example, mainframe applications are for larger, more complex items such as the wing to body structure.

Interactive graphics applications are for smaller, lesser items such as floor panels and floor beams and sheet metal flat patterns.

Parametric programs are generally not used to complete drawings, but are used for layouts. These layouts are completed on ICG systems or by hand. LEADING EDGE

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19 Mainframe programs are written in APT and some FORTRAN.

This shows a breakout of the APT processor. The geometry definition is first created. Then motion instructions are used to generate plotting centerline data. Various post processors may be used to accomplish plotting or transfer datasets to ICG equipment.

Some of the reasons for using APT:

- 1. 3-D Geometry System
- High level language, APT allows geometry definition with small numbers of statements.
- 3. APT has a good interface with lofting systems.
- Commonality with Manufacturing N/C programming for possible data exchange.
- 5. Industry wide acceptance OUTPUT

Output from parametric programs consist of:

- drawing layout plot without annotation
- geometry dataset and other associated data
- 20 The 767 wing box was designed using a parametric program generally considered to be the most powerful and cost effective CAD program on the 767.

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- 21 To design the wing box it was required that the program be able to handle all the design iterations of aerodynamic shapes, structural arrangements, structural thicknesses, structural concepts and sizes. In addition, the program had to be able to reflect changes to all components, programmed from a common origin, be compatible with interactive computer graphics, and satisfy all technical staff and Manufacturing data requirements.
- 22 The resulting wing box program allowed configuration and geometry concepts to be input, to produce the designs for panel, ribs, and spar layouts.

23 The program network looks like this. Its top down structure allows creation of airplane geometry which is then used to size detail components according to the outside envelope.

> For example, planform geometry is combined with loft extractions to provide individual profiles for rib and spar programs. The spar program is then used to produce the spar layouts and rib layouts accordingly.

One key element here is that data used to size the spar in one layout is the same as the rib layout.

BELAUSE EACH MODULE SHARES COMMON INPUT. IF CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE THICKNESS OF A SPAR CORD, FOR EXAMPLE, ALL RIBS, CLIPS AND ITEMS PELATED TO IT ARE CHANGED WITHOUT REQUIRING A DESIGNER TO SPEND VALUABLE TIME INVESTIGATING AFFECTED DAOTS

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- This next chart shows a further decomposition of the wing box program. The parametric program can be designed to produce assemblies, and lower level parts.
- 25 This is a layout from the rib program, which shows the wing profile cut commonly called the box section.

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- 26 ...and with further detail the rib layout can be produced.
- 27 ...and finally, when the two previous slides are brought together in the graphics system, where annotation is added. The complete wing inspar rib is designed.
- 28 In the design you can see there are numerous wing inspar ribs. Each rib was produced from the same program with different input data. there were 35 on the 767 program. Similarly, wing panels use planform geometry in order to produce the panel layout.
- 29 Computer modeling of wing components aid in reducing engineering errors by modeling the stringers and panels in the computer we can assemble the panel and check for interferences in the design phase rather than in manufacturing. This slide shows typical areas of problems ... at the side of body, stringer rib chord pads and fitups of detail parts.

As you can imagine, minimizing engineering errors can result in large down stream cost avoidance in Manufacturing.



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30 Fastener patterns are also computed in the wing box program. Individual location of ribs are computed based on design criteria such as thickness and spacing. The fastener patterns are released in a dataset to use on the Gemcor riveter. I will show a picture of the Gemcor in a couple of slides.

31 For the first time this allows engineering definition of all fastener locations. The printouts extracted from datasets allows:

- configuration control of tack fasteners
- generation of CAM tapes for pilots in stringers
- generation of tapes for Gemcor automatic riveting machines
- visibility of fastener locations
- 32 This is a photo of the Gemcor automatic riveting machine with the wing panel. slide This next photo shows the underside of

the wing panel on the Gemcor

33 It is interesting to note that two new airplanes -- the 757 and 767 -- each had about 56,000 holes apiece on the wing panels and the panels were completed with no major engineering errors.

> Also on the 767 program parametric design was used on the Class II mockup. Because of the quality of the computer plotted layout and their accuracy, the Class II mockup was utilized as a Class III mockup. This represented considerable savings.

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A Class II mockup does not have the tolerance and accuracy requirements of a production airplane. It is for spatial layout and conceptual design. Class III must be sufficiently accurate to run tubing and electrical layouts.

slide Anytime you make a parametric program you inherently inhibit to some degree the design flexibility. The more detail included in the program the less flexibility the designer has.

The blue and green areas on this slide are where parametric programs are used for more than one model. The brown and red areas are areas which are completed in graphics or by hand, or completed as specialized model unique programs.

34 This chart shows some typical advantages and design iteration flow times using parametric programs. As a comparison of doing similar jobs in the past, it took months to accomplish the design modification to a change to the 747 **GE** wing contour -- in a similar job that it took a week on the 767.

36 In addition to the general advantages, one major one is that parametric design programs provide capability to provide greater detail layouts earlier in the program. This means that Structures layouts can be completed earlier, which allows systems to begin their designs earlier.

THE LAYOUT OF THE WING RIBS AND SPARS ACCOMPLISHED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MONTHS EARLIER THAN CONVENTIAL METHODS WOULD HAVE ALLOWED.

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Parametric programs and CAD/CAM in general are allowing Boeing to re-assess the standard flow times necessary to design and build an airplane. The next aiplane will have a significantly shorter flow time from go-ahead to rollout than in the past.

slide In summary parametric design allows:

- . computerized assembly verification
- Significan design changes can be accommodated in a much shorter time than before
- . forces and requires design discipline because of the parametric design process
- before parametric design, drafters would draw each part separately, resulting in as many differences in parts as there were designers

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INTERACTIVE COMPUTERIZED GRAPHICS

1 INTRODUCTION

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We use two main graphics systems at Boeing, Gerber IDS 3 and Computervision CADDS 3 systems. We also have a small number of Applicons.

Both graphic systems are stan-alone mini-computer

systems with 4 or 5 storage tube graphic terminals on each CPU. with a putt and latt, ous drive, the the drive At Boeing we found it necessary that our systems be able to interface with other existing systems such as the TX95 master dimension systems, parametric design or APT. We have also been able to take data from vendors developed on other computer systems and bring them into graphic systems. The output options are: datasets, which may be routed to the geometric data base for future use, for a plot or directly to Manufacturing for N/C programming.

These are some of the advantages of using ICG:

In addition to these items it must be realized that some tasks could not have been accomplished without use of ICG graphics. For instance there were not enough trained experienced people available for the new Boeing airplane programs. The ICG systems allowed the production of drawings that otherwise would not have been possible.

In some areas, like automatic diagram system, we are totally committed to doing the job with graphics and a backup method does not exist. No manual capability exists.

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Next I would like to discuss some successful applications of ICG Graphics:

- A. 3D Application in cockpit area.
- B. 2D Building block application concept in Payloads
- C. Use of levels to aid printed circuit board applications.
- D. CAD/CAM ICG is used to produce tooling templates.
- E. TUBEND 3D model of A/P hyd. systems

In the Flight Deck of an airplane it is necessary to shield electronics from moisture condensing in the airplane as it goes through the altitude and temperature changes. A fiberglass shield is built particularly around the structure, right into the nose for this purpose.

The problem is the challenges of 3-D, you have to be able to visualize and conceptualize to create geometry layouts within a graphics system. The product of the design process was a 3-D dataset, which was then transmitted to Manufacturing where the tooling and master modeling was accomplished directly off of the dataset. The design was not taken from a 3-D model to a 2-D drawing and then have Manufacturing build a 3-D product, it went directly from a 3-D dataset to Manufacturing

This is a photo of the model dripshield. The dripshield is installed in the airplane prior to electronical installation.

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PHOTO OF DRIPSHIELD

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slide ICG techniques were applied heavily in the interior design of the new airplanes. slide The exterior envelope of the body was fed into the graphics systems, where it was utilized to produce arrangements of furniture and seating arrangements for later customer approval.

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In the layout of the passenger accommodations (called LOPA) there are a lot of repetitive features, which can be utilized in this design. The graphics system allow you to quickly move and replace, accomplish different arrangements in order to suit various customer needs.

In developing a LOPA configuration for a customer it is not unusual to develop 8 to 10 variations before final customer approval.

This is a picture of the final product, the interior of the 767 airplane. The third example illustrates the application of leveling. Leveling on ICG systems performs the same function as the use of a multicolored overlayed viewfoils. Levels of detail can be shown by adding or removing a given viewfoil, or with an ICG system by adding or removing the displaying of a level. Leveling can also be used to group information within a dataset. In this way all the information concerning a part or its manufacture can be maintained in a single dataset.

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The electrical area lends itself very well to the use of ICG equipment, particularly in the use of levels which is available on all our graphic systems. By using levels all of the information necessary to create a printed circuit board is contained in the single dataset.

- 14 Information concerning the location and thickness of connector pads and traces on the top side of a printed circuit board would be represented by one group of levels.
- 15 Silkscreen data would be represented by another.
- 16 And the underside of the board on still another.

A typical PC board dataset will contain ground plane, drill and trim, pad and trace information and silkscreen data. All of the information is transmitted from Engineering to Manufacturing in the form of a photo-plot tape from which the manufacturing process takes place.

- slide This slide shows an example of an electrical schematic. Wiring diagrams and electrical schematics take advantage of the use of symbols and repetitive characteristics. The output is in the form of a dataset sent directly to 35mm film for the creation of technical publications. Computerizing these diagrams is very cost effective in providing customer unique data. For example the American Airlines maintenance manual will be unique. This application allows tailored manuals for each customer.
- 20 The Graphics Automated Template System (GATS) is the primary template fabrication system used by BCAC and is an excellent example of how Manufacturing uses interactive computer graphics.

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GATS

- 21 65% of the templates used are for sheet metal fabrication, and about 25% of them are flat.
- 22 GATS is software resident on CV. It allows production of templates, bluestreak, sheet metal parts, tooling components, and geometry for routing.

In order to generate Numerical Control tape for template production, tool geometry must be input. This is done by one of two methods:

- 23 1) The engineering drawing can be digitized and the data processed goes directly in the CV system:
- 24 2) CAD datasets can be accessed through the geometric data base.
- 25 After the geometric definition is entered, tool features are added, a cutter path is generated, and a punched tape is produced. Templates are then machined on NC milling machines.
- 26 This is an example of a template on the ICG screen. g
- 26A ...and the output is punched tape, which drives NC milling, which produces the template QS SHOWD

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- 27 For some parts GATS provides information for a nesting and routing sequence. At one time nesting--which is laying out of the parts in such a way as to maximize use of the material--was done by a person who layed them out on brown paper and traced around.
- 28 The computerized method is accomplished using ICG. Using the graphics CRT, the stored images of the parts are called up. The operator can move the images around on the screen and when satisfied with the nest, will process the layout and automatically

produce a floppy disk which is then run NC machine.

The advantage to using this method is speed, and automatic creation of the NC tape without additional steps in the process.

32 TUBEND

33 TUBEND is a computer system which integrates the entire hydraulic system design and manufacturing process, and is an example of engineering's use of interactive computer graphics.







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The object of the system is to develop the airplane hydraulic system by direct interaction between the computer system and designer.

TUBEND supplies data for design judgment and decisions, supports rapid design iterations - both layout and analysis, and automates drafting standards and selection.

Before TUBEND...about 90% of the thousands of feet of hydraulic tubing for any new airplane had to be reworked and remade. Tubing has a relatively high failure rate of service.

WHY? Because tubing for the first production airplane was copied from the tubing made to fit a mockup or model of the airplane. In mockup, tolerances are a problem because while structural details are built as close as possible, advanced layout drawings are used and no hard tooling is available.

Tubing is bent to fit such hard points as blocks, fittings, and clamps, and when copied for the first production airplane, most of the hard points are in different positions because of tolerance build up and last minute structural changes.

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TUBEND builds a 3-D model of the airplane's hydraulic system as the designer loads the computer with installation positions and part performance data component by component.

SLIDE WHAT IS IT

THIS IS A SLIDE OF 757 MAIN WHEELWELL MOCKUP TUBEND does not require the designer to be a programmer or mathematician. For example, if I want to install an actuator in the airplane, I tell the computer I want to install a component.

The computer asks, "What kind of component?"

I respond, "A flap actuator."

"Where is it located?" the computer asks. And I give it the waterline, buttock line, and station coordinates.

From there, with all components in the system, the designer can start to route the system on what is called a road map - - a diagram that shows how all the components are located.

At this point several kinds of analysis can be done using programs interacting with TUBEND.

- o Analysis system to determine smallest, lightest tubes
- o System to determine high and low operating temperature range
- o Design parameters
- o Stress analysis

As a result of the installation of components and tube routing in the 3-D computer model, TUBEND can release information for drawings and to the mockup. This allows verification that conflicts have been resolved.) DATA FLOW

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An additional "goodness" is no longer being dependent on master sample tubes. There are roughly 1200 master sample tubes for the 757, for example. This photo shows you how master tubes are stored.

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Master sample tubes are pieces of hydraulic tubes copied from tubes made to fit the mockup and reworked to fit the first production airplane. These tubes are then used as a pattern for subsequent tube fabrication.

Sample tubes are a problem because they go out of shape easily, and because there is no record as to what the tube geometry should be.

We also have numerically controlled tube bending equipment which works directly from geometric tube coordinates released from TUBEND.

The resulting tubes are also being checked against TUBEND - generated mylar checking templates.

In summary, TUBEND aids engineering and manufacturing,

Engineering can assume full responsibility for tube design, rather than relying on sample tubes.

Manufacturing can reduce tube development by the use of data sheets.

MASTER SAMPLE

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Production is aided because remaking of tubes is greatly reduced, and real tube tolerance is defined for installation.

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The service life of tubes is also increased because of stress reductions.

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Manufacturing/Engineering Interface

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Kinematics

• Parametrics

Interactive Computer Graphics

CAD Computing Systems

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Interactive Computer Graphics
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The Solution

Single source for configuration control



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PARAMETRIC DESIGN








Parametric Design

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WALL THICKNESS

COMPUTER

PROCESS

-RIVET SPACING

OUTPUT

PART DEFINITION • DETAIL DESIGN • VOLUME • WEIGHT • STIFFNESS • ETC.





Examples of Parametric Programs

Wing Box
Inspar Ribs
Wing Spars
Wing Stringers
Wing Panels
Wing Center Sections

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Body Structures
 Floor Panels
 Body Frames



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Parametric Program Wing Box Design

Programming Requirements

Must be programmed to handle all the design process iterations of:

- Aerodynamic shapes
- Structural arrangement
- Structural thickness
- Structural concept and sizes

In addition must:

- Reflect changes in all affected components
- Be programmed from a common origin
- Be compatible with interactive computer graphics (ICG)
- Satisfy technical staff and manufacturing data requirements

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GRAPHICS AUTOMATED TEMPLATE SYSTEM DATA FLOW













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Wing Box General Parametric Program

General Parametric Program inputs

Configuration and Configuration Iteration Detailed Geometry and Concept Inputs

Outputs

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767 Wing Centerline Diagram

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Parametric Program Computerized Assembly

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767 Upper Wing Panel Tack Pattern Gemcor Pattern

Typical for Spars and Ribs



Parametric Program Computerized Assembly



Allows Complete Definition of Fastener Locations

- Provides configuration control of tack fasteners
- Generates CAM tapes for pilots in stringers
- Generates tapes for Gemcor automatic riveting machines
- Prevides visibility of fastener locations



Gemcor

- Each of the two airplane programs 767, 757, had about 56,000 wing panel fastener holes
- Programs done at different times with different personnel
- Both had zero engineering errors with holes and fasteners

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This is a repeated process

Parametric Design Considerations

Initial High Level Parametric programs. Can Apply to Several Design Packages.

Degree of Flexibility

Area of Parametric Design Programs. Developed Specifically to Support a Design. (Hooks Onto High Level Program)

> End of Parametric Design. Design Is Completed Via Interactive Graphic Methods.

Degree of Design Completeness

General Parametric Program Advantages

- One week turnaround for respaced ribs and spars
- Overnight turnaround for rib or spar layouts to reflect skin panel changes
- Each module shares common inputs, design coordination is greatly minimized
- Components of the wing box can be plotted as computerized assemblies
- 767 Vertical stabilizer auxiliary spar final drawing completely revised in 3 days to save 20 lb

727 Manual vs 767 General Parametric Program Flow Time

Go Math

Ahead Loft

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Design

Start Drawing Release

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Detail Design

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727 Program

767 Program



All Spar Layouts

Available for Development of Weight Efficiency, Producibility, Reliability and Maintainability.

Result: Approximately 7 Months Additional Time for Design Iteration and Manufacturing Planning

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Engr. Release

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Rely on graphics (or on manual methods) to complete the design.

Configurational control of parameters is very important.

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ICG INPUT

Master Dimensions' Geometric Database

Hand Drawn Input-

Parametric Program/APT

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Other ICG

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ICG OUTPUT

Geometric Database Plot – Mylar/Ink Electrostatic 35mm Film Photo Plots

APT/Parametric Program

► Other ICG

NC Machine Tape Outside Vendor Data

Advantages of Using ICG

- Can be operated by many skill levels
- Performs tasks that are repetitious
- Has versatility
- Flattens rising cost curves
- Improves accuracy
- Enhances storage and retrieval of data
- Provides common dataset structure

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WHAT IS IT?.

TUBEND is a Computer Graphics Assisted System which INTEGRATES the Entire Process for HYDRAULIC SYSTEM DESIGN, Drafting and CAM Interface.

Supplies Data for Design Judgment and Decisions

Supports Rapid Design Iterations – Layout/Analysis

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 Automates: Drafting Standards Selection CAD/CAM/APL/Interface



Tubend-

OPLINE

An analysis system for determining the smallest, lightest tubing capable of maintaining satisfactory pressure and flow requirements to equipment under flight conditions.

THERMO

An analysis system for determining accurate high and low operating temperature ranges and aerodynamic heating effects.

PRESSURE DROP

An analysis system which defines design parameters such as tube length, branch and/or sub-system in relation to operating conditions.

STRESS ANALYSIS

Finite elements of the stress analysis module will account for tube tolerance, deflection and vibration for fatigue evaluation.



TUBING FABRICATION DATA FLOW









Use of the Tubend System Aids....

ENGINEERING

Allow engineering to assume full responsibility for tube design and installation:

Ultimately eliminate sample tubes

Generate tubing APL without card, tape or manual input

Simplify engineering drawing control for customer variables

and derivatives

MANUFACTURING

Use class II tube development time to accomplish digitizing of tube coordinates:

Reduce class III tube development time by use of data sheets

PRODUCTION

Significantly reduce remake of tubes during proof fit on the first production airplane

Define real tube tolerance for installation

SERVICE

Increase service of life of tubing installations through in-service stress reductions