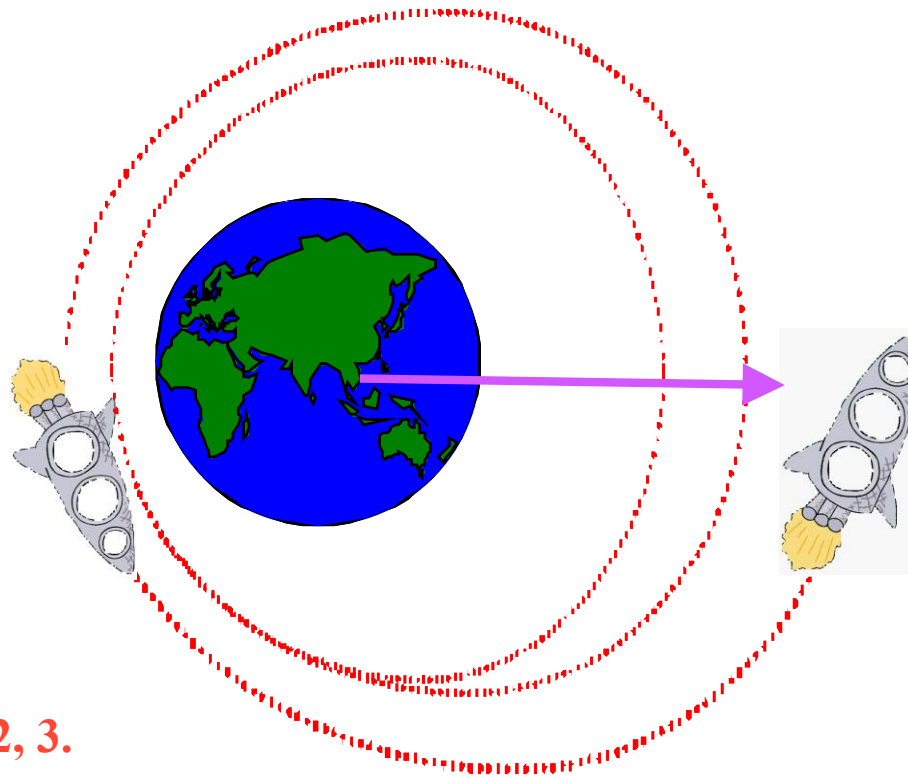


# Launch Dynamics II: 2-Dimensional Equations of Motion



**Taylor, Chapters 2, 3.**

- ~~Sutton and Biblarz, chapter 4.~~

# Real World Launch Analysis

## Pegasus User's Guide

### Trajectory Design Optimization

Orbital designs a *unique mission trajectory for each Pegasus flight to maximize payload* performance while complying with the satellite and launch vehicle constraints. Using the *3-Degree of Freedom Program* for Optimization of Simulation Trajectories(POST), a desired orbit is specified and a set of optimization parameters and constraints are designated. Appropriate data for mass properties, aerodynamics, and motor ballistics are input. POST then selects values for the optimization parameters that target the desired orbit with specified constraints on key parameters such as angle of attack, dynamic loading, payload thermal, and ground track. *After POST has been used to determine the optimum launch trajectory, a Pegasus-specific six degree of Freedom simulation program* is used to verify Trajectory acceptability with realistic attitude dynamics, including separation analysis on all stages.



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- 6-DOF simulations  
Costs *A LOT!* To run  
And are typically  
Not used for Trajectory  
design!
- We are going to develop  
A simple *2<sup>+</sup>-D* code  
That works well  
For mission profile  
development

# Orbital Energy

- In Ideal Keplerian World  $\epsilon$  (specific orbital energy) is constant

$$\epsilon_{\text{orbit}} = -\frac{\mu}{2a_{\text{orbit}}}$$

- If a non-conservative force is performing work on the satellite operating within the orbit "a", after a period of time  $t$ , the new orbit energy level is

$$[\epsilon_{\text{orbit}}]_t = -\frac{\mu}{2a_{\text{orbit}_t}} = -\frac{\mu}{2a_{\text{orbit}_0}} + \frac{\text{Energy added}}{m_{\text{satellite}}}$$


# Kepler's Laws




Kepler


- **Kepler's First Law:** *In a two body universe, orbit of a planet is a conic section with the sun (Earth) centered at one of the foci*
- **Kepler's Second Law:** *In a two body universe, radius vector from the sun (Earth) to the planet sweeps out equal areas in equal times*
- **Kepler's Third Law:** *In a two body universe, square of the period of any object revolving about the sun (Earth) is in the same ratio as the cube of its mean distance*

## Orbital Dynamics

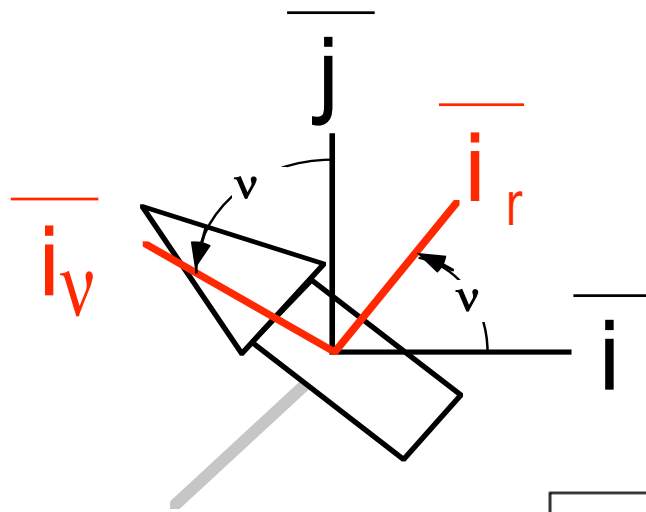
- Must resort to Newton's laws to describe these orbits

$$\bar{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{R}}}{\partial t} + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \bar{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\frac{\sum F_{\text{external}}}{M} = \frac{\partial \bar{\mathbf{V}}}{\partial t} + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \bar{\mathbf{V}}$$


$$\dot{M}_{\text{vehicle}} = - \frac{F_{\text{thrust}}}{g_0 I_{\text{sp}}}$$


# Coordinate Transformations:



{i, j} fixed in space

Transform  $\Rightarrow$  polar  $\uparrow$  inertial

$$\bar{i} = \bar{i}_r \cos [v] - \bar{i}_v \sin [v]$$

$$\bar{j} = \bar{i}_r \sin [v] + \bar{i}_v \cos [v]$$

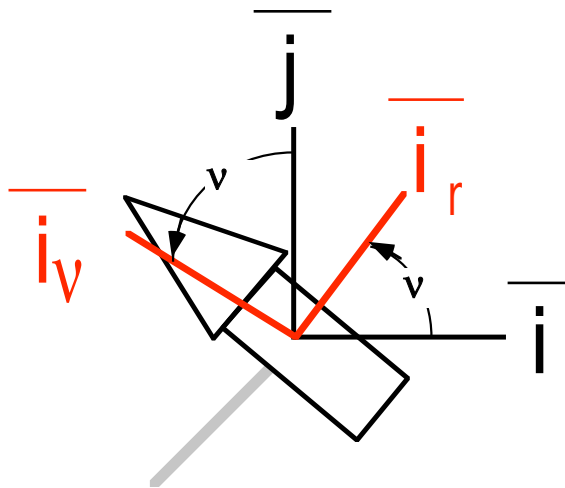
Transform  $\Rightarrow$  inertial  $\uparrow$  polar

$$\bar{i}_r = \bar{i} \cos [v] + \bar{j} \sin [v]$$

$$\bar{i}_v = -\bar{i} \sin [v] + \bar{j} \cos [v]$$

# Coordinate Transformations: (cont;d)

- A Matrix "trick" for coordinate transform in 2-D



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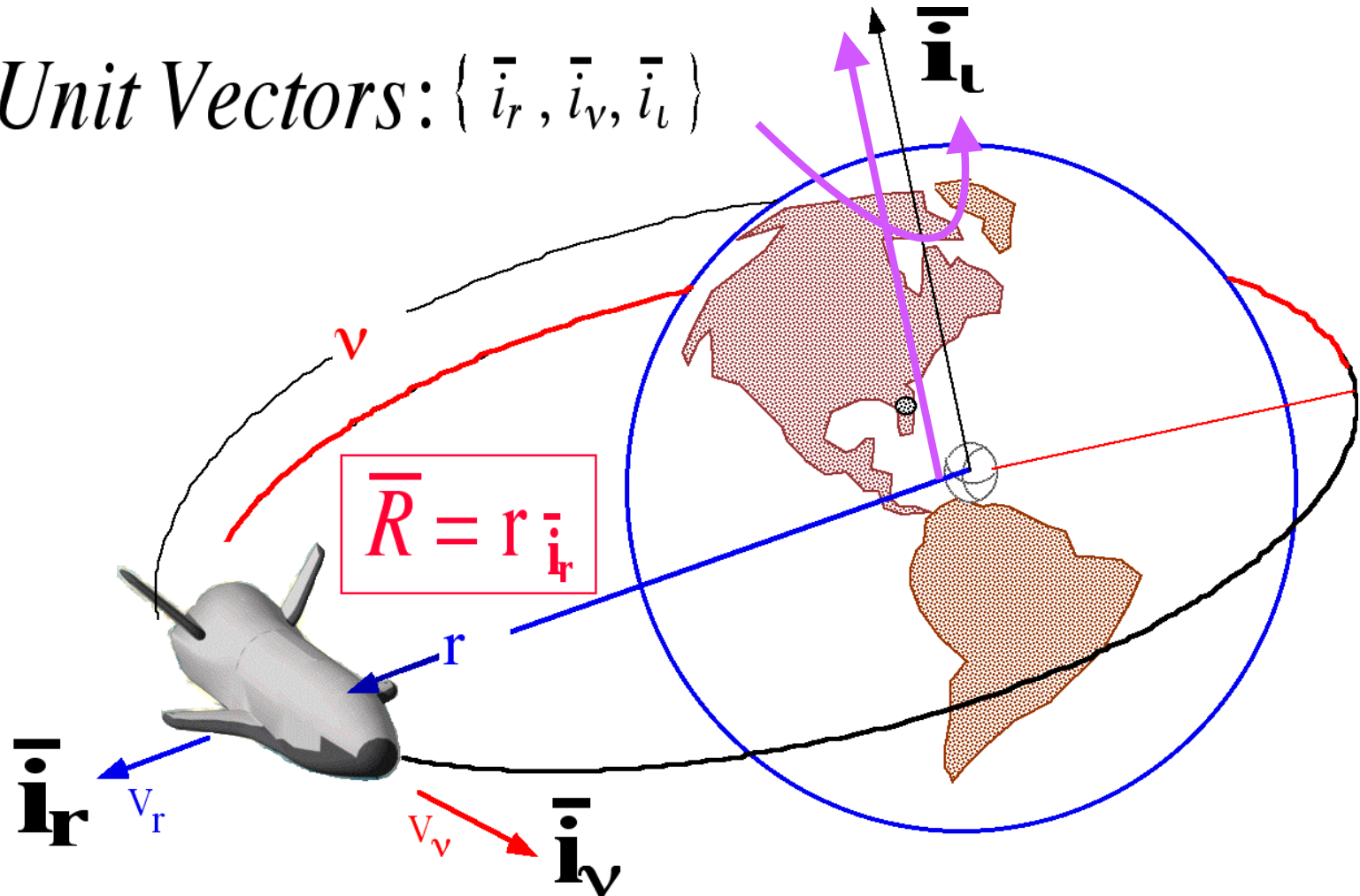
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$\Downarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{i}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{j}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos [v] & \sin [v] \\ -\sin [v] & \cos [v] \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{i}}_r \\ \bar{\mathbf{i}}_v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos [v] & -\sin [v] \\ \sin [v] & \cos [v] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{i}}_r \\ \bar{\mathbf{i}}_v \end{bmatrix}$$

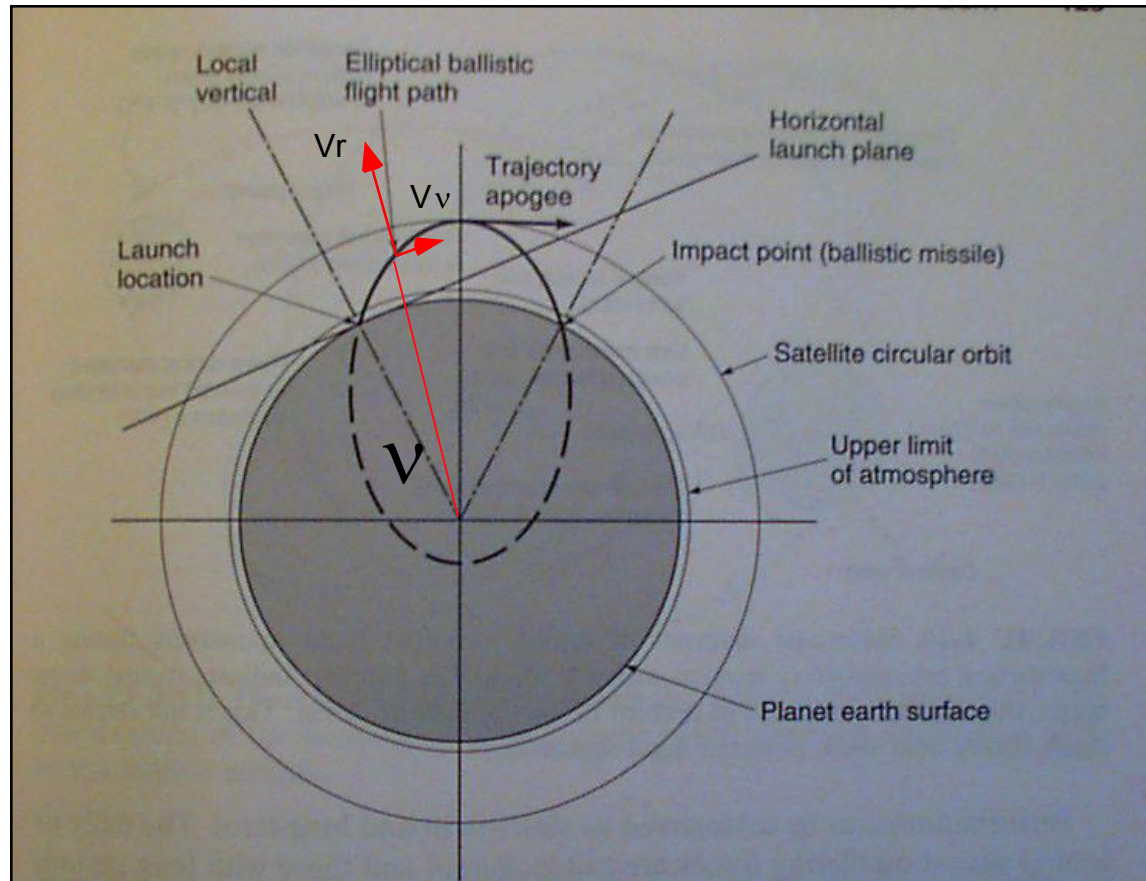
# Perifocal Coordinate System

Unit Vectors:  $\{ \bar{i}_r, \bar{i}_v, \bar{i}_l \}$



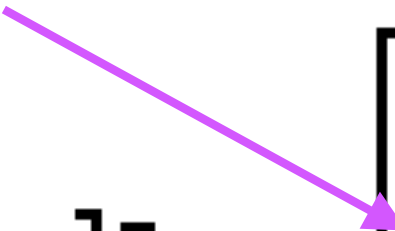


# Perifocal Coordinate System Sub-orbital Image



# Velocity Vector

$$\bar{V} = \frac{\partial \bar{r}}{\partial t} + \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r} = \dot{r} \bar{i}_r + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{i}_r & \bar{i}_v & \bar{i}_t \\ 0 & 0 & \dot{v} \\ r & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\dot{r} \bar{i}_r + [\dot{v} \ r] \bar{i}_v = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \ r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$


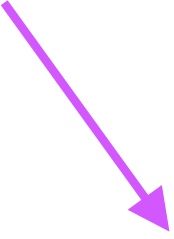
## Acceleration Vector

$$\bar{A} = \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t} + \bar{\omega} \times \bar{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{i}_r & \bar{i}_v & \bar{i}_t \\ 0 & 0 & \dot{v} \\ V_r & V_v & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{v} V_v \\ \dot{v} V_r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• But from previous slide

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ \frac{V_v}{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Acceleration Vector (cont'd)

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{V_v^2}{r} \\ \frac{V_v V_r}{r} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$


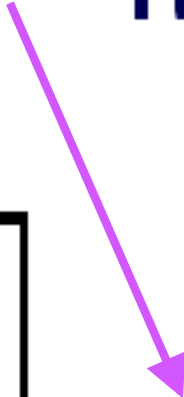
• Instantaneously

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = m \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\mathbf{V}} \Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{F}}}{m}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{V_v^2}{r} \\ \frac{V_v V_r}{r} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{F}}}{m}$$

# Newton's Second Law

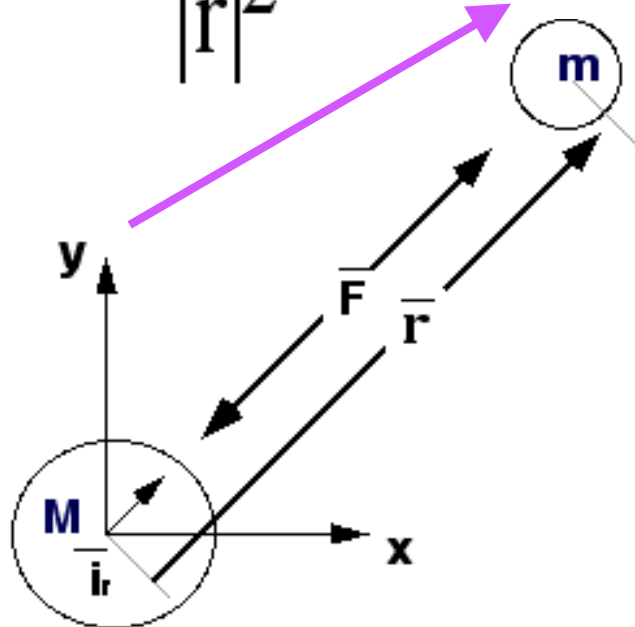
## Regrouping



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{m} - \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{V_v^2}{r} \\ \frac{V_v V_r}{r} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Gravitational (conservative) Forces

$$\vec{F}_{\text{grav}} = - \frac{G M m}{|r|^2} \hat{i}_r = - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \hat{i}_r$$



"Inverse-square"  
law "potential"  
field



Isaac Newton, (1642-1727)

- Assume spherical earth .. Always acts in  $\hat{i}_r$  direction

## Vehicle Mass

$$\dot{m}_{\text{vehicle}} = - \frac{F_{\text{thrust}}}{g_0 I_{\text{sp}}}$$

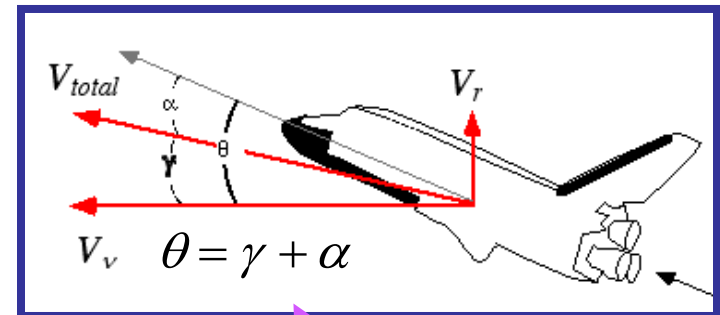
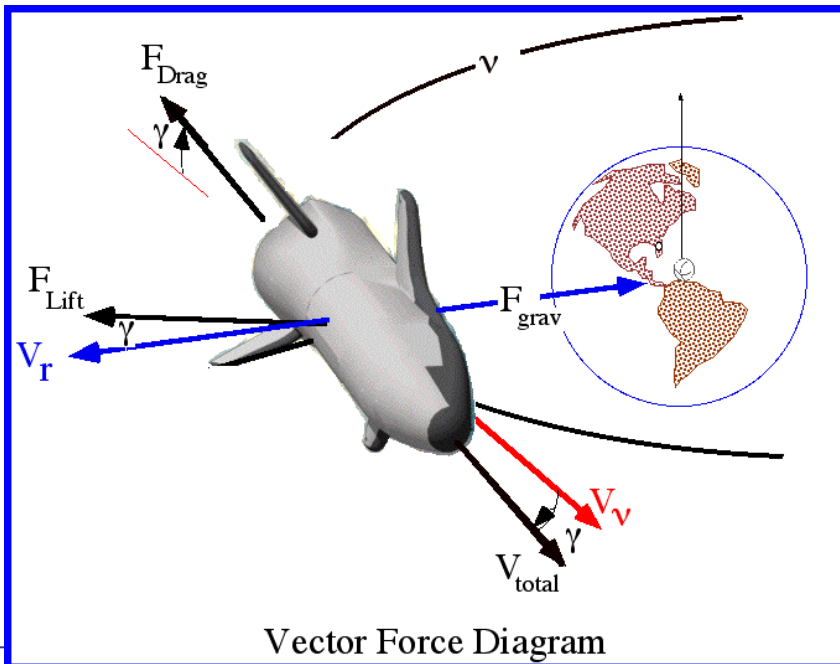
$$M_t = M_o - \int_0^t \frac{F_{\text{thrust}}}{g_0 I_{\text{sp}}}$$

Initial mass of vehicle



# Non-Conservative Forces

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{F_r}{m} \\ \frac{F_v}{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(F_{lift} \cos(\gamma) - F_{drag} \sin(\gamma) + F_{thrust} \sin(\theta))}{m} \\ \frac{(F_{lift} \sin(\gamma) + F_{drag} \cos(\gamma) - F_{thrust} \cos(\theta))}{m} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$$

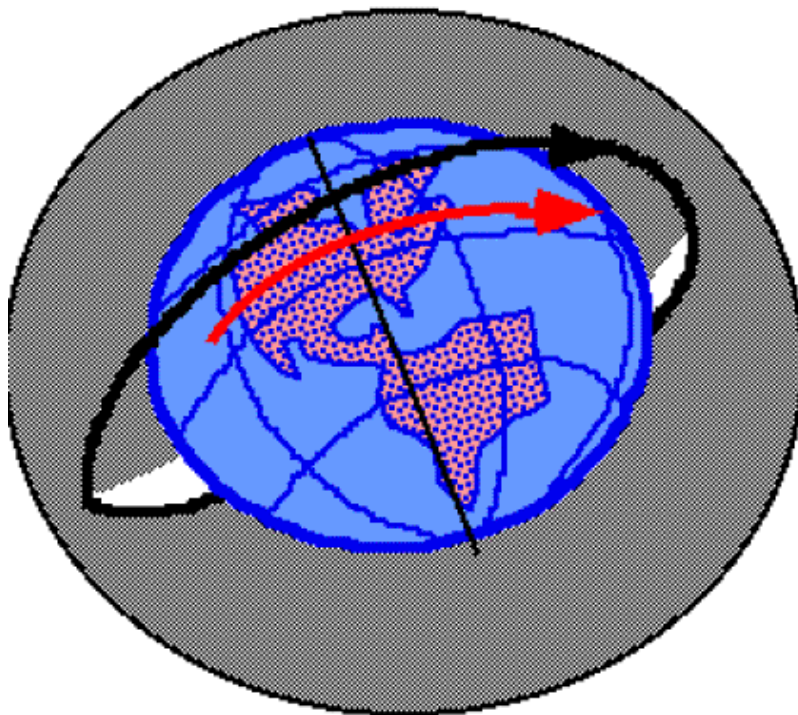


# Aerodynamic Forces (cont'd)

Air “sticks” to Earth boundary

Airspeed

$$\bar{q}_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^2 \rightarrow V_\infty = \left\| \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{atmosphere} \right\| = \left\| \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{\omega}_{earth} \times \bar{R} \right\|$$



Inertial Velocity

Lower atmosphere:

$$\bar{V}_{atmosphere} = \bar{\omega}_{earth} \times \bar{r}_{satellite}$$

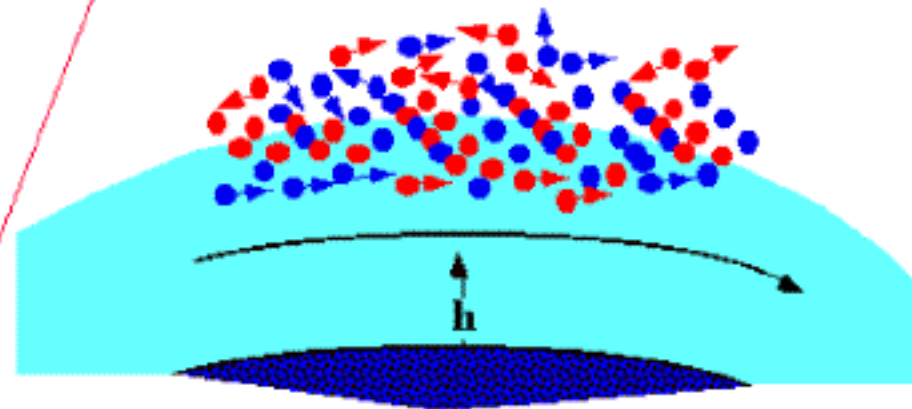
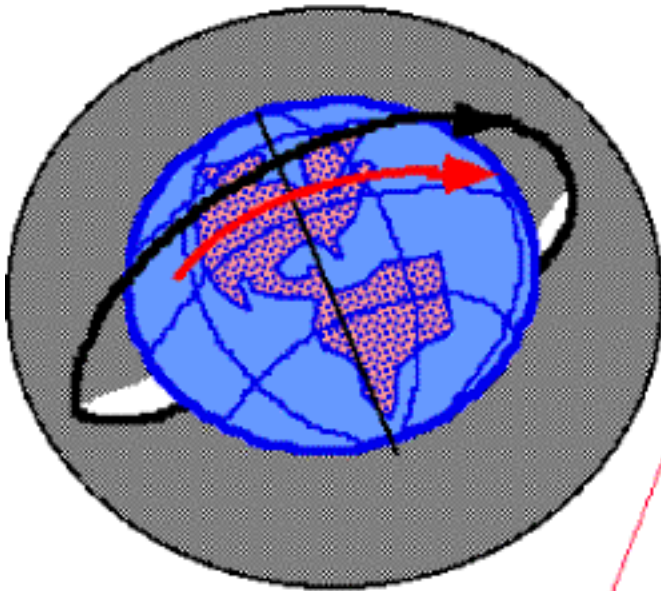
# Aerodynamic Forces (cont'd)

See appendix 1 at end of slides

"Cross Product"

Upper atmosphere:

$$\bar{V}_{\text{atmosphere}} \ll \bar{\omega}_{\text{earth}} \times \bar{r}_{\text{satellite}}$$



Rarified Upper Atmosphere "Slips"  
and is not "Attached" to the Earth

• Good Approximation:

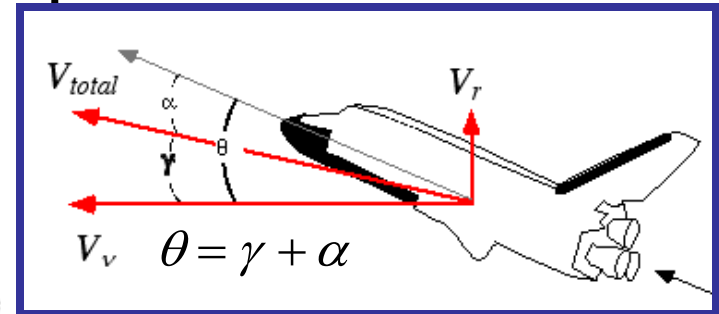
$$V_{\infty} = \left\| \bar{V}_{\text{inertial}} - \bar{V}_{\text{earth}} - \bar{V}_{\text{wind}} \right\|$$

# Aerodynamic Forces (revisited)

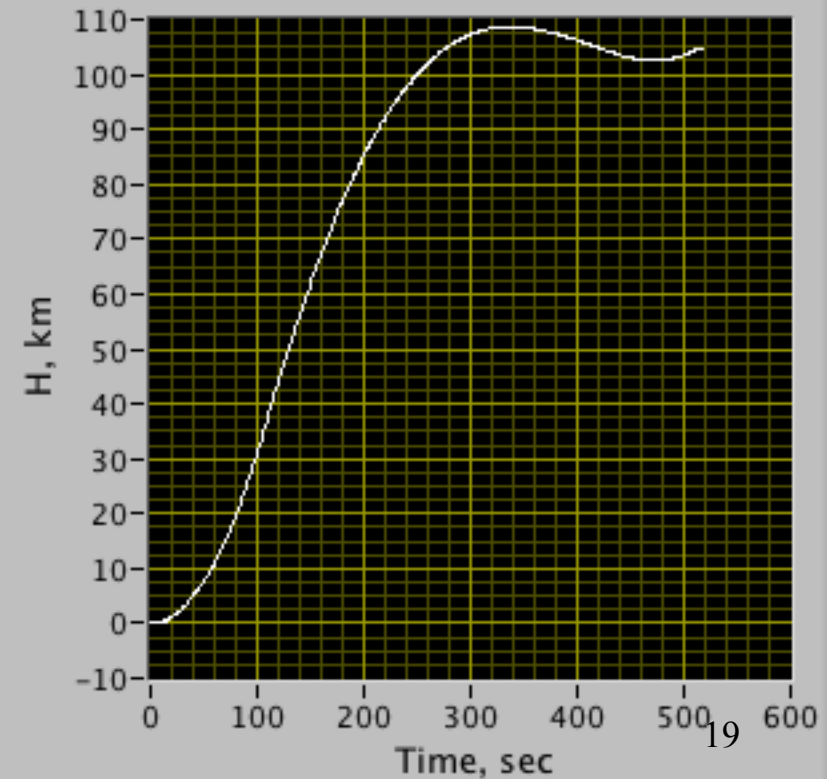
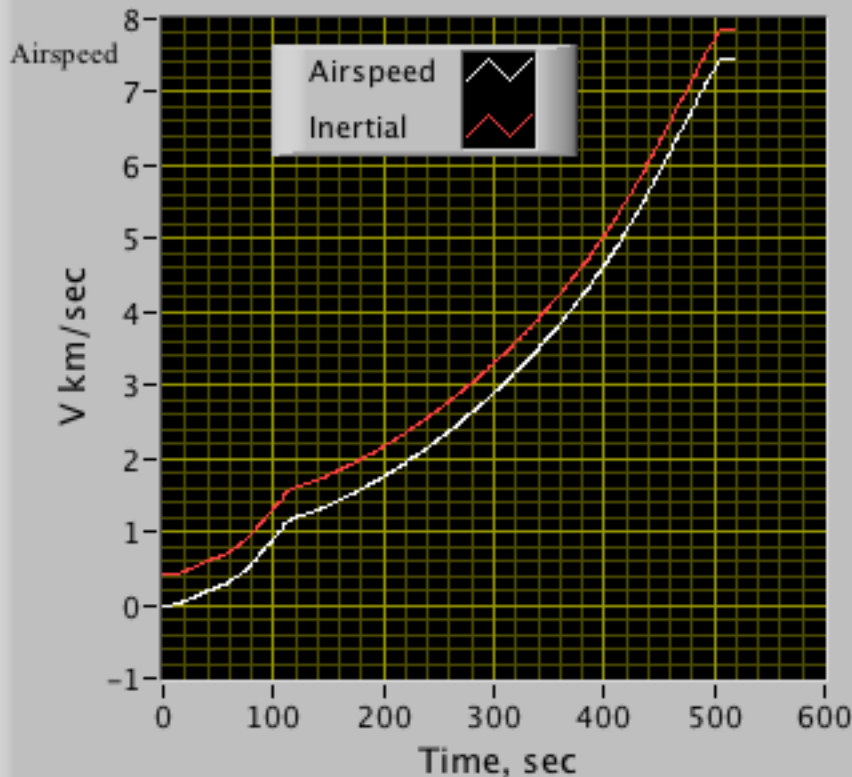
- Look at STS 114-aero example

-- $C_L$ ,  $C_D$  typically function of Mach,  $\alpha$

--Typically implemented as table lookup

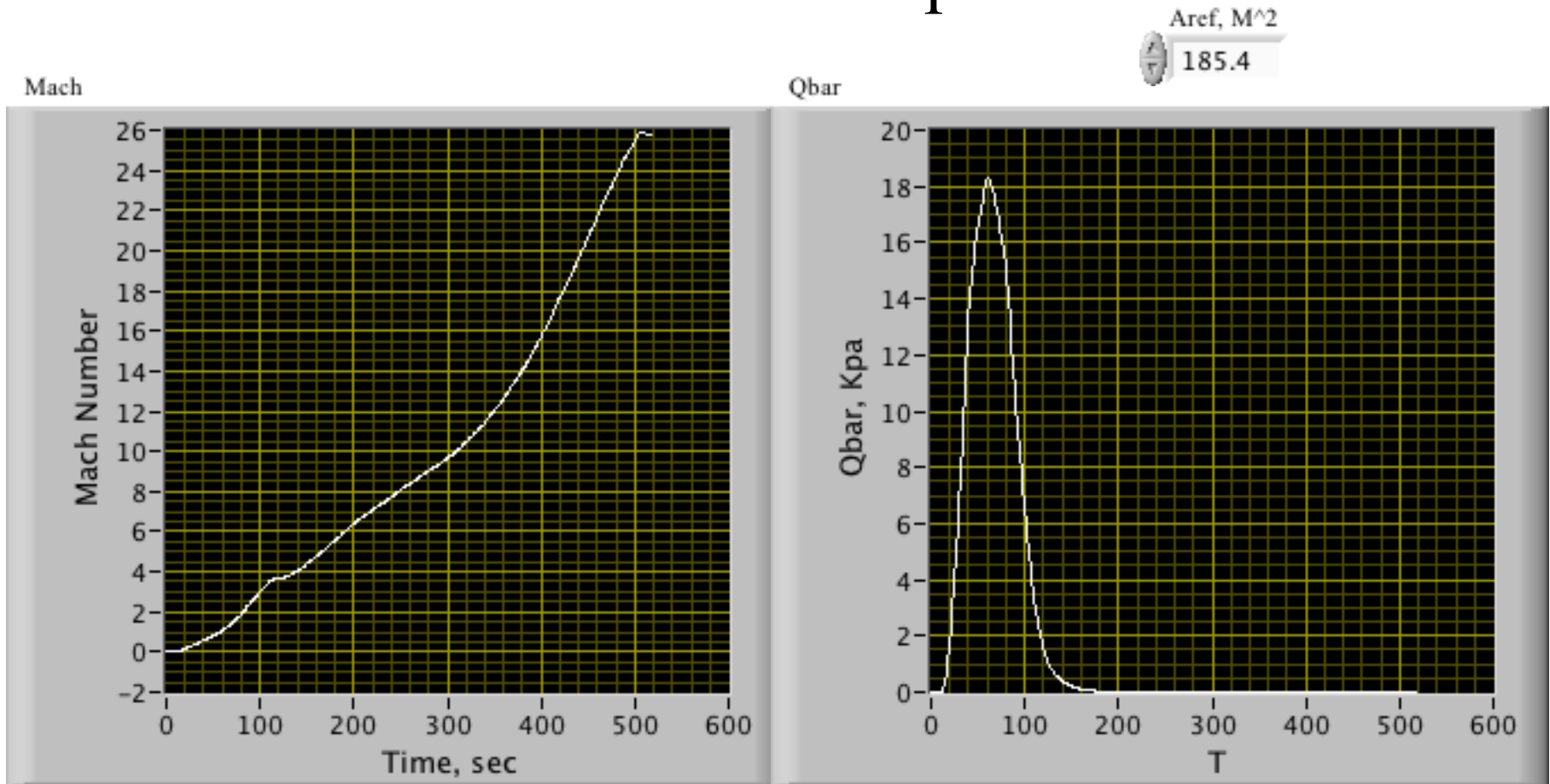


Altitude



# Aerodynamic Forces (cont'd)

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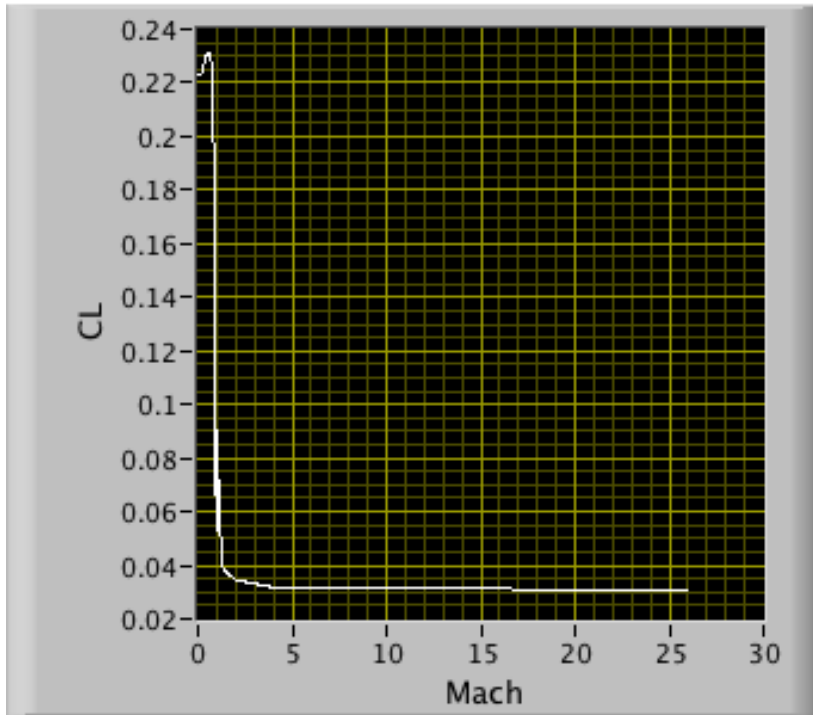


# Aerodynamic Forces (cont'd)

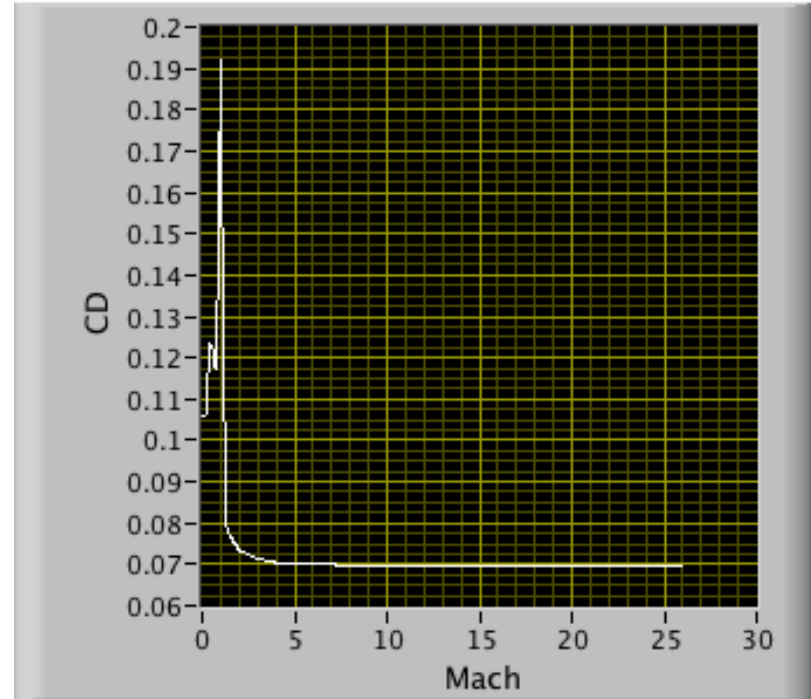
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Aref, M<sup>2</sup>  
185.4

Lift Coefficient 2



Drag Coefficient 2

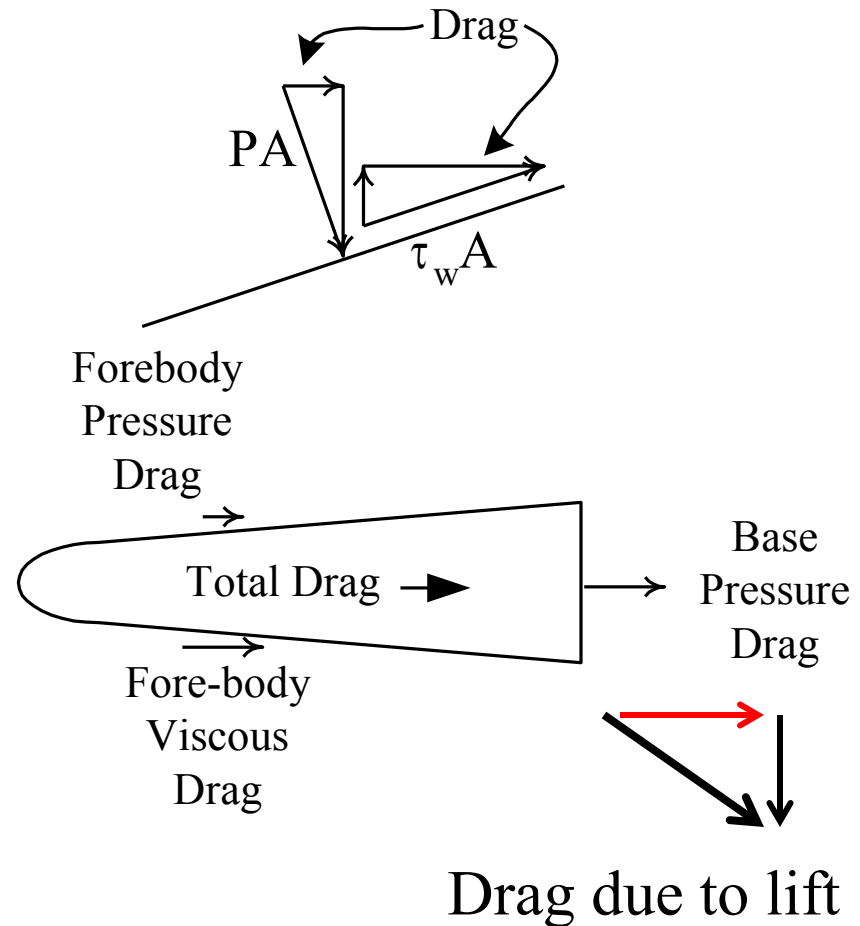


- Several Types of Drag Act on Flight Vehicles

– Simplest case

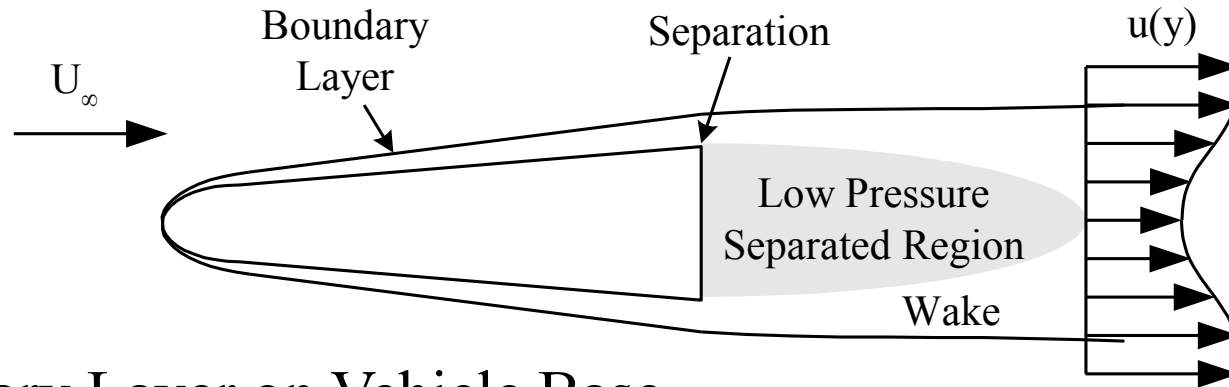
- Pressure drag (form drag)
  - Fore-body
  - Base
  - Wave drag
  - Induced or Compressive drag due to lift
- Viscous drag
  - Fore-body
- Total drag

# Drag

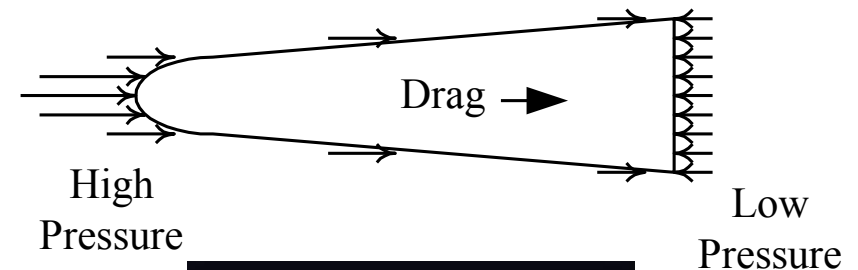




# Base Drag: What is it?

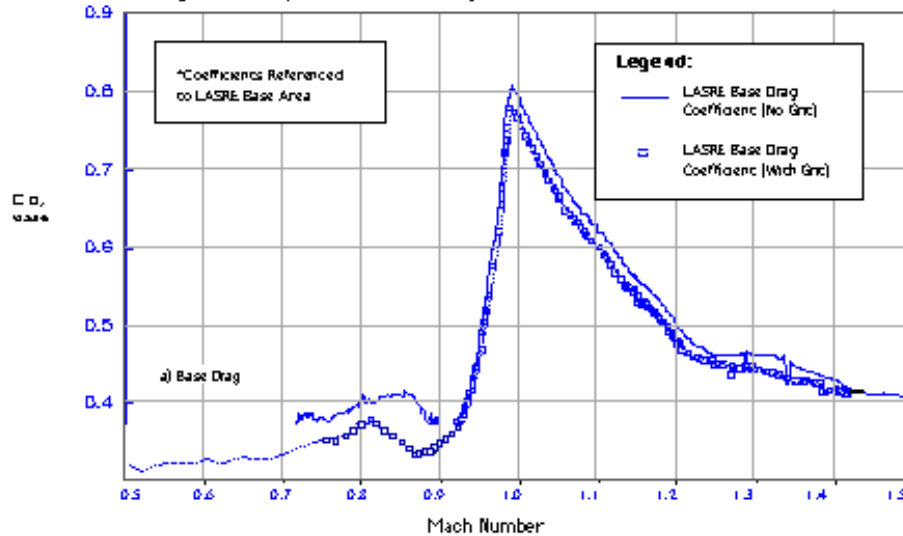


- Boundary Layer on Vehicle Base Area Separates
- Low Pressure Separated Region Forms
- Low Pressure Causes a Large net Pressure Difference
- *Especially significant on Launch vehicle after rocket burnout*



# Base Drag (cont'd)

Flight Results, Effect of Forebody Grit on LASRE Base



$$C_D(M, K_1, K_2, n) = \frac{(1 + K_1 M^n) C_{D0}}{\sqrt{|M^2 - 1|} + (1 - \sqrt{|M^2 - 1|}) \frac{C_{D0}}{K_2}}$$

## Linear Aerospike Rocket Engine



# Collected Equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_v^2}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \cos(\gamma) - F_{drag} \sin(\gamma) + F_{thrust} \sin(\theta)}{m} - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \\ - \left[ \frac{V_r V_v}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \sin(\gamma) + F_{drag} \cos(\gamma) - F_{thrust} \cos(\theta)}{m} \right] \\ V_r \\ V_v \\ r \\ - \frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$$

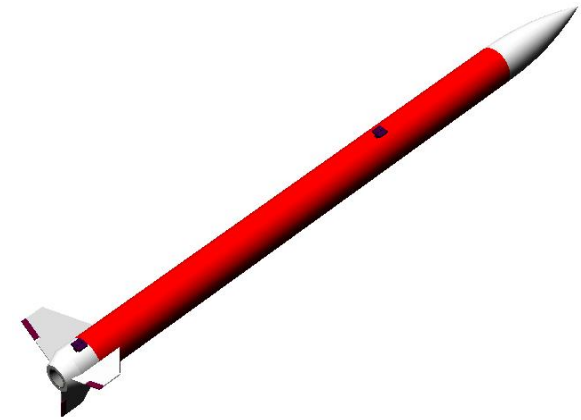
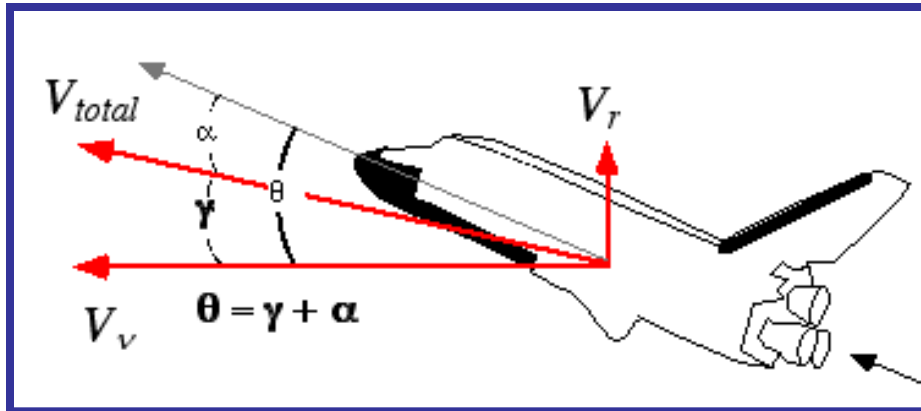
$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta]$$

# Vector Form of State Equations

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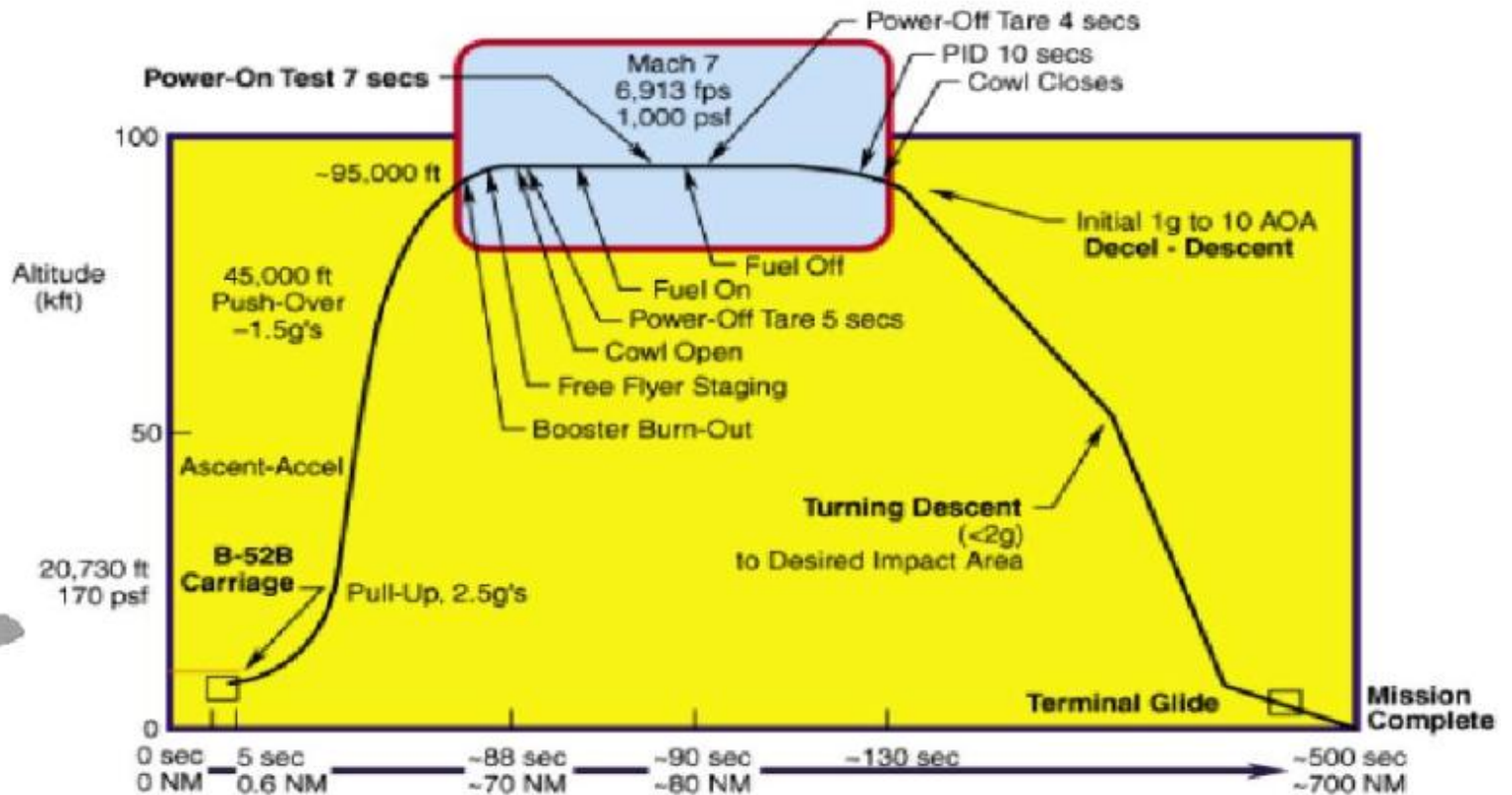
# Ballistic versus Non-Ballistic Trajectories

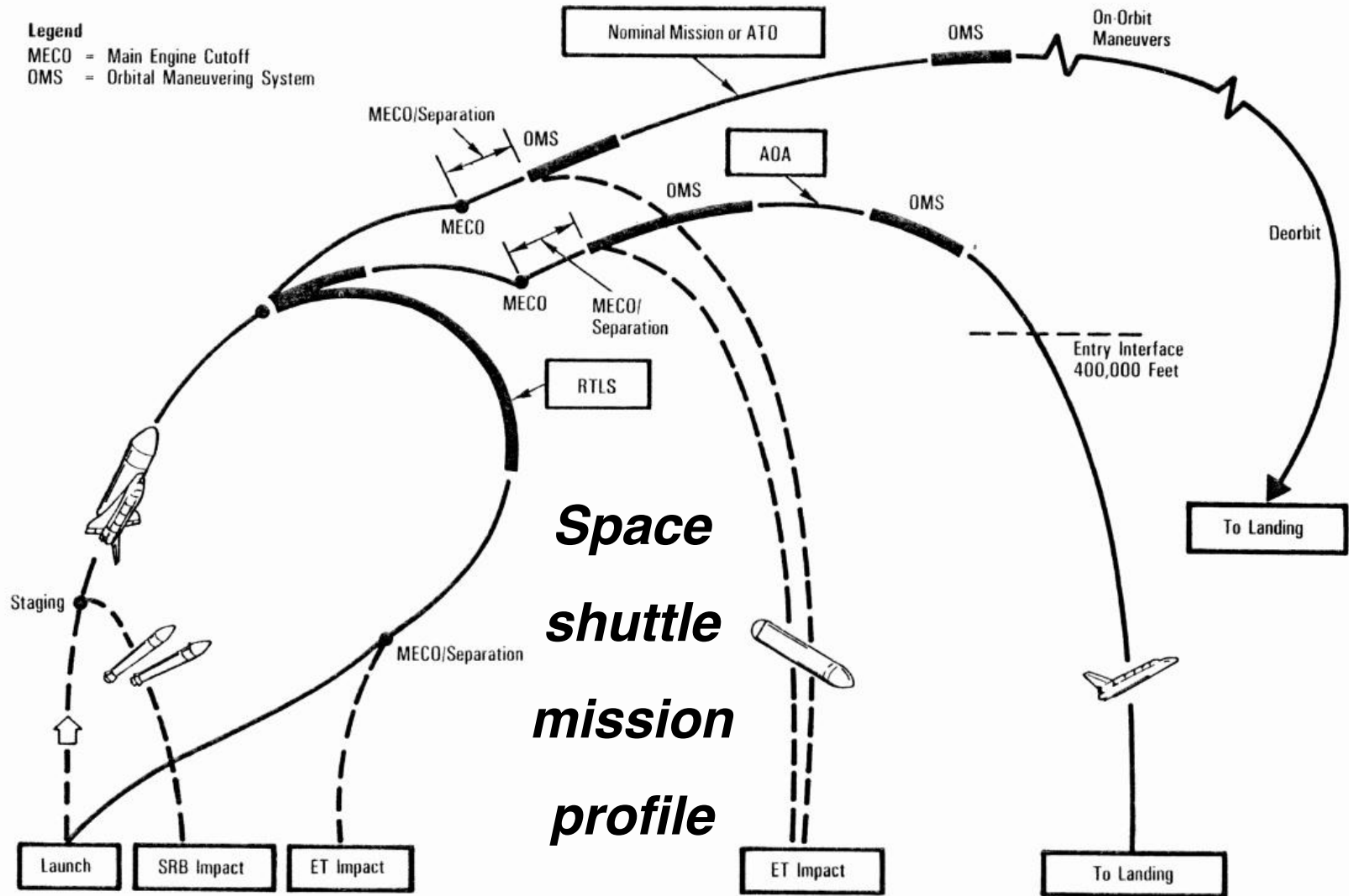


- Non-ballistic trajectories sustain significantly non-zero angles of attack  
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*... so is induced drag*
- *Ballistic trajectories trim rocket at  $\sim 0^\circ \alpha$  ( $\theta = \gamma$ )*  
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# Example of Non-Ballistic Trajectory

Hyper-X Free Flight





## More “Gravity Turn”

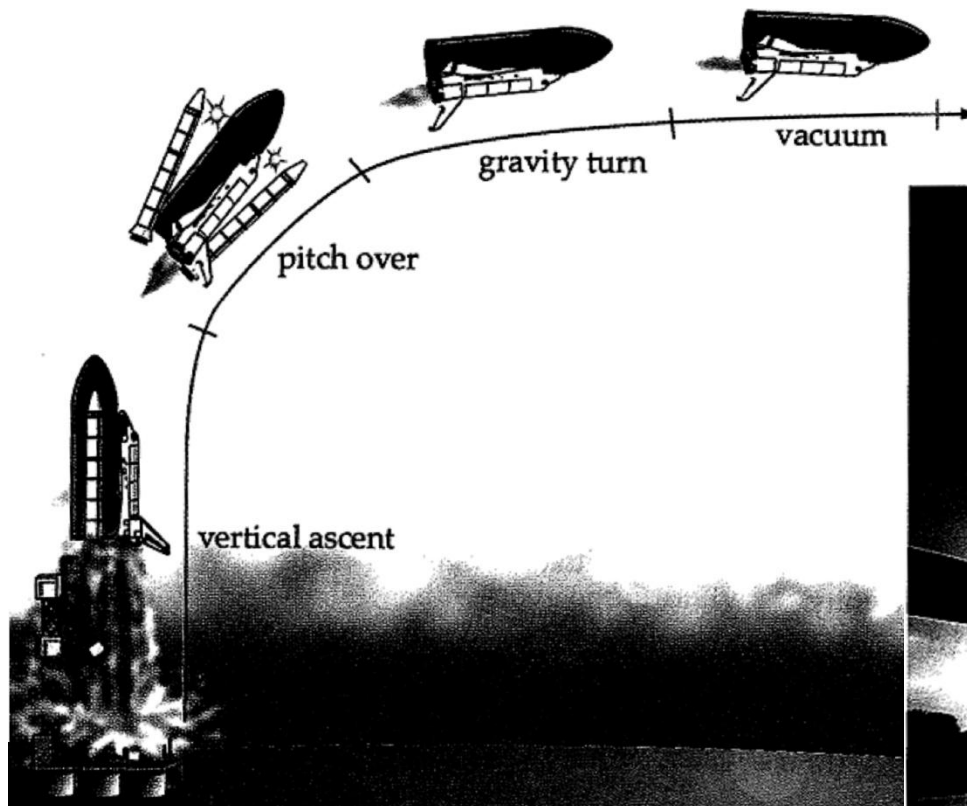


Space Shuttle  
Launch (STS  
115  
– Atlantis) as  
seen  
from ISS

“definitely  
Not ballistic”

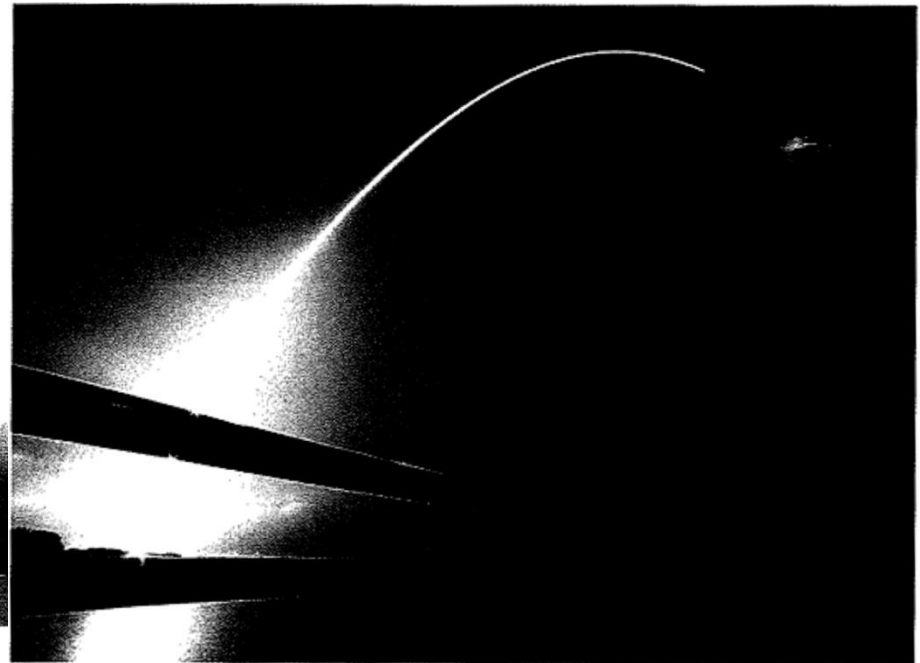


# Oh That! Gravity Turn



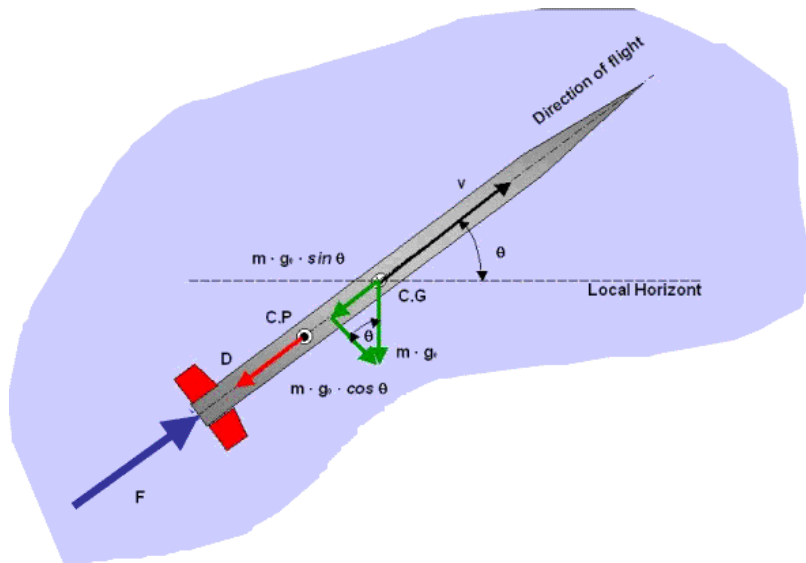
**Phases of Launch Vehicle Ascent.** During ascent a launch vehicle goes through four phases—vertical ascent, pitch over, gravity turn, and vacuum.

*Yup this is real!*

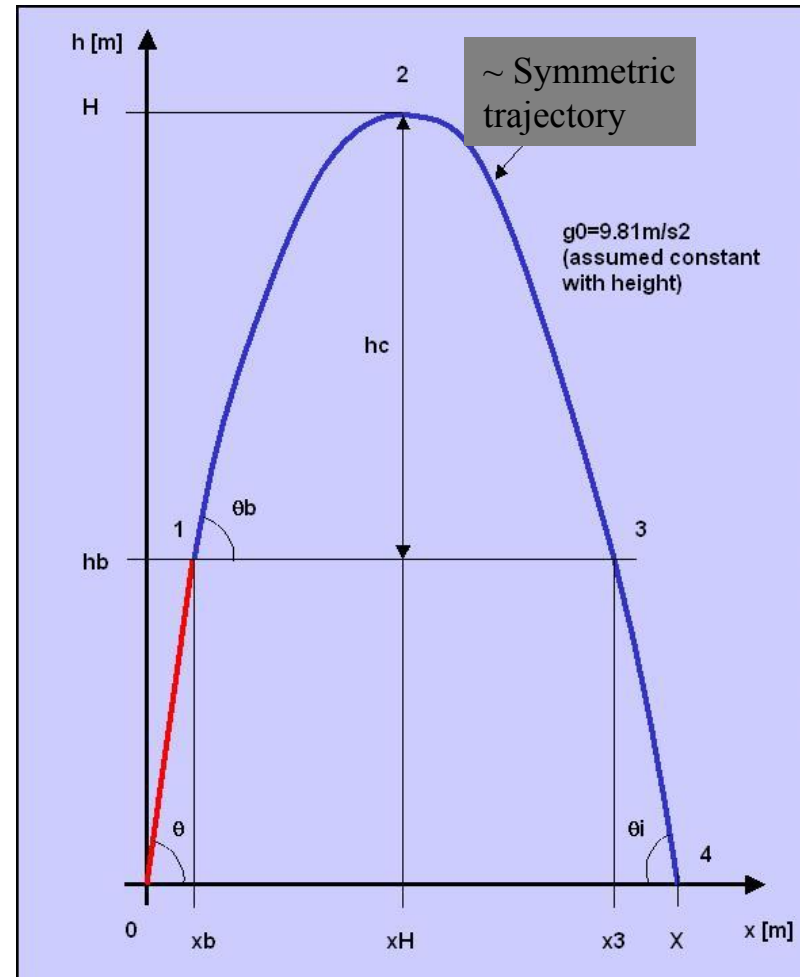


Gravity-turn maneuver of an ascending Delta II rocket with Messenger spacecraft on August 3, 2004.

# Example of Ballistic Trajectory



- Ballistic Trajectories Offer minimum drag profiles ( $\alpha \sim 0 \rightarrow$  No induced drag)

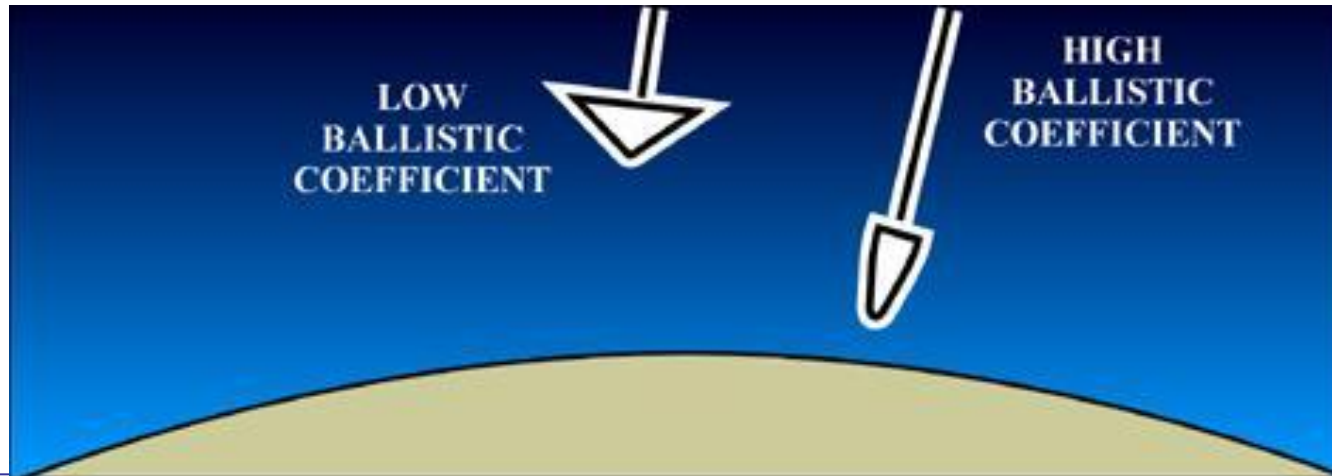


# Ballistic Coefficient

- When effects of lift are negligible aerodynamic effects can be incorporated into a single parameter

.... *Ballistic Coefficient* ( $\beta$ )

- $\beta$  is a measure of a projectile's ability to coast. ...  $\beta = M/C_d A_{ref}$   
...  $M$  is the projectile's mass and ...  $C_d A$  is the drag form factor.
- At any given velocity and air density, the deceleration of a rocket from drag is inversely proportional to  $\beta$



• *See Appendix 3*  
*For Ballistic Coefficient*  
*Calculation Examples*

# Collected Equations, Ballistic Trajectory

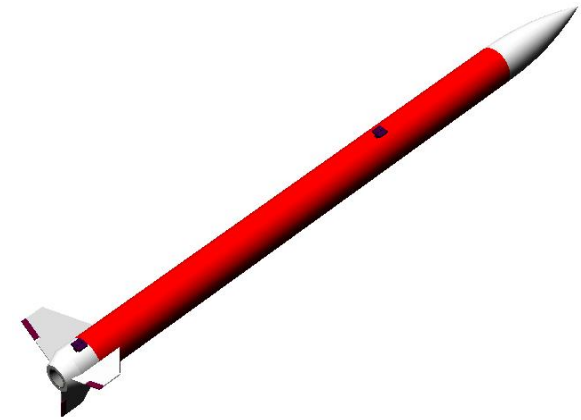
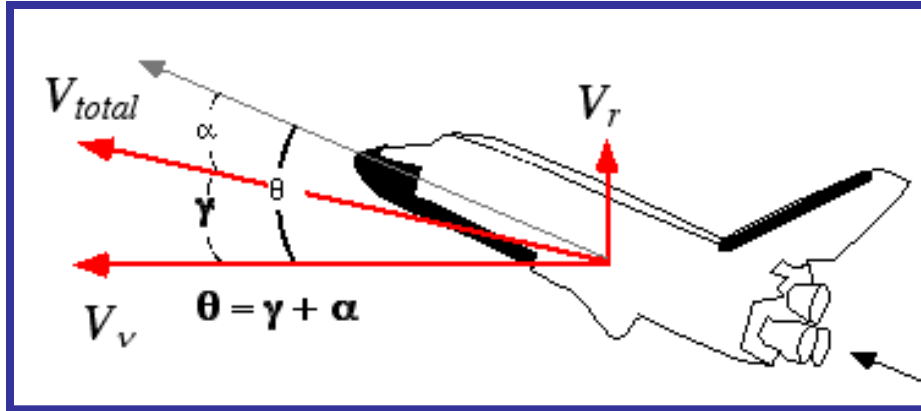
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$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$

$\beta = \frac{m}{C_D A_{ref}}$

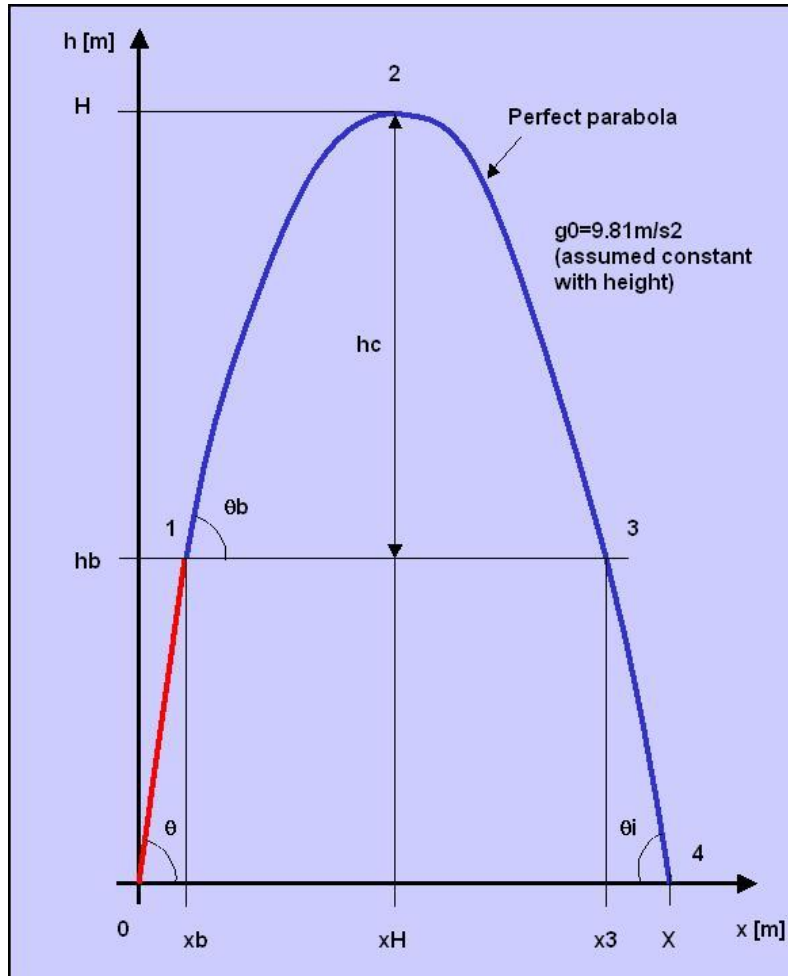
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# Launch Ballistics Revisited



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## Launch Ballistics Revisited (2)



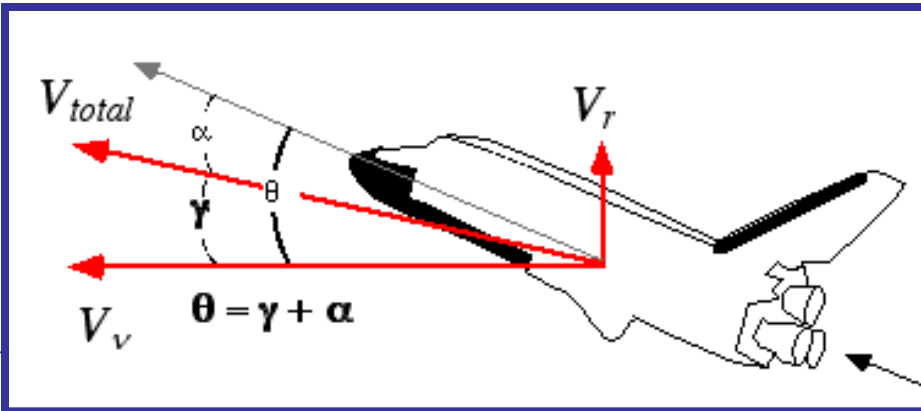
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Need to “*turn the corner*” at some non-zero *angle-of-attack* to get proper Apogee/velocity phasing

# Non-Ballistic Trajectories, revisited

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$\theta \approx \alpha + \gamma$



“pitch profile”  
Key to accurate  
Orbit insertion

## Ballistic .. Bottom Line

- In practice ballistic Trajectories give “lofted orbits” with *Very high apogee Altitudes ...*

Need to “*turn the corner*” at some non-zero *angle-of-attack* to get proper Apogee/velocity phasing

- “pitch profile” Key to accurate Orbit insertion
- Negative lift used to “turn the corner” during
- Induced Drag Penalty Accepted to achieve correct orbit parameters

• *See Appendix 4 for numerical example*



# Numerical Analysis of the 2-D Launch Equations of Motion

## Integrated Equations of Motion

$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta] \rightarrow X(t) = X(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta] dt$$

→ approximate over fixed interval  $\Delta T$  →

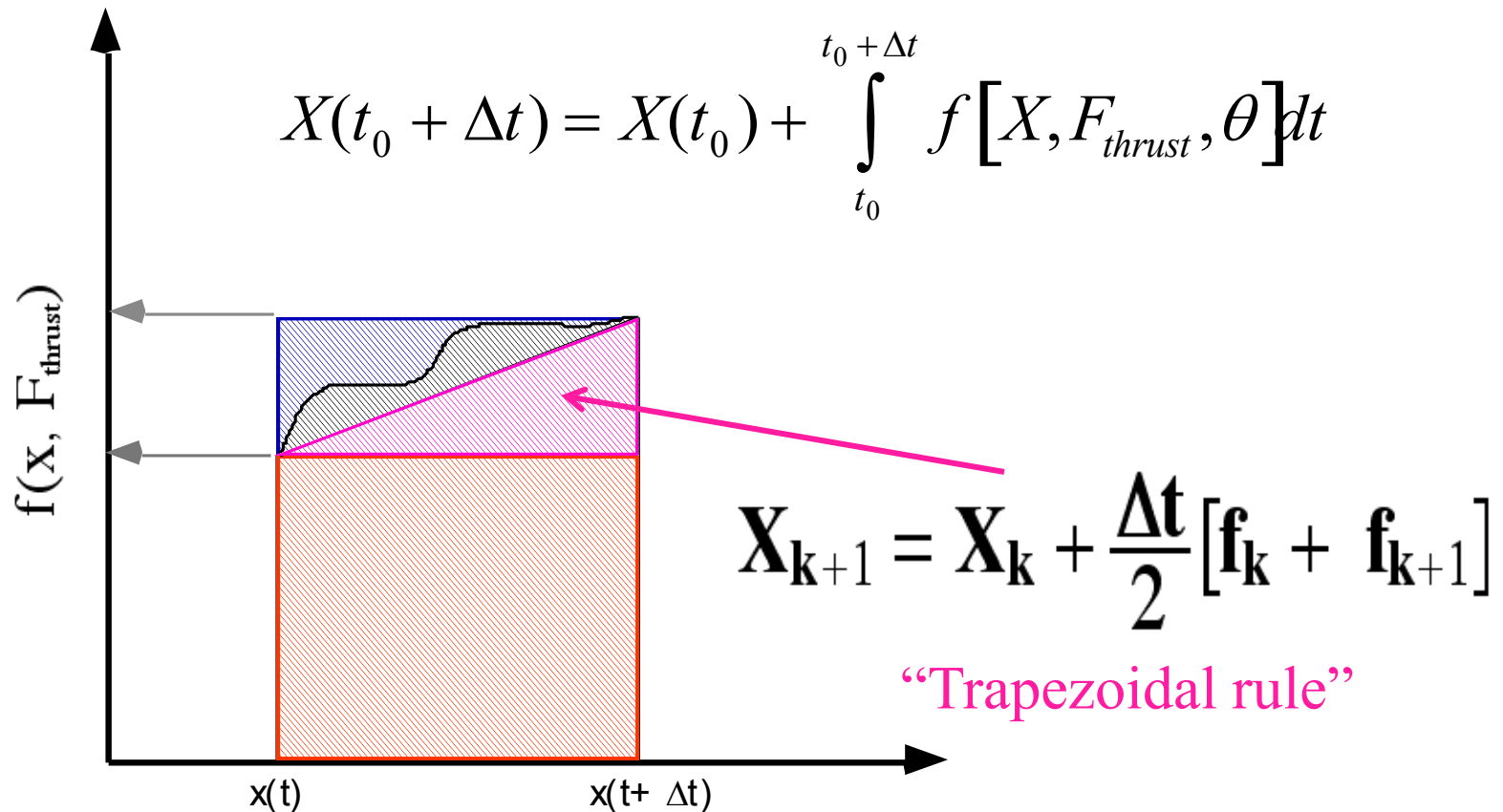
$$X(t_0 + \Delta t) = X(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta] dt$$

# Numerical Approximation of the Integral

- Index definitions**

$$\dot{X} = f(X, F_{thrust}) \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} X_k \Rightarrow X(t_0 + k \Delta t) \\ X_{k+1} \Rightarrow X(t_0 + (k+1) \Delta t) \\ f_k \Rightarrow f[X_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k] \\ f_{k+1} \Rightarrow f[X_{k+1}, F_{thrust_{k+1}}, \theta_{k+1}] \end{array} \right]$$

# Numerical Approximation of the Integral (cont'd)



Or we can use Finite Differences”

- **Finite Differences**

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} \approx \frac{\mathbf{X}_{k+1} - \mathbf{X}_k}{\Delta t} \approx \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{f}_k + \mathbf{f}_{k+1}]$$

- **Solving for**

$$\mathbf{X}_{k+1} = \mathbf{X}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [\mathbf{f}_k + \mathbf{f}_{k+1}]$$

# Numerical Approximation of the Integral (cont'd)

“Trapezoidal rule”

$$\mathbf{X}_{k+1} = \mathbf{X}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [\mathbf{f}_k + \mathbf{f}_{k+1}]$$

$$f_k \Rightarrow f \left[ X_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right]$$

$$f_{k+1} \Rightarrow f \left[ X_{k+1}, F_{thrust_{k+1}}, \theta_{k+1} \right]$$

- But we don't know  $\mathbf{f}_{k+1}$
- Sooooo ... we *predict* it

$$\tilde{\tilde{\mathbf{X}}}_{k+1} \equiv \mathbf{X}_k + \Delta t \mathbf{f}_k$$

$$\tilde{\tilde{f}}_{k+1} \Rightarrow f \left[ \tilde{\tilde{X}}_{k+1}, F_{thrust_{k+1}}, \theta_{k+1} \right]$$

# Numerical Approximation of the Integral (cont'd)

- **And ... then we *correct* it**

$$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}+1} = \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left[ \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{k}} + \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{k}+1} \right]$$

*“trapezoidal rule”*

# Predictor/Corrector Algorithm

$$\text{Given } \left[ \Delta t, \hat{X}_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right]$$

*“trapezoidal rule”*

Prediction Step:

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\hat{X}}_k = \hat{X}_k + \Delta t f \left[ \hat{X}_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right]$$

Correction Step:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}+1} \Rightarrow \hat{X}_{k+1} = \hat{X}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left\{ f \left[ \hat{X}_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right] + f \left[ \tilde{\hat{X}}_{k+1}, F_{thrust_{k+1}}, \theta_{k+1} \right] \right\}$$

Slide Indices and Repeat:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}+1} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}}$$



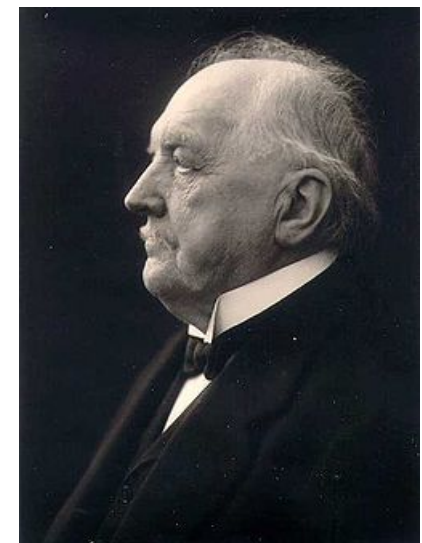
# Higher Order Integrators

- Simple Second Order predictor/corrector works well for Small-to-moderate step sizes ... but at larger step sizes can be come unstable
- Good to have a higher order integration scheme in our *bag of tools*
- 4th Order Runge-Kutta method is one most commonly used
- Lots of arcane derivations and *Mystery* with regard to This method ... lets clear this up!!!

- The Runge-Kutta Method was developed by two German men Carl Runge (1856-1927), and Martin Kutta (1867- 1944) in 1901. These numerical methods are still used today.
- Carl Runge developed numerical methods for solving the differential equations that arose in his study of atomic spectra.
- He used so much mathematics in his research that physicists thought he was a mathematician, and he did so much physics that mathematicians thought he was a physicist.
- Today his name is associated with the Runge-Kutta methods to numerically solve differential equations.
- Kutta, another German applied mathematician, is also remembered for his contribution to the differential equations-based Kutta-Joukowski theory of airfoil lift in aerodynamics.
- Runge–Kutta method is an effective and widely used method for solving the [initial-value problems](#) of [differential equations](#). Runge–Kutta method can be used to construct high order accurate [numerical method](#) by functions' self without needing the high order derivatives of functions.

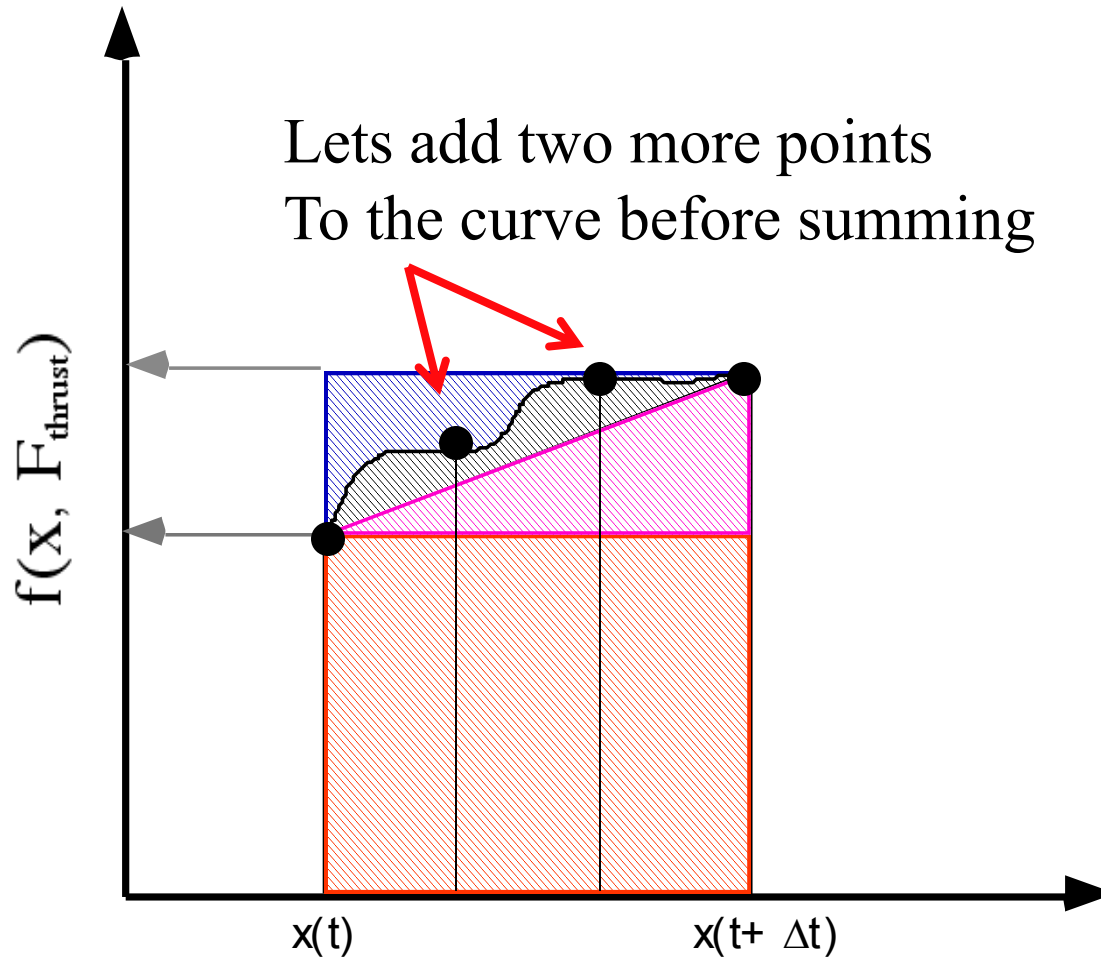


***Karl Runge***



***Martin Kutta***

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method



# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

(cont'd)

- The basic Differential equation is:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f} [t, \mathbf{x}]$$

- Approximate the first derivative by finite difference

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} \approx \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} = \mathbf{f} [t_{k+}, \mathbf{x}_k] \equiv k_1$$

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

(cont'd)

- Now correct this derivative estimate with what we have learned

$$\dot{\hat{X}} \approx \hat{X}^{(1)} = f [t_{k+}, x_k] \equiv k_1$$

$$\hat{X}^{(2)} = f \left[ t_{k+\frac{\Delta t}{2}}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \hat{X}^{(1)} \right] = f \left[ t_{k+\frac{\Delta t}{2}}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_1 \right] \equiv k_2$$

- This is almost equivalent to what we have already done

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

(cont'd)

- Repeat this process twice more to give us 4 points on the curve

$$\hat{\bar{x}}^{(3)} = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \hat{\bar{x}}^{(2)} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_2 \right] \equiv k_3$$

$$\hat{\bar{x}}^{(4)} = f \left[ t_k + \Delta t, x_k + \Delta t \hat{\bar{x}}^{(3)} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \Delta t, x_k + \Delta t k_3 \right] \equiv k_4$$

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

(cont'd)

- Finally take a weighted average of the results

$$\overline{\hat{\mathbf{X}}} = \left[ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(1)} + 2 \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(2)} + 2 \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(3)} + \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(4)}}{6} \right] \Rightarrow$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{X}}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{6} [k_1 + 2 k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4]$$

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

(cont'd)

- What happens if the Input (Thrust) is not Constant? ...

Simply “split the difference” between  $F_{\text{thrust } k}$  and  $F_{\text{thrust } k+1}$   
... same applies to theta (dropped for simplicity)

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{f} [t, \mathbf{X}, F_{\text{thrust}}]$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} \approx \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(1)} = \mathbf{f} [t_{k+}, \mathbf{x}_k, \underline{F_{\text{thrust }_k}}] \equiv k_1$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(2)} = \mathbf{f} \left[ t_{k+} + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, \mathbf{x}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(1)}, \underline{F_{\text{thrust }_k}} \right] = \mathbf{f} \left[ t_{k+} + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, \mathbf{x}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_1, \underline{F_{\text{thrust }_k}} \right] \equiv k_2$$



# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

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- “split the difference” between  $F_{\text{thrust } k}$  and  $F_{\text{thrust } k+1}$   
... same applies to theta (dropped for simplicity)

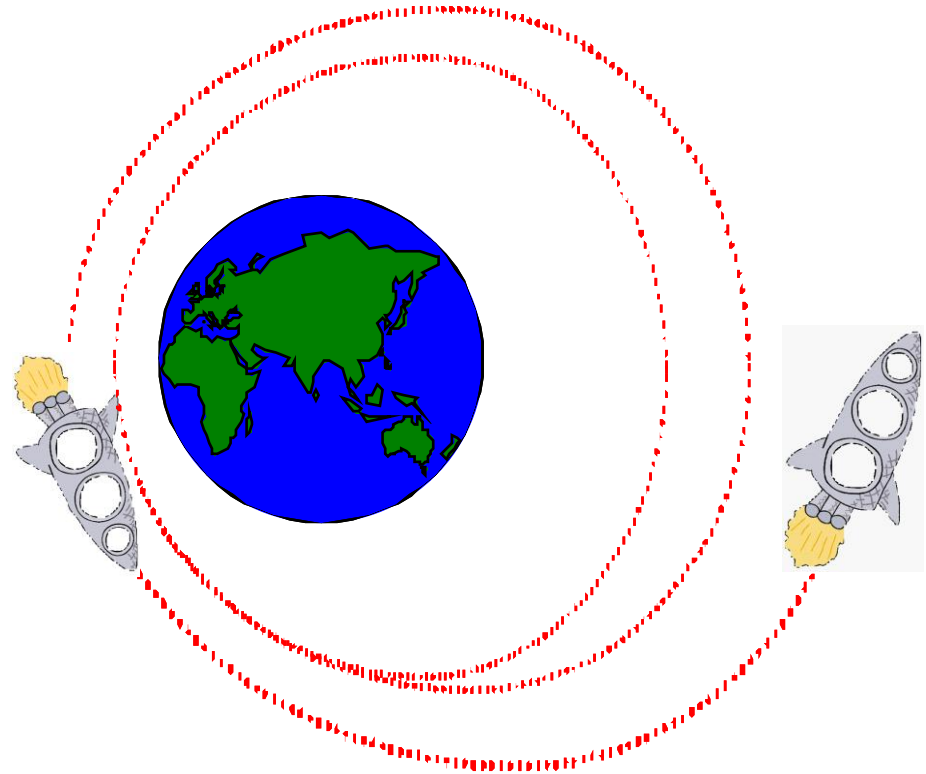
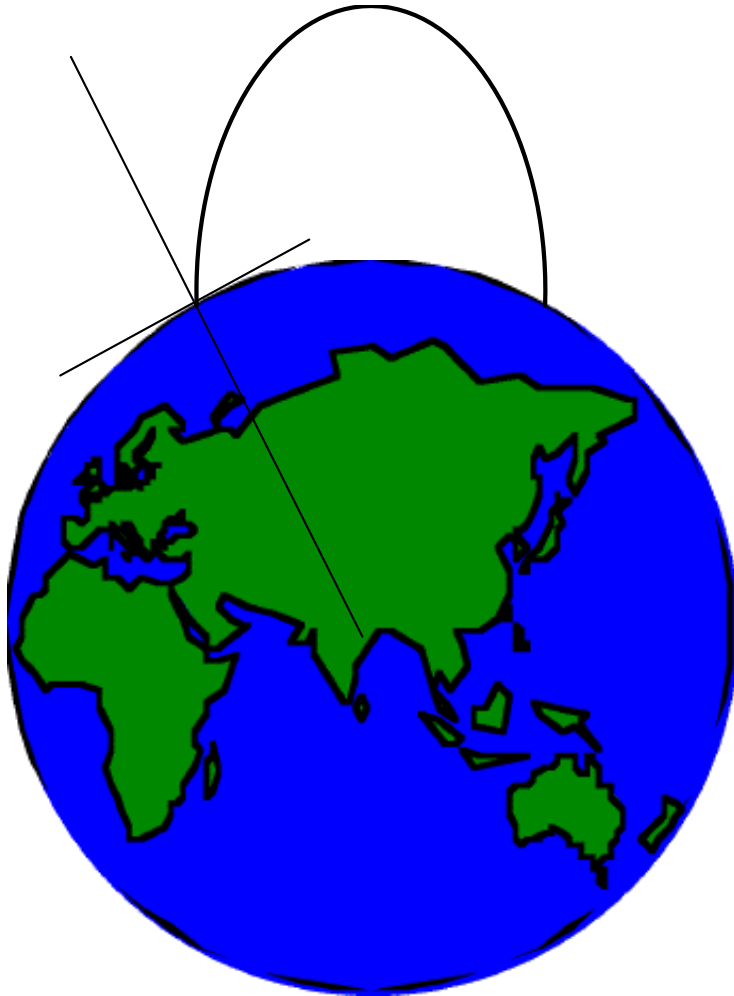
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(3)} = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, \mathbf{x}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)}, F_{\text{thrust } k+1} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, \mathbf{x}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \mathbf{k}_2, F_{\text{thrust } k+1} \right] \equiv \mathbf{k}_3$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(4)} = f \left[ t_k + \Delta t, \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta t \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(3)}, F_{\text{thrust } k+1} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \Delta t, \mathbf{x}_k + \Delta t \mathbf{k}_3, F_{\text{thrust } k+1} \right] \equiv \mathbf{k}_4$$

$$\overline{[\hat{\mathbf{x}}]} = \left[ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} + 2 \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(2)} + 2 \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(3)} + \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(4)}}{6} \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{6} [\mathbf{k}_1 + 2 \mathbf{k}_2 + 2 \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4]$$

# Summary Slides on E.O.M.



# Collected General 2-D Equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_v^2}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \cos(\gamma) - F_{drag} \sin(\gamma) + F_{thrust} \sin(\theta)}{m} - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \\ - \left[ \frac{V_r V_v}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \sin(\gamma) + F_{drag} \cos(\gamma) - F_{thrust} \cos(\theta)}{m} \right] \\ V_r \\ \frac{V_v}{r} \\ - \frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$   
 $\theta \approx \alpha + \gamma$

$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta]$$

# Collected Equations, Ballistic Trajectory

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_v^2}{r} - \frac{\mu}{r^2} + \left[ \frac{F_{thrust}}{m} - \frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{2\beta} \right] \sin(\gamma) \\ -\frac{V_r V_v}{r} + \left[ \frac{F_{thrust}}{m} - \frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{2\beta} \right] \cos(\gamma) \\ V_r \\ \frac{V_v}{r} \\ -\frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha=0$$

$$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$$

$$\beta = \frac{m}{C_D A_{ref}}$$

$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}]$$

# Predictor/Corrector Algorithm

$$\text{Given } \left[ \Delta t, \hat{X}_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right]$$

*“trapezoidal rule”*

Prediction Step:

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\hat{X}}_{k+1} = \hat{X}_k + \Delta t f \left[ \hat{X}_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right]$$

Correction Step:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}+1} \Rightarrow \hat{X}_{k+1} = \hat{X}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left\{ f \left[ \hat{X}_k, F_{thrust_k}, \theta_k \right] + f \left[ \tilde{\hat{X}}_{k+1}, F_{thrust_{k+1}}, \theta_{k+1} \right] \right\}$$

Slide Indices and Repeat:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}+1} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

Summary

$$\hat{\dot{X}}^{(1)} = f \left[ t_k, x_k, F_{\text{thrust}_k} \right] \equiv k_1$$

$$\hat{\dot{X}}^{(2)} = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \hat{\dot{X}}^{(1)}, F_{\text{thrust}_k} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_1, F_{\text{thrust}_k} \right] \equiv k_2$$

$$\hat{\dot{X}}^{(3)} = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \hat{\dot{X}}^{(2)}, F_{\text{thrust}_{k+1}} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, x_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2} k_2, F_{\text{thrust}_{k+1}} \right] \equiv k_3$$

$$\hat{\dot{X}}^{(4)} = f \left[ t_k + \Delta t, x_k + \Delta t \hat{\dot{X}}^{(3)}, F_{\text{thrust}_{k+1}} \right] = f \left[ t_k + \Delta t, x_k + \Delta t k_3, F_{\text{thrust}_{k+1}} \right] \equiv k_4$$

$$\overline{[\hat{\dot{X}}]} = \left[ \frac{\hat{\dot{X}}^{(1)} + 2 \hat{\dot{X}}^{(2)} + 2 \hat{\dot{X}}^{(3)} + \hat{\dot{X}}^{(4)}}{6} \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\hat{X}_{k+1} = \hat{X}_k + \frac{\Delta t}{6} [k_1 + 2 k_2 + 2 k_3 + k_4]$$

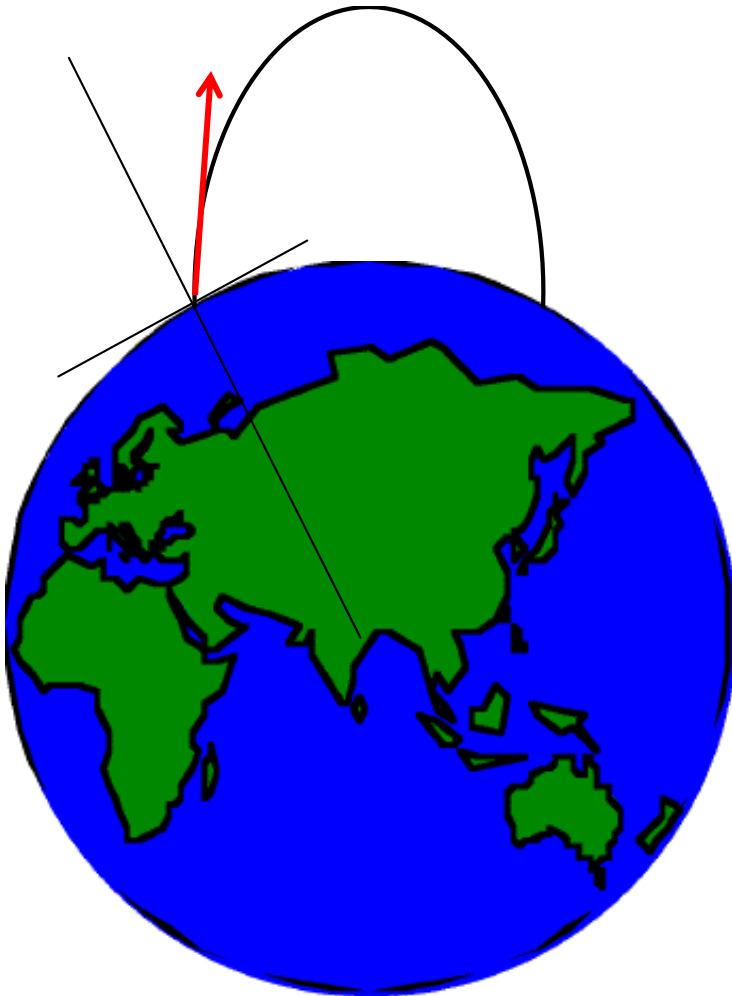
# Initial Conditions

$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta]$$

$$\dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{m} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_v^2}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \cos(\gamma) - F_{drag} \sin(\gamma) + F_{thrust} \sin(\theta)}{m} - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \\ - \left[ \frac{V_r V_v}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \sin(\gamma) + F_{drag} \cos(\gamma) - F_{thrust} \cos(\theta)}{m} \right] \\ V_r \\ \frac{V_v}{r} \\ - \frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right] \\ \theta = \gamma + \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Need starting conditions for state vector X

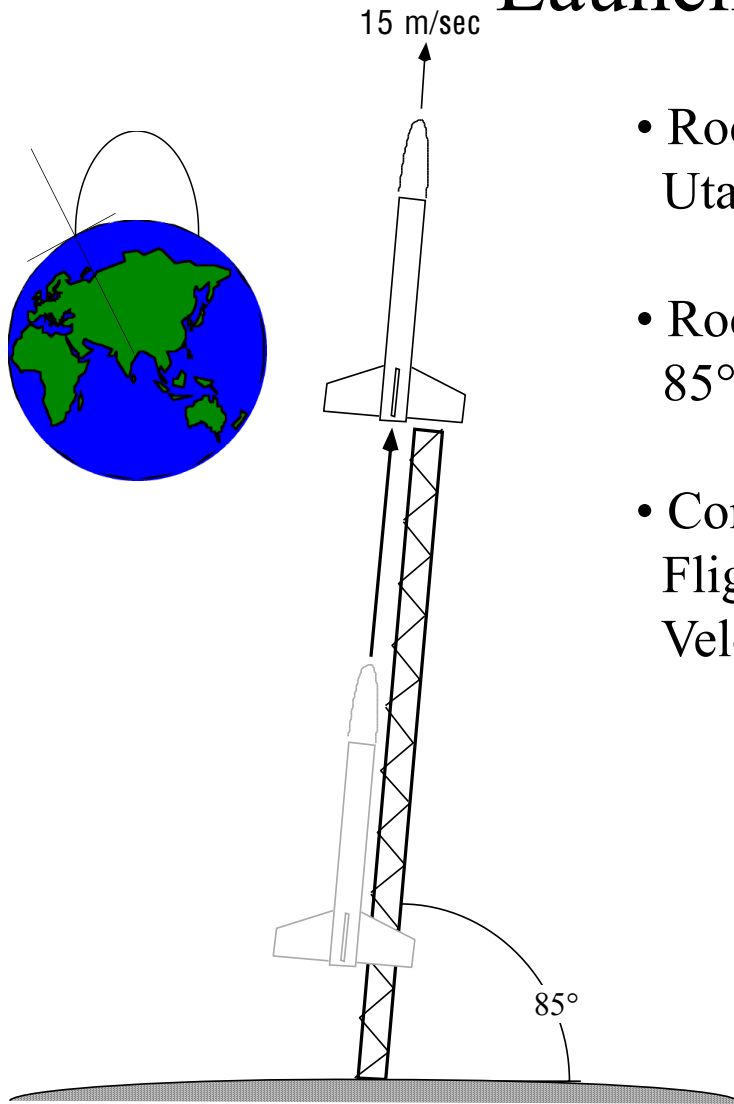
# Fixed Earth Approximation



- Ignore effects of rotation
- $V_{\text{inertial}} = V_{\text{ground}}$
- $\gamma_{\text{inertial}} = \gamma_{\text{ground}}$
- Accurate for Short Duration  
lower altitude flights



# Launch I.C. Example:

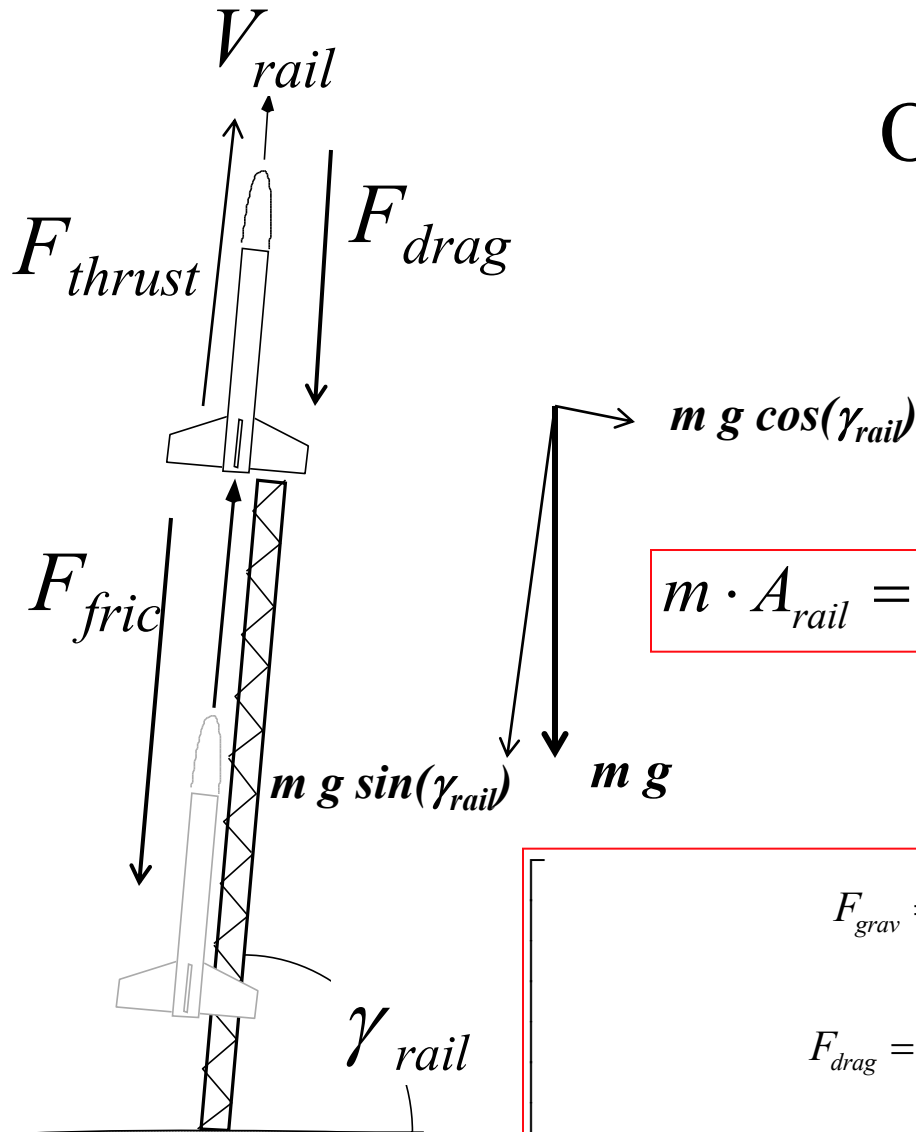


- Rocket Launch from Green River  
Utah -- 38° N. latitude, 3970 ft. altitude (1.21 km)
- Rocket Leaves Launch Rail at  
85° angle to Local Vertical
- Compute Ground Relative, Inertial  
Flight path Angle, Initial Position,  
Velocity Vector

Solar day: 86164.1 sec

$\Omega_{\text{earth}}$ : 7.292115e-05 rad/sec

# Velocity Off of the Rail (1)



$$m \cdot A_{rail} = F_{thrust} - F_{grav} - F_{fric} - F_{drag}$$

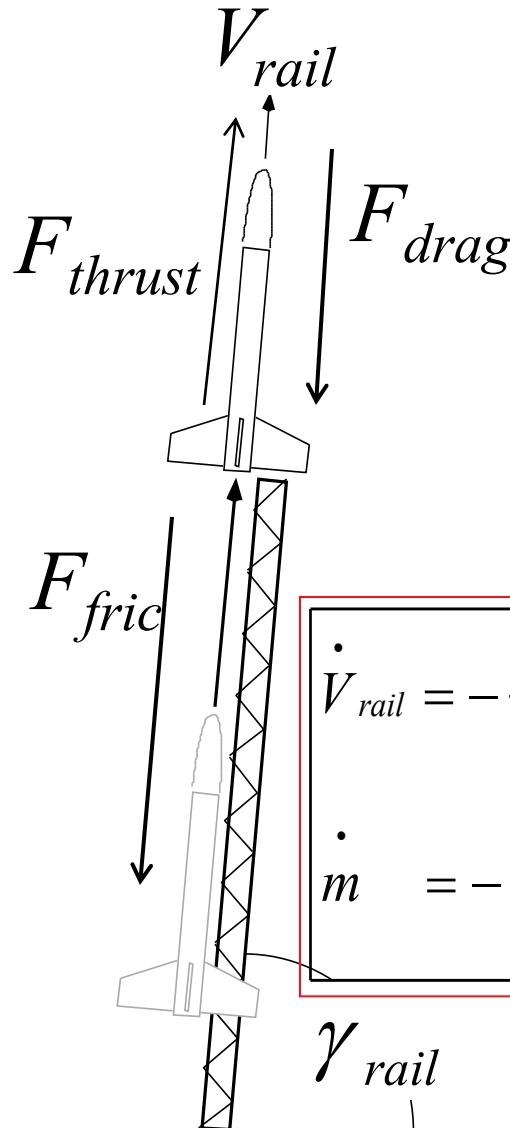
$$F_{grav} = m \cdot g \cdot \sin(\gamma_{rail}) = m \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \cdot \sin(\gamma_{rail})$$

$$F_{drag} = C_D A_{ref} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho V_{rail}^2 \right) = m \frac{\rho V_{rail}^2}{2\beta}$$

$$F_{fric} = C_f \cdot W_{norm_{rail}} = C_f \cdot m \cdot g \cos(\gamma_{rail}) = C_f \cdot m \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \cdot \cos(\gamma_{rail})$$

# Velocity Off of the Rail (2)

$$m \cdot A_{rail} = F_{thrust} - F_{grav} - F_{fric} - F_{drag}$$



$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \beta = \frac{m}{C_D A_{ref}} \\ g = \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{careful! with units}$$

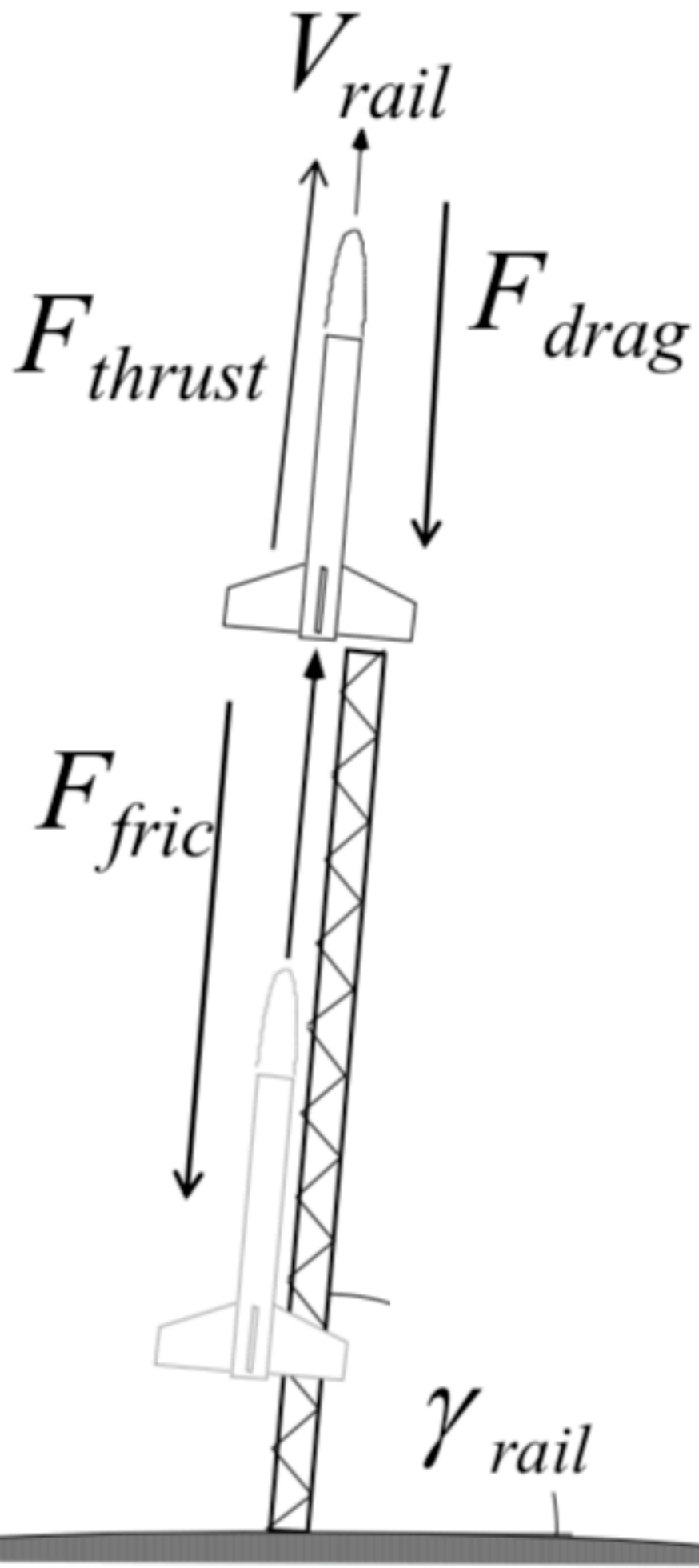
$$\dot{V}_{rail} = -\frac{\rho V_{rail}^2}{2\beta} - \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} [\sin(\gamma_{rail}) + C_f \cdot \cos(\gamma_{rail})] + \frac{F_{thrust}}{m}$$

$$\dot{m} = -\frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}}$$

$\{\gamma_{rail}, V_{rail}\} \rightarrow$  ground relative

$\{V_0=0, m_0=M_{total}\}$

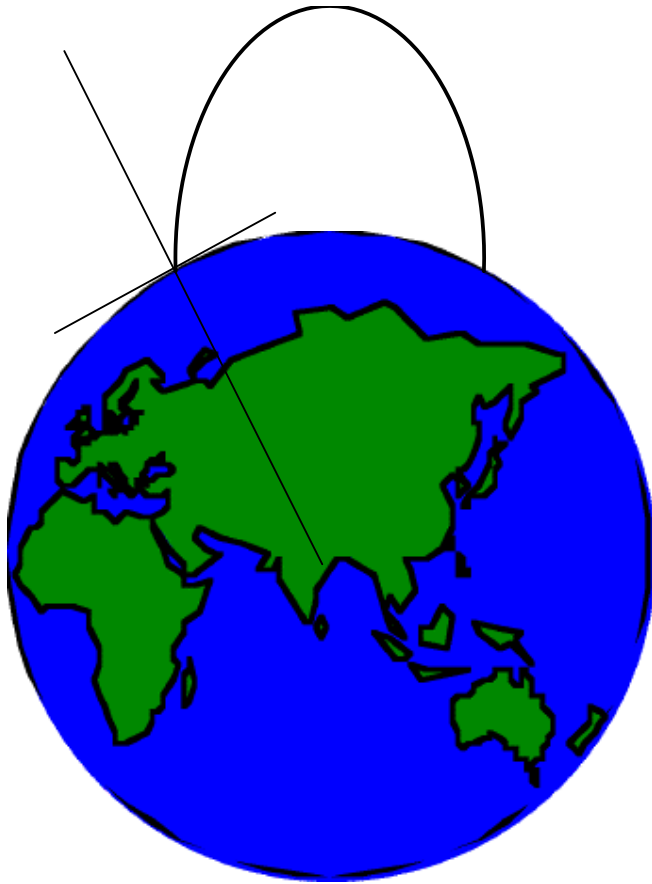
# Velocity Off of the Rail (3)



Initial Conditions Off of Rail

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \\ r \\ v \\ m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{rail} \cdot \sin \gamma_{rail} \\ V_{rail} \cdot \cos \gamma_{rail} \\ R_{\oplus} + L_{rail} \cdot \sin \gamma_{rail} \\ \frac{\pi}{2} - \gamma_{rail} \\ m \end{bmatrix} \text{ rail exit}$$

# Initial Conditions: Ground Launch, Rotating Earth



- Inertial Flight Path Angle

$$\gamma_{inertial} = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$$

- Ground Relative Flight Path Angle

$$\gamma_{ground} = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v - V_{E_{eq}} \cos(Lat)} \right]$$

# Initial Conditions: Ground Launch, Rotating Earth

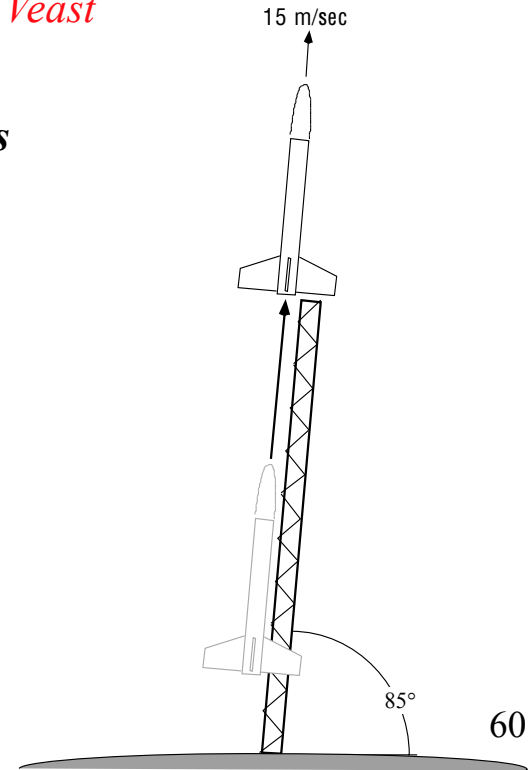
*Initial Velocity Vector :*

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} V_r = V_0 \sin(\gamma_{ground}) \rightarrow V_0 = \text{Initial Groundspeed} \\ V_v = \sqrt{\left[ \underset{\text{Vnorth}}{V_0 \cos(\alpha_{z_{launch}}) \cos(\gamma_{ground})} \right]^2 + \left[ \underset{\text{Veast}}{V_0 \sin(\alpha_{z_{launch}}) \cos(\gamma_{ground})} + V_{E_{eq}} \cos(Lat) \right]^2} \end{array} \right]$$

*Initial "Orbit"*

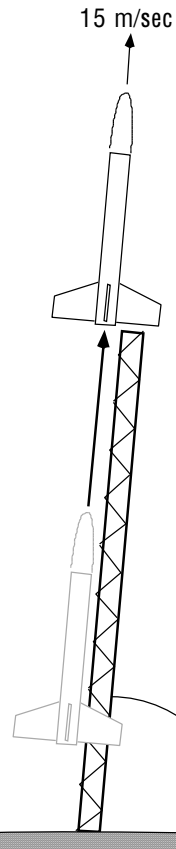
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} a = \frac{\mu}{\left[ \frac{2\mu}{R_{e(Lat)} + h} - [V_r^2 + V_v^2] \right]} \\ e = \frac{R_{e(Lat)} + h}{\mu} \sqrt{\left( V_v^2 - \frac{\mu}{R_{e(Lat)} + h} \right)^2 + (V_r V_v)^2} \end{array} \right]$$



# Initial Conditions: Ground Launch, Rotating Earth (cont'd)

## *Initial Position*

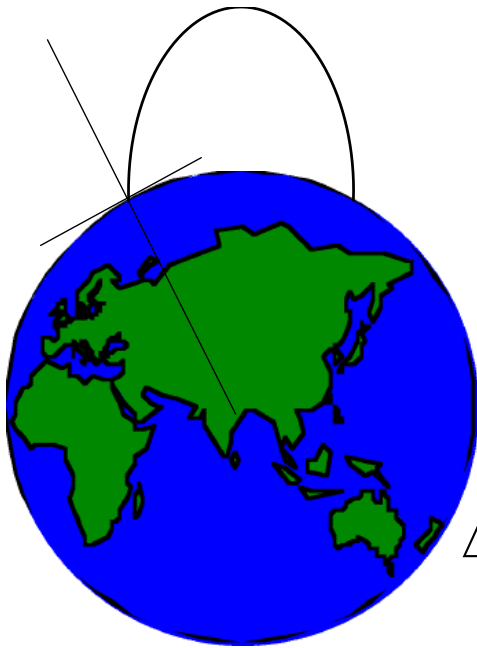


$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} r = R_{e(Lat)} + h \\ v = atan2 \left\{ \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] \frac{V_r}{V_v}, \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] - 1 \right\} \end{array} \right]$$

- Initial Mass,  $m_0$

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# Ground Launch: Down Range Calculation

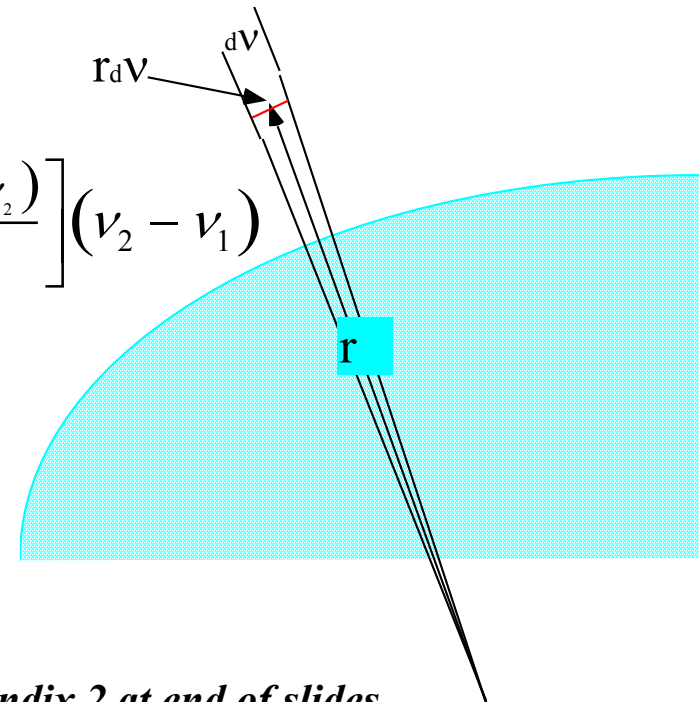


- Integrated trajectory gives

$r, v$

- Inertial Downrange

$$\Delta R = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} r d_n \approx \left[ \frac{r(v_1) + r(v_2)}{2} \right] (v_2 - v_1)$$



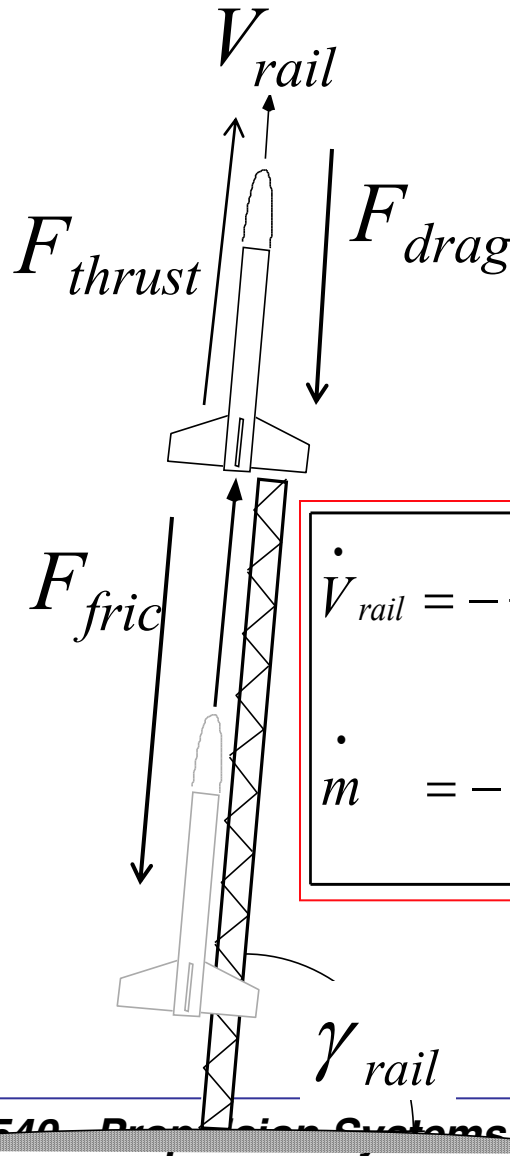
## Recursive Formula

$$R_{i+1} = R_i + \left[ \frac{r_{i+1} + r_i}{2} \right] (v_{i+1} - v_i)$$



# Velocity Off of the Rail

• See appendix 2 at end of slides



$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \beta = \frac{m}{C_D A_{ref}} \\ g = \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{careful! with units}$$

$$\dot{V}_{rail} = -\frac{\rho V_{rail}^2}{2\beta} - \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} [\sin(\gamma_{rail}) + C_f \cdot \cos(\gamma_{rail})] + \frac{F_{thrust}}{m}$$

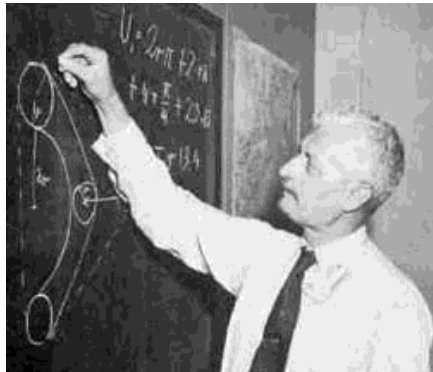
$$\dot{m} = -\frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}}$$

$\{\gamma_{rail}, V_{rail}\} \rightarrow$  ground relative

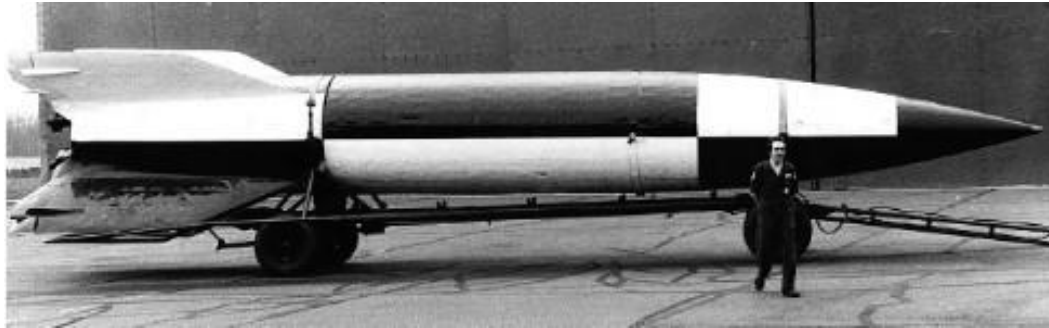
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# V2 Rocket Example ... Ballistic Trajectory

# V-2 Rocket First Operational System

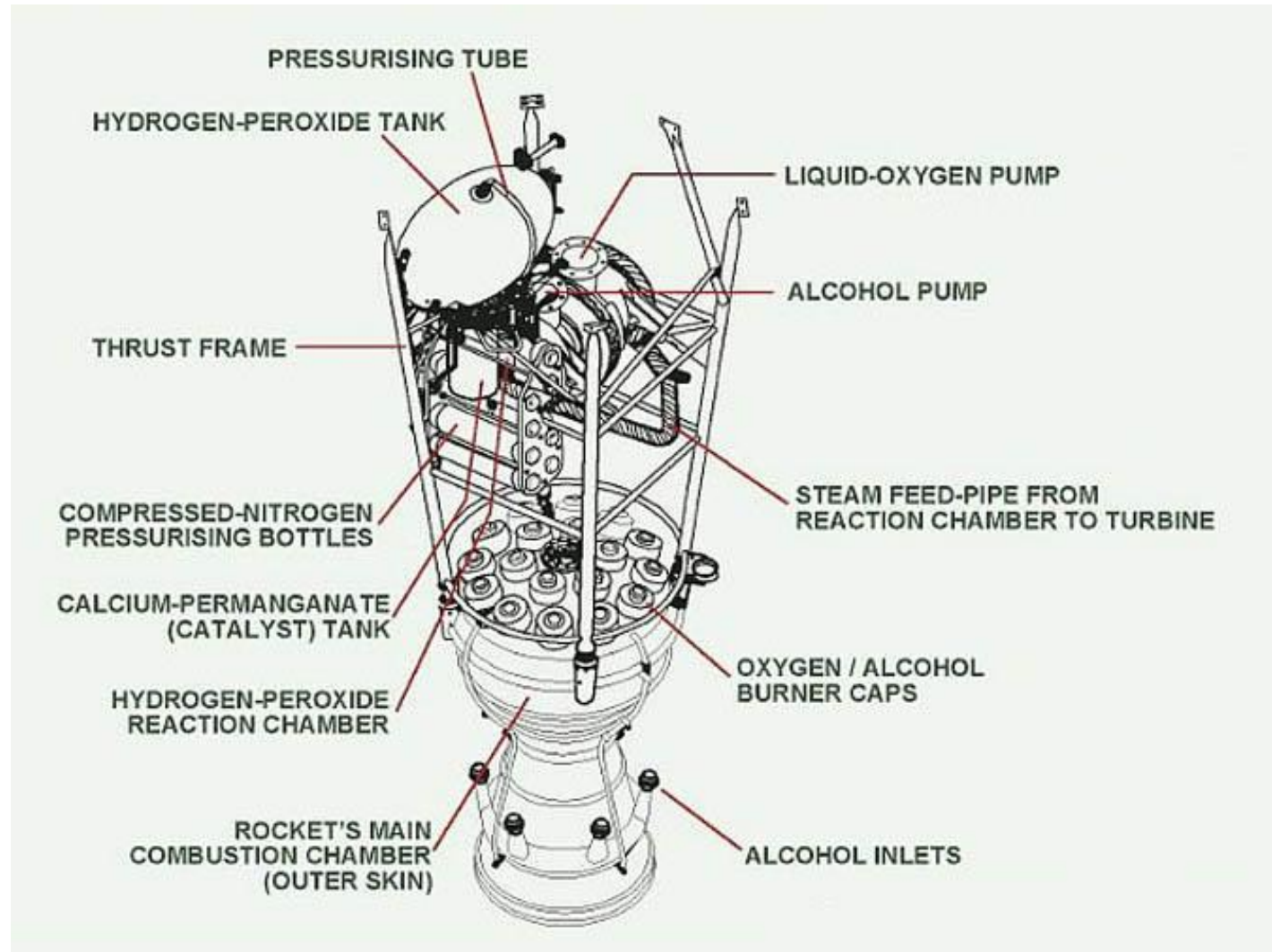


# The V2



- Challenge was to deliver a one ton warhead, 180 nm range.
- Final design: Powered by A4 rocket motor, 2300 lb warhead, 190 nm (352 km) range. 47 ft long, 5.4 ft diameter, 28,229 lb takeoff weight. 59,500 lb thrust for 68 seconds.
- 6400 weapon launches
- The Americans got Von Braun and 117 other scientists, and about 100 rockets. The Soviets got the facilities and about the same number of rockets.
- 60 plus V2's and V2 mods were launched in the late 40's in US. All were sub-orbital, highest altitude was 244 miles
- LOX/Alcohol Propellants

# A-4 Rocket Engine



## V2 Rocket Parameters

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>
$F_{vac} (Nt)$	311,800.0
$F_{sl} (Nt)$	264,745.3
$I_{sp} (sec)$	239
$V_{exit} (m/sec)$	2200
$M_{dry}'' (kg)$	4008
$M_{propellant} (kg)$	8797
$GTOW (kg-f)$	12805
<i>Payload weight</i> <i>(warhead) (kg-f)</i>	1043.56

## V2 Rocket Parameters (2)

### ... Additional Specs

Exhaust velocity	$V_e = 2,200 \text{ m/s}$
Mass ratio	$m_o/m = 3.2$
Gross mass	$m_o = 12,805 \text{ kg}$
Empty mass	$m = 4,008 \text{ kg}$
Vacuum thrust	$F = 311,800 \text{ kN}$
Specific impulse	$I_{sp} = 239 \text{ sec}$
Burn time	$T = 68 \text{ sec}$
Length	$L = 12 \text{ m}$
Diameter	$D = 1.65 \text{ m}$
Propellants	Lox/Alcohol
Burnout Velocity	$v_r = 5,500 \text{ km/hr}$

# Additional V2 Data

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V-2>)

Specifications	
Weight	12,500 kg (28,000 lb)
Length	14 m (45 ft 11 in)
Diameter	1.65 m (5 ft 5 in)
Warhead	980 kg (2,200 lb) Amatol
Wingspan	3.56 m (11 ft 8 in)
Propellant	3,810 kg (8,400 lb) of 75% ethanol and 25% water + 4,910 kg (10,800 lb) of liquid oxygen
Operational range	320 km (200 mi)
Flight altitude	88 km (55 mi) maximum altitude on long range trajectory, 206 km (128 mi) maximum altitude if launched vertically.

Specifications	
Speed	maximum:
	1,600 m/s (5,200 ft/s)
	5,760 km/h (3,580 mph)
at impact:	
	800 m/s (2,600 ft/s)
	2,880 km/h (1,790 mph)
Guidance system	Gyroscopes for attitude control Müller-type pendulous gyroscopic accelerometer for engine cutoff on most production rockets (10% of the Mittelwerk rockets used a guide beam for cutoff.) <sup>[2]:225</sup>
Launch platform	Mobile (Meillerwagen)



## V2 1-D Thrust Model

$$F_{thrust} = \dot{m} \cdot V_{exit} + (P_{exit} - P_{ambient}) \cdot A_{exit}$$

$$\rightarrow F_{vac} - F_{sl} = \left[ \dot{m} \cdot V_{exit} + (P_{exit} - 0) \cdot A_{exit} \right] - \left[ \dot{m} \cdot V_{exit} + (P_{exit} - P_{sl}) \cdot A_{exit} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow F_{vac} - F_{sl} = P_{sl} \cdot A_{exit}$$

$$A_{exit} = \frac{F_{vac} - F_{sl}}{P_{sl}} = \frac{311800.0 - 264745.3}{101325} = 0.46439 \text{ m}^2$$

***=> 0.76895 m effective exit diameter***

## V2 1-D Thrust Model (2)

$$\left(I_{sp}\right)_{vac} = \frac{F_{vac}}{g_0 \cdot \dot{m}} \rightarrow \dot{m} = \frac{F_{vac}}{g_0 \cdot \left(I_{sp}\right)_{vac}} = \frac{311800}{9.8067 \cdot 239} = 133.032 \text{ kg/sec}$$

$$T_{burn} = \frac{M_{propellant}}{\dot{m}} = \frac{8797}{133.032} = 66.13 \text{ sec}$$

*Slight inconsistency in problem specification (68 sec given)*

Need Vacuum  $I_{sp} = 245.77 \text{ sec}$  to give 68 sec burn time for given propellant mass (8797 kg)

## V2 1-D Thrust Model (3)

$$\rightarrow F_{vac} = [\dot{m} \cdot V_{exit} + P_{exit} \cdot A_{exit}] \rightarrow P_{exit} = \frac{F_{vac} - \dot{m} \cdot V_{exit}}{A_{exit}} ==$$

$$\frac{311800 - 133.032 \cdot 2200}{0.46439} = 41,192.96 \text{ Pa}$$

## V2 1-D Thrust Model (4)

$$F_{thrust} = \dot{m} \cdot V_{exit} + (P_{exit} - P_{ambient}) \cdot A_{exit}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{m} \\ V_{exit} \\ P_{exit} \\ A_{exit} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 133.032 \text{ kg/sec} \\ 2200 \text{ m/sec} \\ 41,192.96 \text{ Pa} \\ 0.46439 \text{ m}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rocket Equation Calculation(s)

*Based on  $I_{sp} = 239 \text{ sec}$*

$$\Delta V = g_0 \cdot I_{sp} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{M_{initial}}{M_{final}}\right) = 9.8067 \cdot 239 \ln\left(\frac{12805}{4008}\right)$$

$$= 2722.42 \text{ m/sec (9800.74 km/hr)}$$

***Ignores drag and gravity losses***

*Based on  $I_{sp} = 245.77 \text{ sec}$*

$$\Delta V = g_0 \cdot I_{sp} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{M_{initial}}{M_{final}}\right) = 9.8067 \cdot 245.77 \ln\left(\frac{12805}{4008}\right)$$

$$= 2799.54 \text{ m/sec (10,078.36 km/hr)}$$

# Collected Equations, Ballistic Trajectory

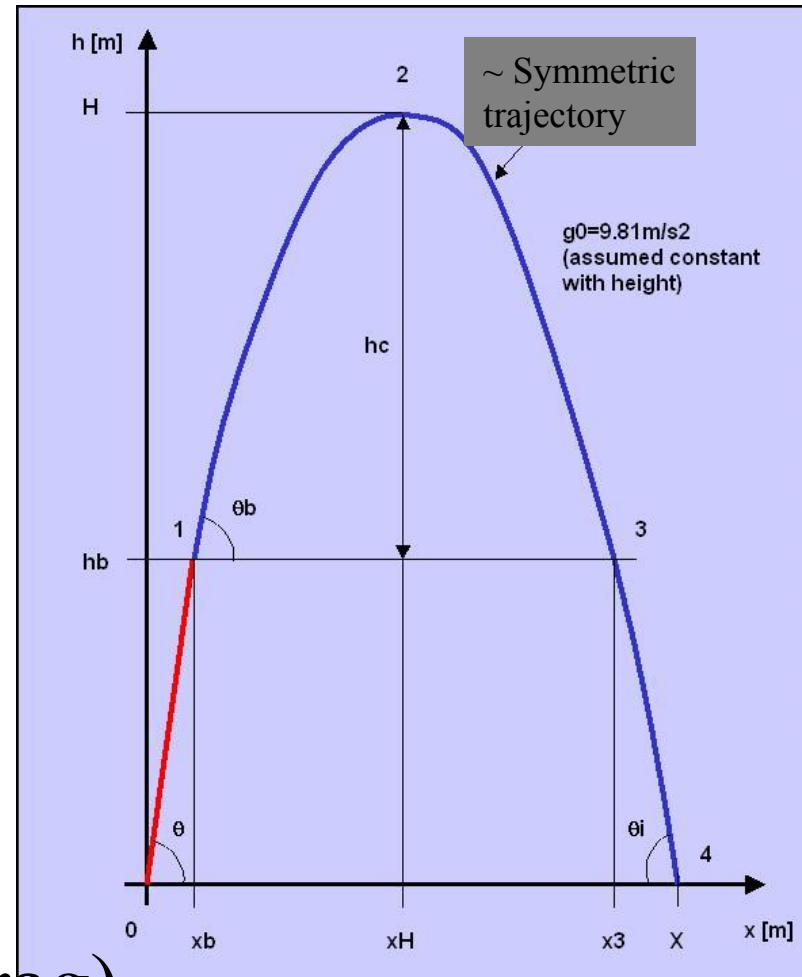
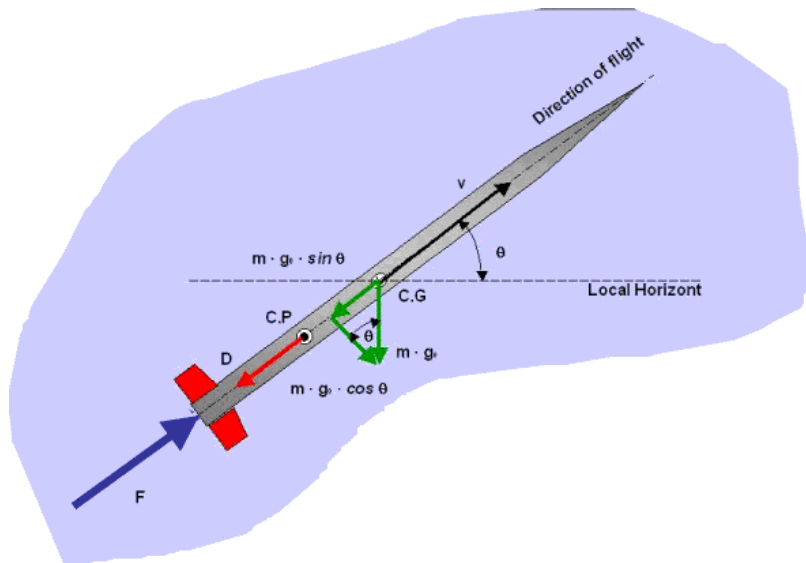
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_v^2}{r} - \frac{\mu}{r^2} + \left[ \frac{F_{thrust}}{m} - \frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{2\beta} \right] \sin(\gamma) \\ -\frac{V_r V_v}{r} + \left[ \frac{F_{thrust}}{m} - \frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{2\beta} \right] \cos(\gamma) \\ V_r \\ \frac{V_v}{r} \\ -\frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha=0$$

$$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$$

$$\beta = \frac{m}{C_D A_{ref}}$$

$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}]$$

# Example of Ballistic Trajectory



- Ballistic Trajectories Offer minimum drag profiles ( $\alpha \sim 0 \rightarrow$  No induced drag)

# V2 Computational Example

Assume constant (only marginally correct) drag coefficient

$$C_D \sim 0.44, A_{ref} = 2.1382 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\rightarrow \beta(t) = M(t) / (C_D A_{ref})$$

$$F_{thrust} = \dot{m} \cdot V_{exit} + (P_{exit} - P_{ambient}) \cdot A_{exit}$$

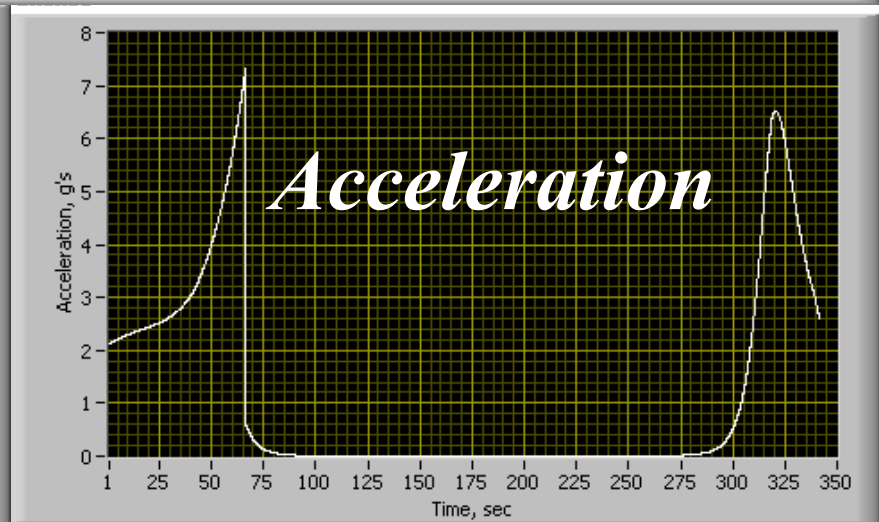
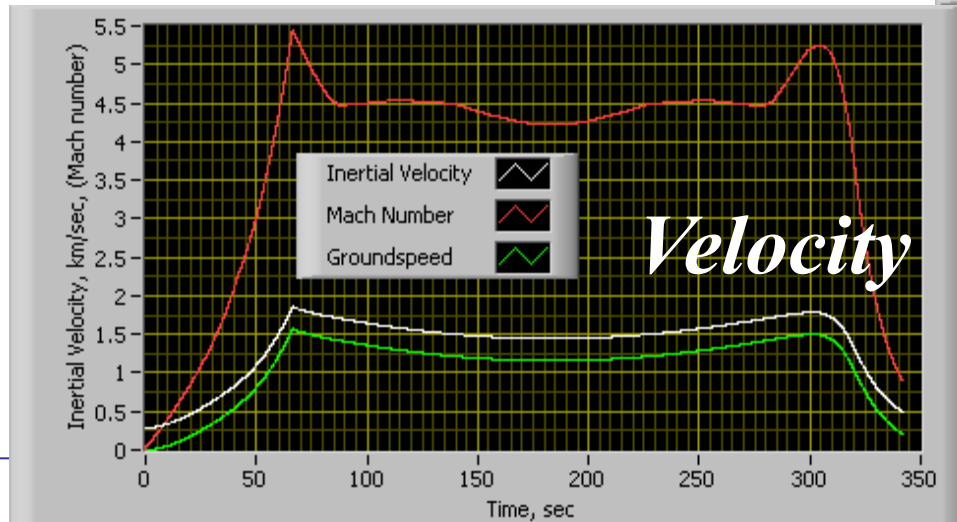
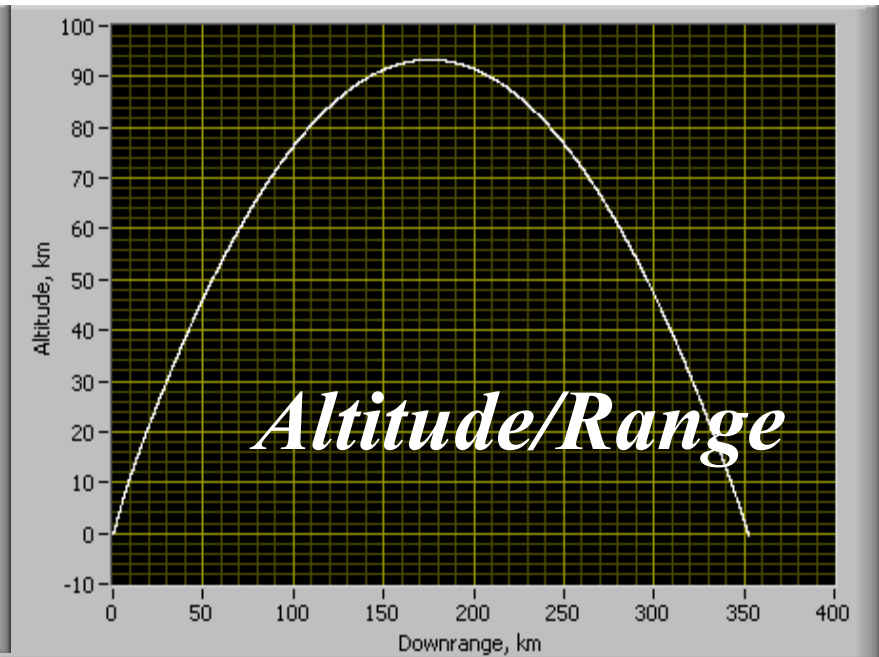
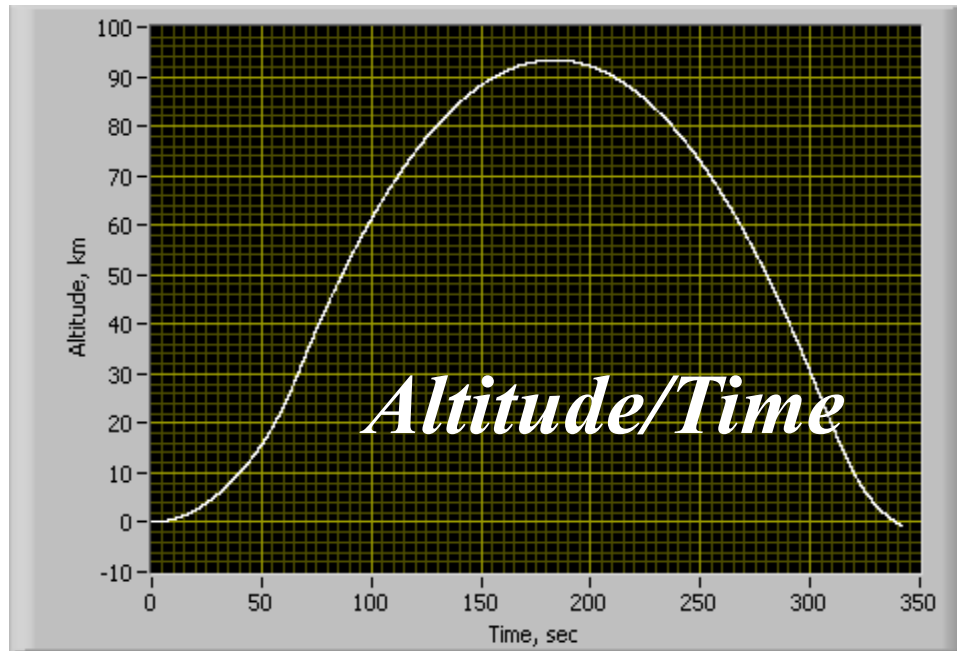
$$D_{rag} = C_D \cdot A_{ref} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot V^2 \right) = \frac{M(t) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot V^2 \right)}{\beta(t)}$$

## *Engine / Launch* *Mass Data*

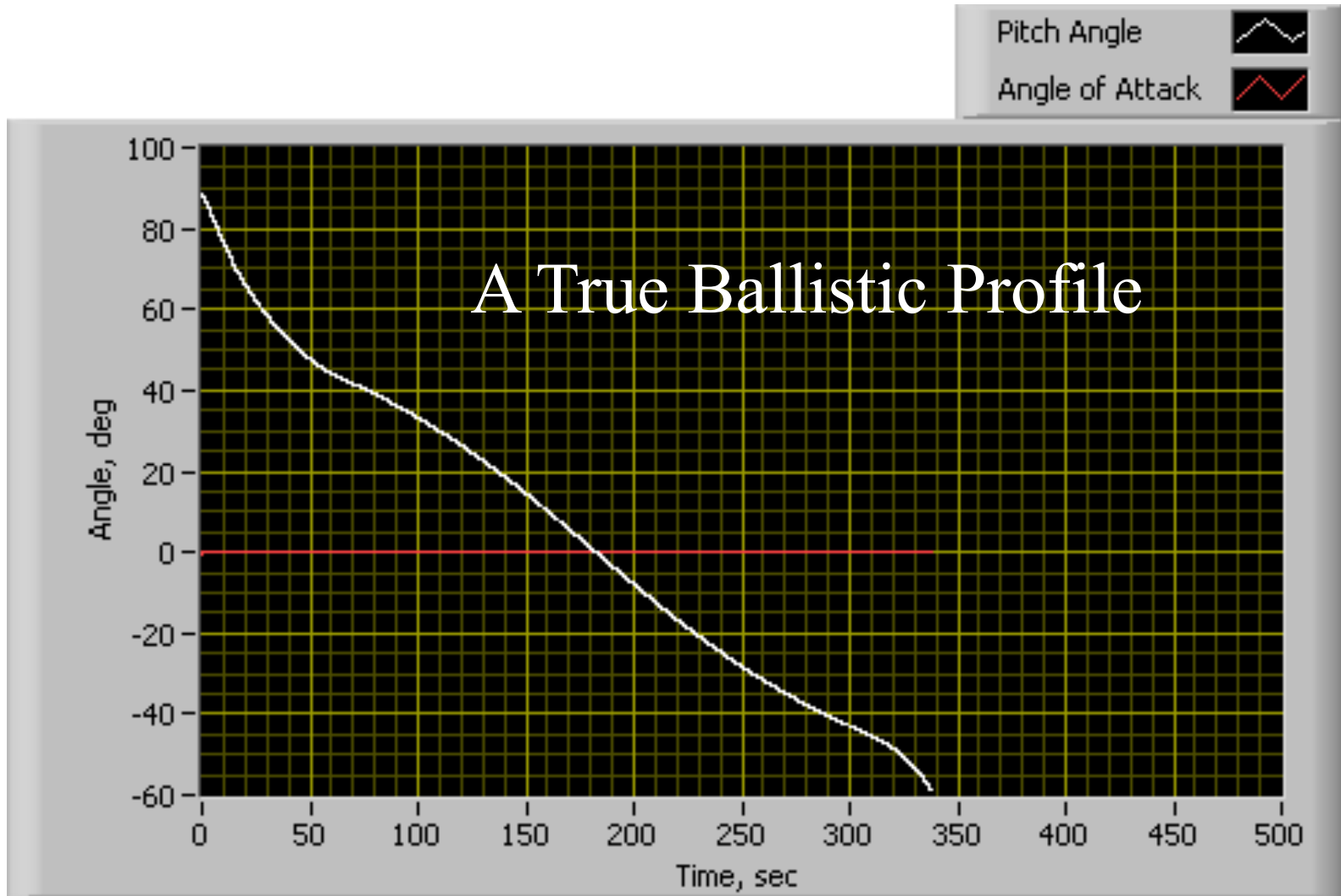
Structural mass (kg)	2.9644E+3	Exit Velocity (m/sec)	2.2000E+3
Initial Propellant mass (kg)	8.7970E+3	Exit Pressure (Pa)	4.11925E+4
Payload mass (kg)	1.04356E+3	Exit Area (M^2)	4.6439E-1
Nominal Massflow (kg/sec)	1.3303E+2	Stage #	1



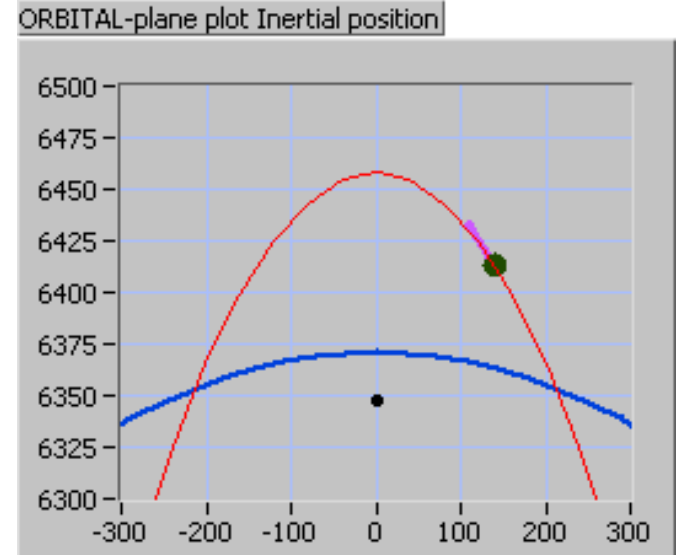
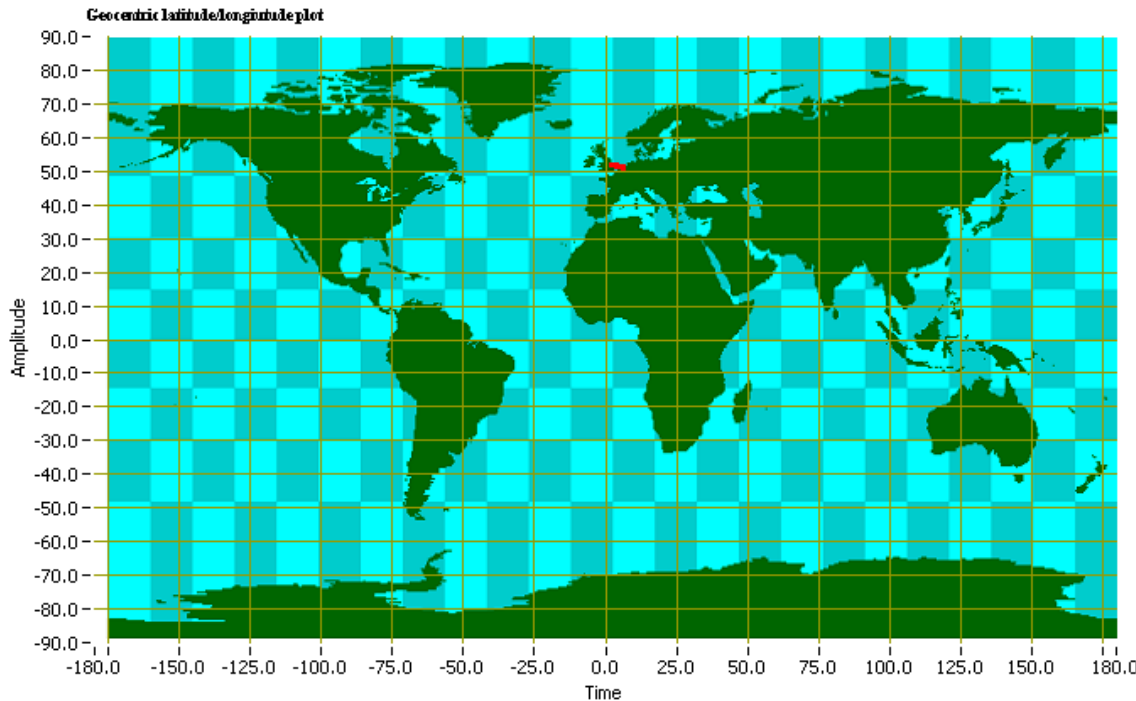
# V2 Computational Example (2)



# V2 Computational Example (3)



# V2 Computational Example (4)



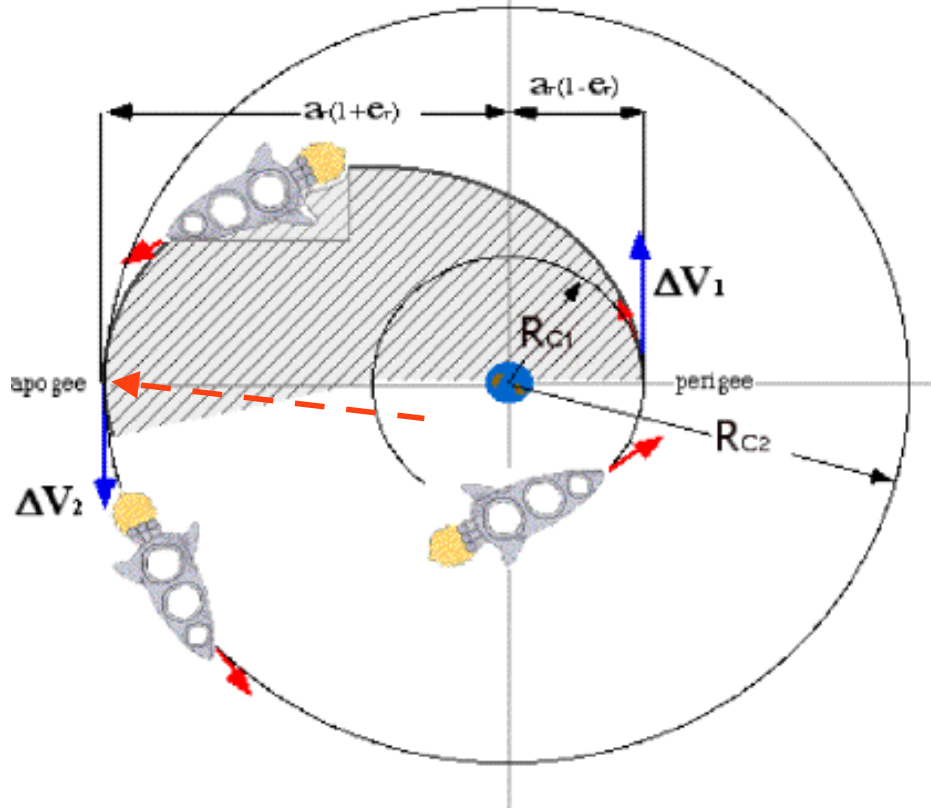
### Misc. INSTANTANEOUS Orbit Parameters

Orbit perigee (km)	Perigee altitude (km) OblateEARTH
111.18	-6253.81
Orbit apogee (km)	Apogee altitude (km) Oblate EARTH
6458.44	93.45

### Mean Orbit Parameters

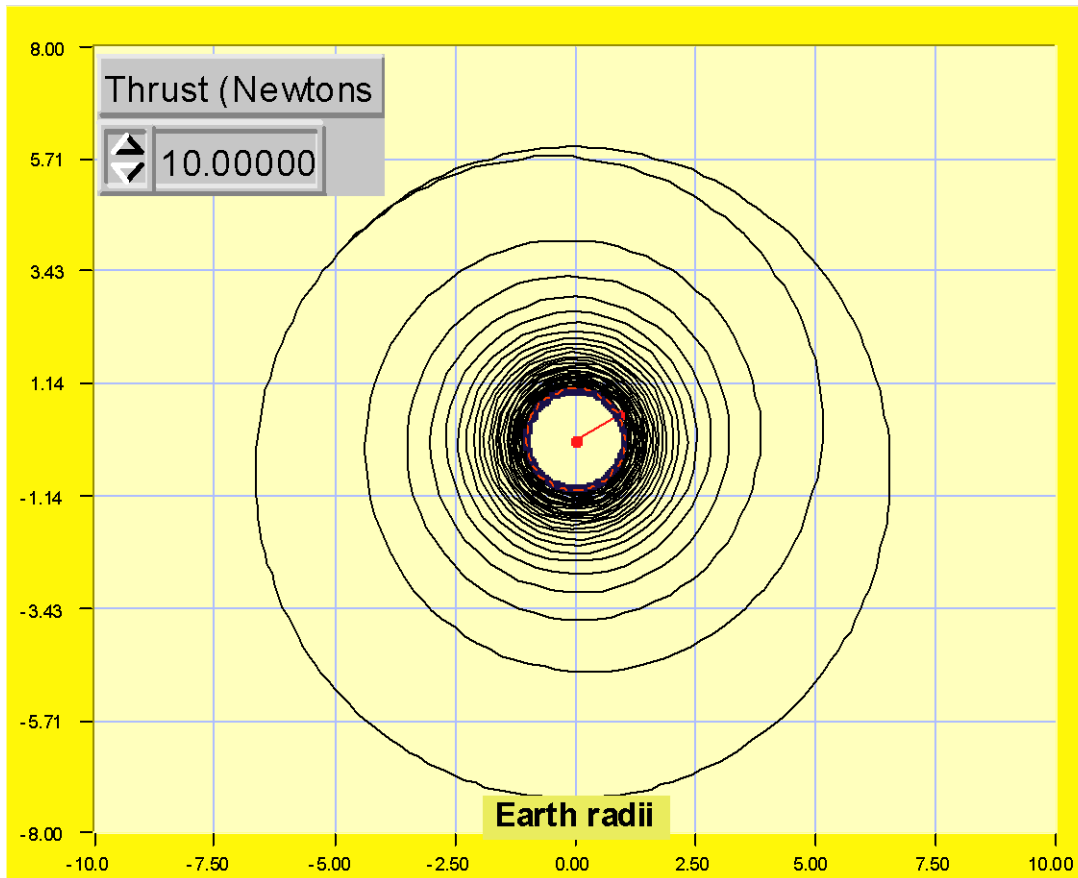
Perigee Altitude (km)	Remaining Propellant Mass for stage
-6259.82	1.00
Apogee Altitude (km)	Current time to apogee, sec
87.44	95.62

# Example II: Comparison of Constant Thrust Maneuver Versus Impulsive Maneuver



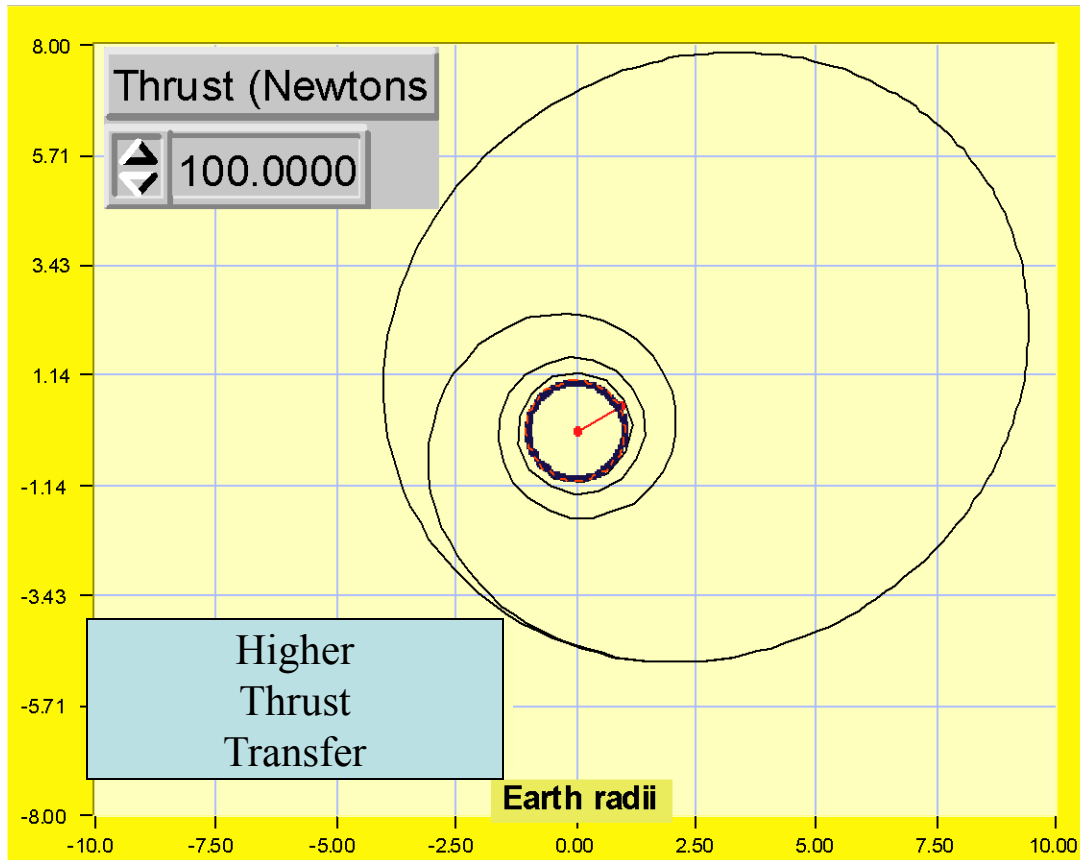
- *Hohmann transfer*
- ... *elliptical trajectory*
- ... *Kepler's laws*

# Comparison of Constant Thrust Maneuver Versus Impulsive Maneuver (cont'd)



- Continuous Thrust transfer

# Comparison of Constant Thrust Maneuver Versus Impulsive Maneuver (cont'd)



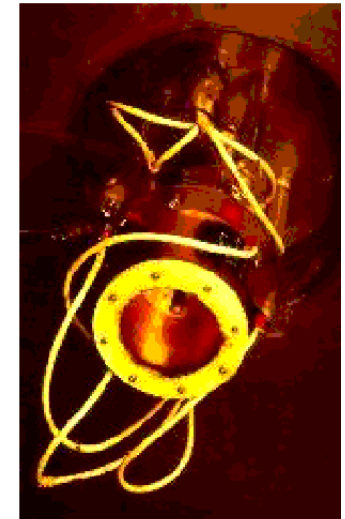
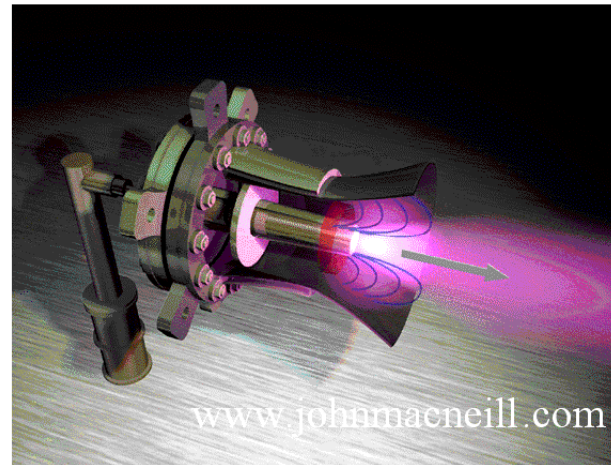
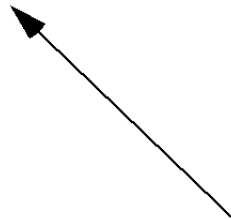
- Continuous Thrust transfer

# Worked EP Example

- **Continuous Thrust GTO**

## Magnetoplasmadynamic (MPD) Thruster

$I_{sp} = \sim 4500 \text{ sec}$   
 $\eta = 30\%$   
Thrust =  $\sim 1 \text{ N}$  (Steady)  
 $\sim 10 \text{ N}$  (Pulsed)



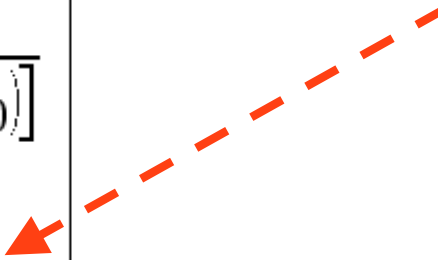
lets look at the extreme case (cause I don't want to wait all day for my code to run)

# Orbital Initial Conditions

• **Initial Orbit**  
 $\{t_0, a_0, e_0, v_0\}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_0 \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left[ \frac{a_0 [1 - e_0^2]}{1 + e_0 \cos(v_0)} \right] \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• **Initial Velocity**

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \end{bmatrix}_0 = r_0 \omega_0 \begin{bmatrix} \left[ \frac{e_0 \sin(v_0)}{1 + e_0 \cos(v_0)} \right] \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$




## Orbital Initial Conditions

- **Initial Angular Velocity**

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{[a_0 [1 - e_0^2]]^{3/2}} [1 + e_0 \cos(\nu_0)]^2$$

- $M_0 \equiv$  Initial Mass

## • Continuous Thrust GTO

Thrust (Newtons)

10.000000

Isp (seconds)

2500.0

• **MPD Thruster**

• **Initial Spacecraft Mass**

**1000kg**

• **Initial Orbit**

**6571 km,  $e=0.0$**

• **Initial Orbit Velocity**

**7.7885 km/sec**

Thrust (Newtons)



10.00000

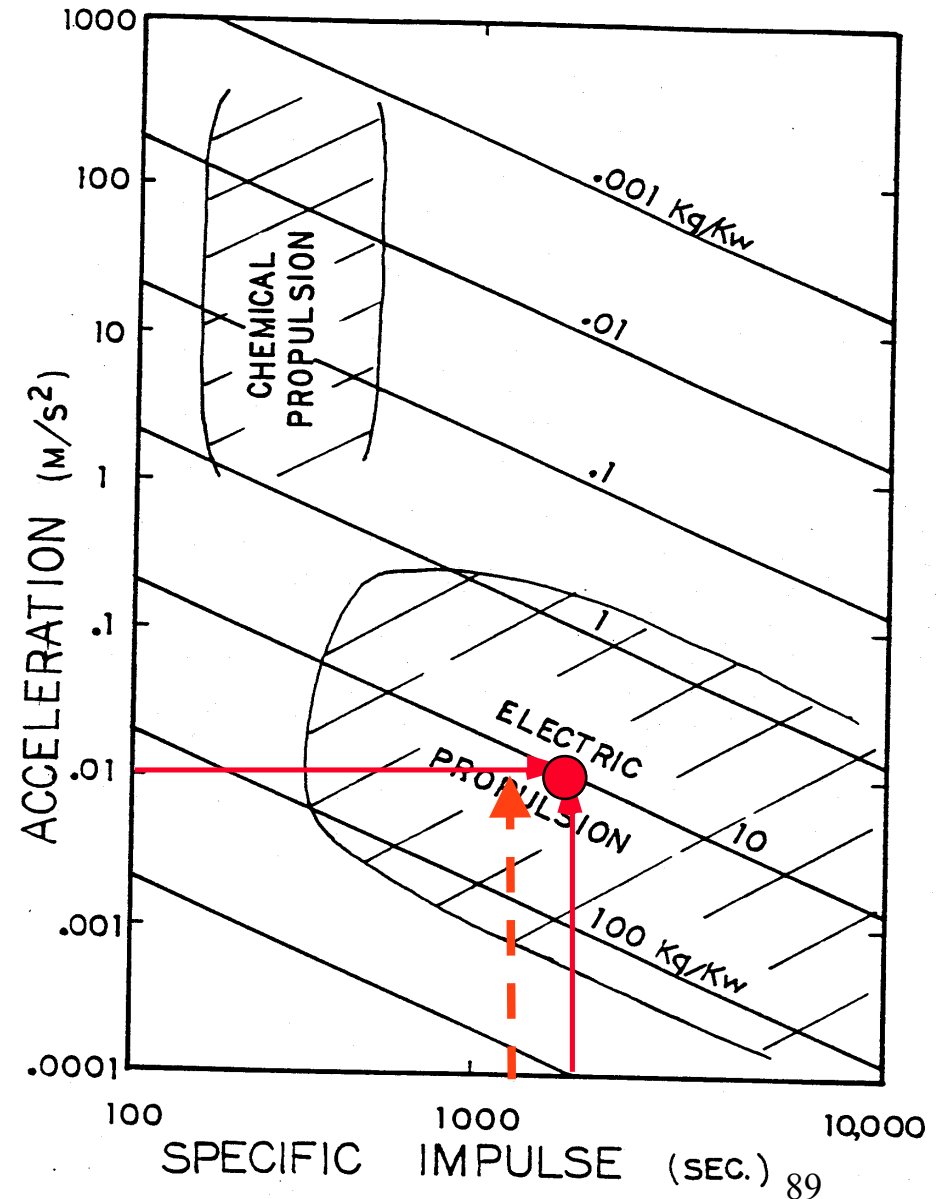
Isp (seconds)



2500.0

- **Initial  
Spacecraft Mass**

**1000kg**



• **Continuous Thrust GTO**

Thrust (Newtons)

↔ 10.00000

Isp (seconds)

↔ 2500.0

• **MPD Thruster**

Accumulated burn time (sec.)

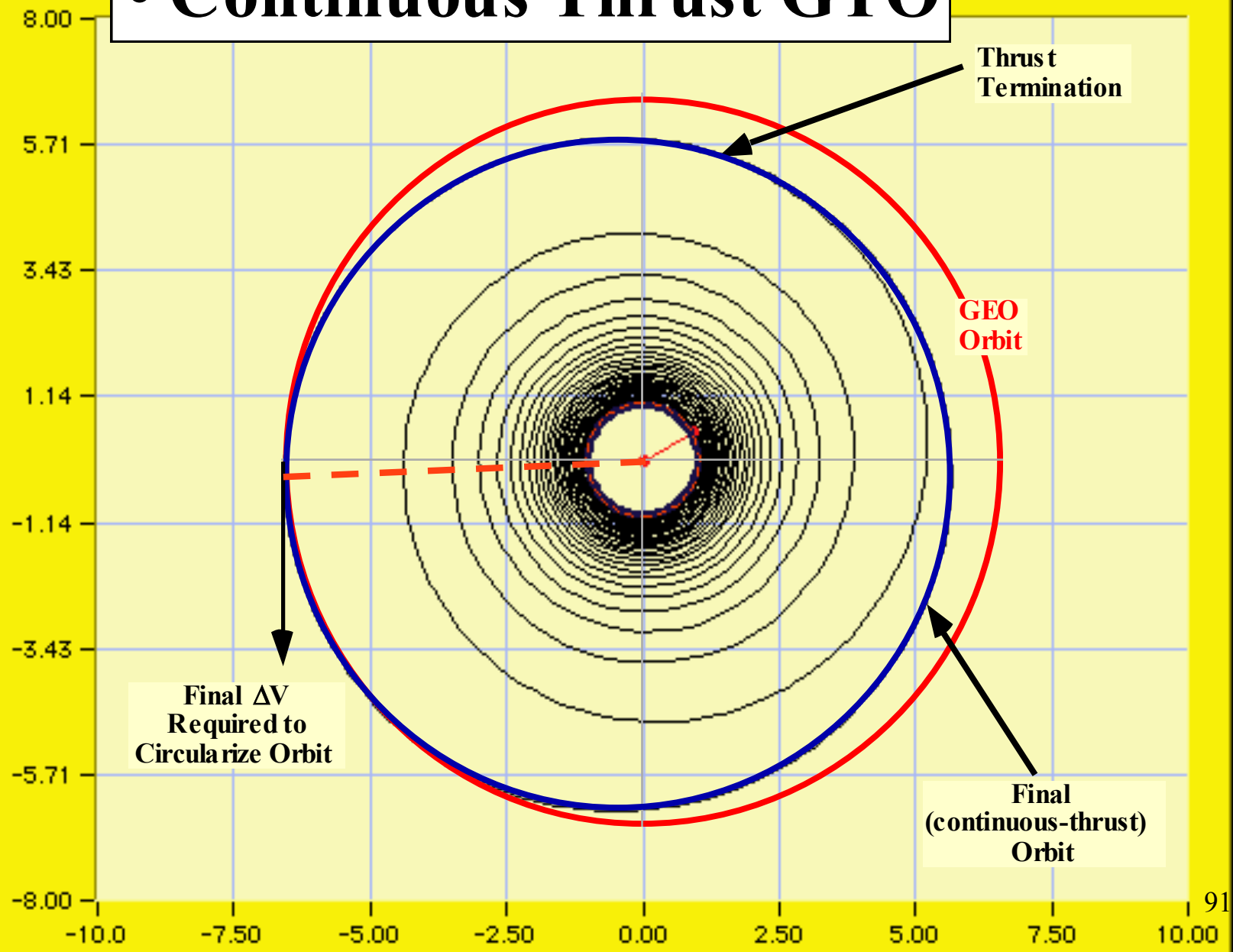
418000.00 **116 hrs**

• **Terminate Thrust when**  
 $a(1+e)$  **Instantaneous**  
**= 42164.2 km (Geo radius)**

• **Final Orbit**  
  
**a = 38830 km**

• **Final Orbit**  
  
**e = 0.08584**

## • Continuous Thrust GTO



• **Continuous Thrust GTO**

Thrust (Newtons)

⇌ 10.00000

Isp (seconds)

⇌ 2500.0

• **MPD Thruster**

• **Propellant Required to Reach Final GTO (elliptical)**

$$M_{\text{initial}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$M_{\text{final}} = 829.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{propellant}} M_{\text{mass}} = 170.5 \text{ kg}$$

• **Continuous Thrust GTO**

Thrust (Newtons)  
  
 Isp (seconds)

• **MPD Thruster**

- **$\Delta V$  required to circularize final orbit**

$$V_{GEO} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}} =$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{3.986 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{km}^3}{\text{sec}^2}}{42164.2 \text{ km}}} = 3.0746 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$$

# Worked Example (cont'd)

## • Continuous Thrust GTO

Thrust (Newtons)

↔ 10.00000

Isp (seconds)

↔ 2500.0

•  $\Delta V$  required to circularize final orbit

$$V_{GTO}^{(apogee)} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r} - \frac{\mu}{a}} =$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2 \times 3.986 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{km}^3}{\text{sec}^2}}{42164.2 \text{ km}} - \frac{3.986 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{km}^3}{\text{sec}^2}}{38830 \text{ km}}} = 2.9397 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$$

• MPD Thruster

$$\Delta V = 3.0746 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}} - 2.9397 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}} = 0.135 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$$



# Worked Example (cont'd)

## • Likely Need Conventional Propulsion for Final Burn

### • $I_{sp}$ 270 sec

Thrust (Newtons)

↔ 10.00000

$I_{sp}$  (seconds)

↔ 2500.0

• **MPD Thruster**

$$P_{mf} = e^{\frac{\Delta V}{g_0 I_{sp}}} - 1 =$$

$$e^{\left[ \frac{135.0 \frac{m}{sec}}{9.806 \frac{m}{sec^2} 270 sec} \right]} - 1 = .0523$$

# Worked Example (cont'd)

## • Conventional Propulsion Final Burn

Thrust (Newtons)

↔ 10.00000

Isp (seconds)

↔ 2500.0

• **MPD Thruster**

$$P_{mf} + 1 = \frac{M_{\text{propellant}}}{M_{\text{final}}} + \frac{M_{\text{final}}}{M_{\text{final}}} =$$

$$\frac{M_{\text{propellant}} + M_{\text{final}}}{M_{\text{final}}} \Rightarrow 1.0523 = \frac{829.5 \text{ kg}}{M_{\text{final}}}$$

↓

$$M_{\text{final}} = \frac{829.5 \text{ kg}}{1.0523} = 788.2 \text{ kg} \Rightarrow$$

$$M_{\text{propellant}} = 829.5 \text{ kg} - 788.2 \text{ kg} = 41.2 \text{ kg}$$

# Worked Example (cont'd)

## • Total Propellant Mass Fraction for GEO Transfer

Thrust (Newtons)

↔ 10.00000

Isp (seconds)

↔ 2500.0

### • Continuous Thrust

$$P_{mf} = \frac{M_{\text{propellant}}}{M_{\text{final}}} =$$

### • MPD Thruster

$$\frac{41.2 \text{ kg} + 170.5 \text{ kg}}{788.2 \text{ kg}} = 0.26858 \text{ wow!}$$

# Compare to Hohmann transfer using Conventional Propulsion

- $I_{sp}$  270 sec

"delta Vee" data

DV Orbit 1 (KM/sec)

2.45536

DV Orbit 2 (KM/sec)

1.47723

DV Total (KM/sec)

3.93259

## • WHAT IS PROPELLANT FRACTION?

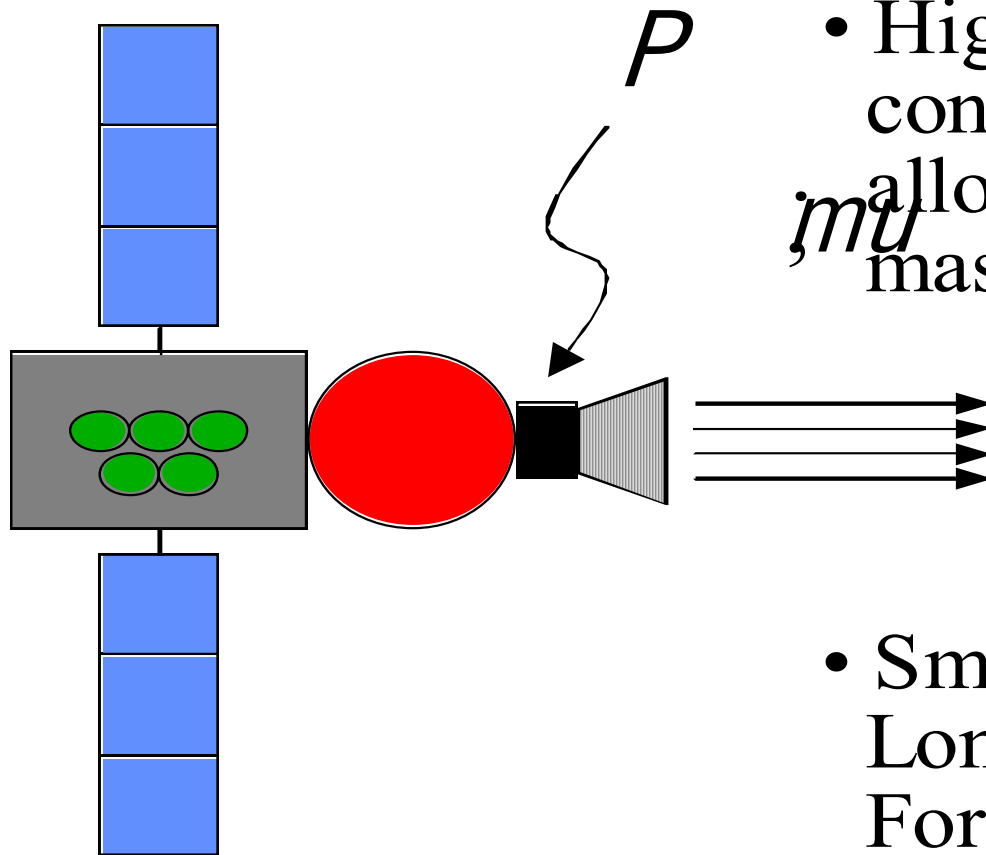
$$P_{mf} = e^{\frac{\Delta V}{g_0 I_{sp}}} - 1 =$$

$$\frac{3932.59 \frac{m}{sec}}{9.806 \frac{m}{sec^2} 270 sec} - 1 = 3.4164$$

- Final Mass 788.2 kg  
requires ... 2692.8 of propellant!  
Versus 211.7 kg for **EP**

# EP, in the Right Circumstances

## Big Advantages

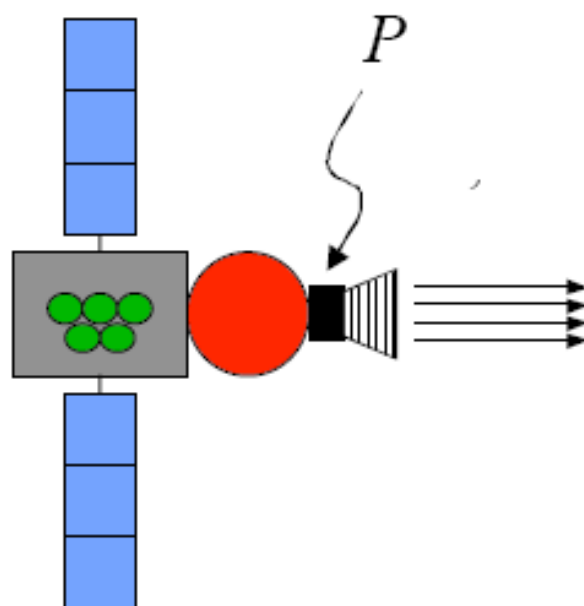


- High Isp continuous thrust allows small propellant mass fractions

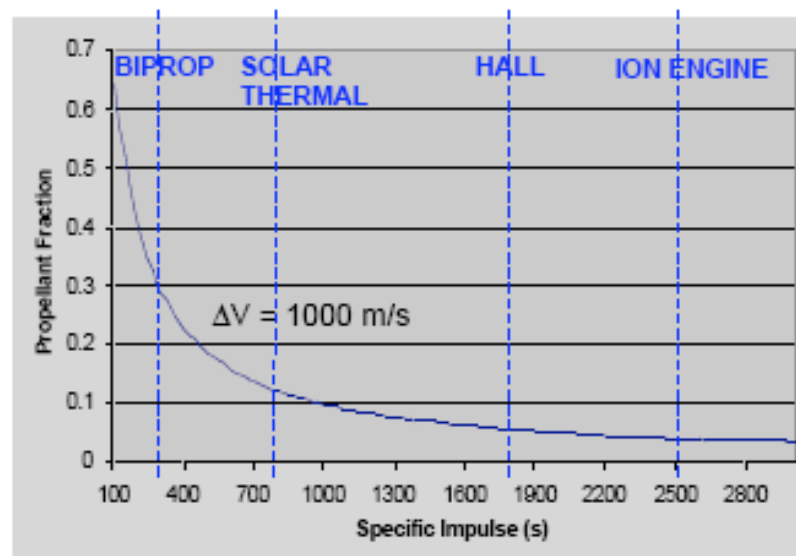
- Small Thrust Requires Long Operating Life For Engine

# EP, in the Right Circumstances

## Benefits of Electric Propulsion



<b>Chemical</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Solar Thermal</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Nuclear Thermal</b>	<b>800+</b>
<b>Electric</b>	<b>ANY</b>



# Typical Parameters of Small Thrusters

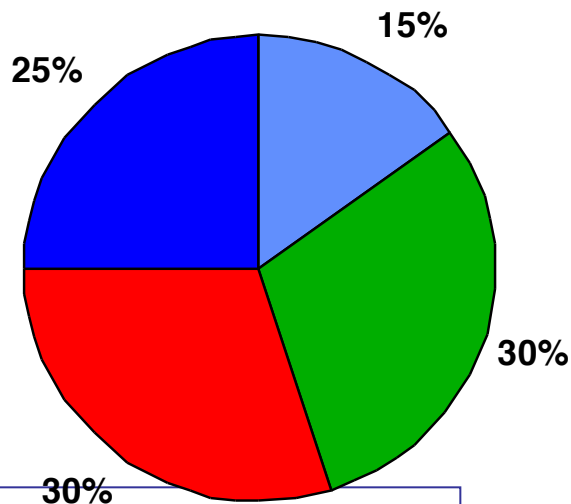
Thruster	$I_{sp}$ (s)	$\eta$	Thrust
Solid Rocket Motor	185	90+%	100+ N
Chemical Bipropellant	315	95+%	>2 N
Arcjets	~500 - 700s >1000 s ( $H_2$ )	~30%	0.1-1 N
Pulsed Plasma Thruster	200-1500	~15%	2 $\mu$ N – 4.5 mN
Colloid Thruster	450-1350	~50%	20 $\mu$ N
Hall Thruster	1500-3000	~50-60%	1.8–500 mN
Ion Thrusters	1700-3900 s	~65%	1-100 mN
Field Emission Thruster	6000-9000 s	~90%	40 $\mu$ N – 1.4 mN

**Electric Propulsion Thrusters**

# Benefits of Electric Propulsion

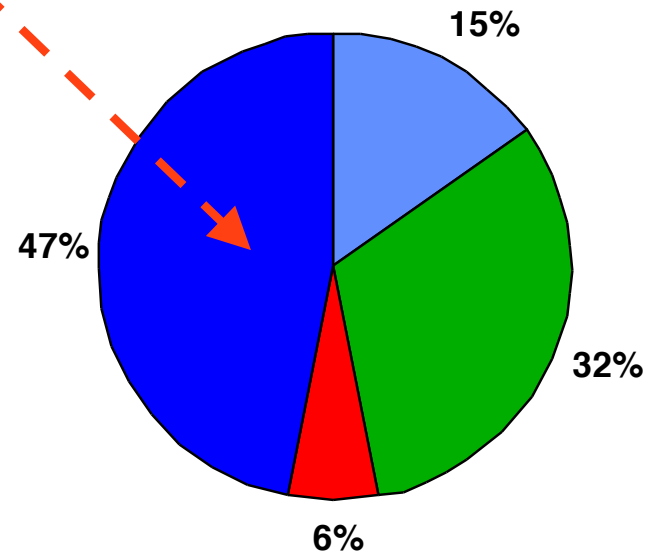
## Chemical

- Structure
- Bus
- Propellant
- Payload



## Electric

- Structure
- Bus
- Propellant
- Payload





## Major Project 1 ...

- Look at problem of transferring satellite to MEO (GPS) from Initial LEO Orbit

- Code Continuous Thrust Example

- $a_{LEO} = 8530\text{km}$ ,  $a_{MEO} = 13,200\text{ km}$
- Thrust (electric)  $\sim 10\text{ Nt}$ ,  $I_{sp} \text{ (electric)} = 2000\text{ sec}$
- Kick motor  $I_{sp} = 270\text{ sec}$   $F_{kick} = 2000\text{ Nt}$ ,

- Include a *Thrust Termination* Criterion which puts you in the proper final transfer orbit (apogee tangent to desired MEO Orbit)

- Calculate  $\Delta V$  required to circularize final orbit  
+ *propellant mass*

Assume 270 Isp  
For Apogee Kick  
Motor

- For continuous thrust problem .. assume final Orbit insertion  $\Delta V$  is delivered impulsively with Apogee Kick Motor  $I_{sp} = 270\text{ sec}$  .....
- Ignore atmospheric drag

Part a)

• *Continuous Small Thrust Problem*

Terminate thrust when

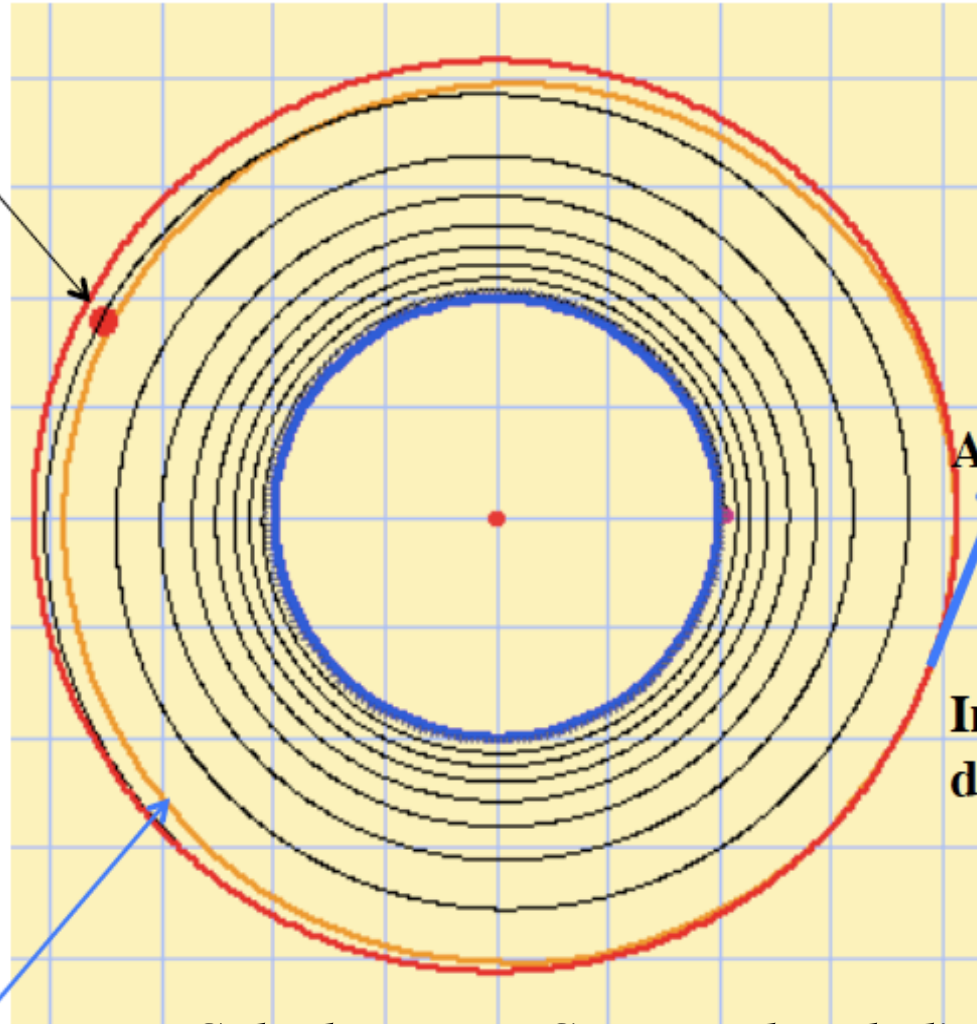
$$R_{apogee} = a \cdot (1 + e)$$

$$= 13,200 \text{ km}$$

Calculate:

- 1) Propellant mass req. For continuous transfer
- 2) Propellant mass req. For kick delta  $V$  (*impulsive*) (orbit circularization)
- 3) Final mass = 1000 kg

Orbit coast



Assume

$$\Delta V_{kick} @ 270_{sec} I_{sp}$$

Impulsively delivered

• *Calculate Mass Consumed Including Kick*

## Part a)

### • *Continuous Small Thrust Problem*

... compare continuous thrust propellant mass calculations against Hohmann transfer calculations .. Assuming impulsively delivered Delta V for each burn

Burn 1:  $I_{sp} = 2000$  sec

Burn 2:  $I_{sp} = 270$  sec

... what can you conclude about the accuracy of the rocket equations and the impulsive Delta V assumption when applied to a long duration non-impulsive burn?

## Part a) Continuous Small Thrust

... Implement *both* Trapezoidal and Runge-Kutta Integration schemes

... Assume continuous thrust transfer to transfer orbit apogee using EP device, final orbit insertion using high thrust kick motor

... compare algorithm performance as Time interval  $\Delta T$  becomes progressively larger

... Is there a point where algorithm blows up?

## Part b) Continuous Large Thrust Analysis

Terminate thrust when

$$R_{apogee} = a \cdot (1 + e)$$

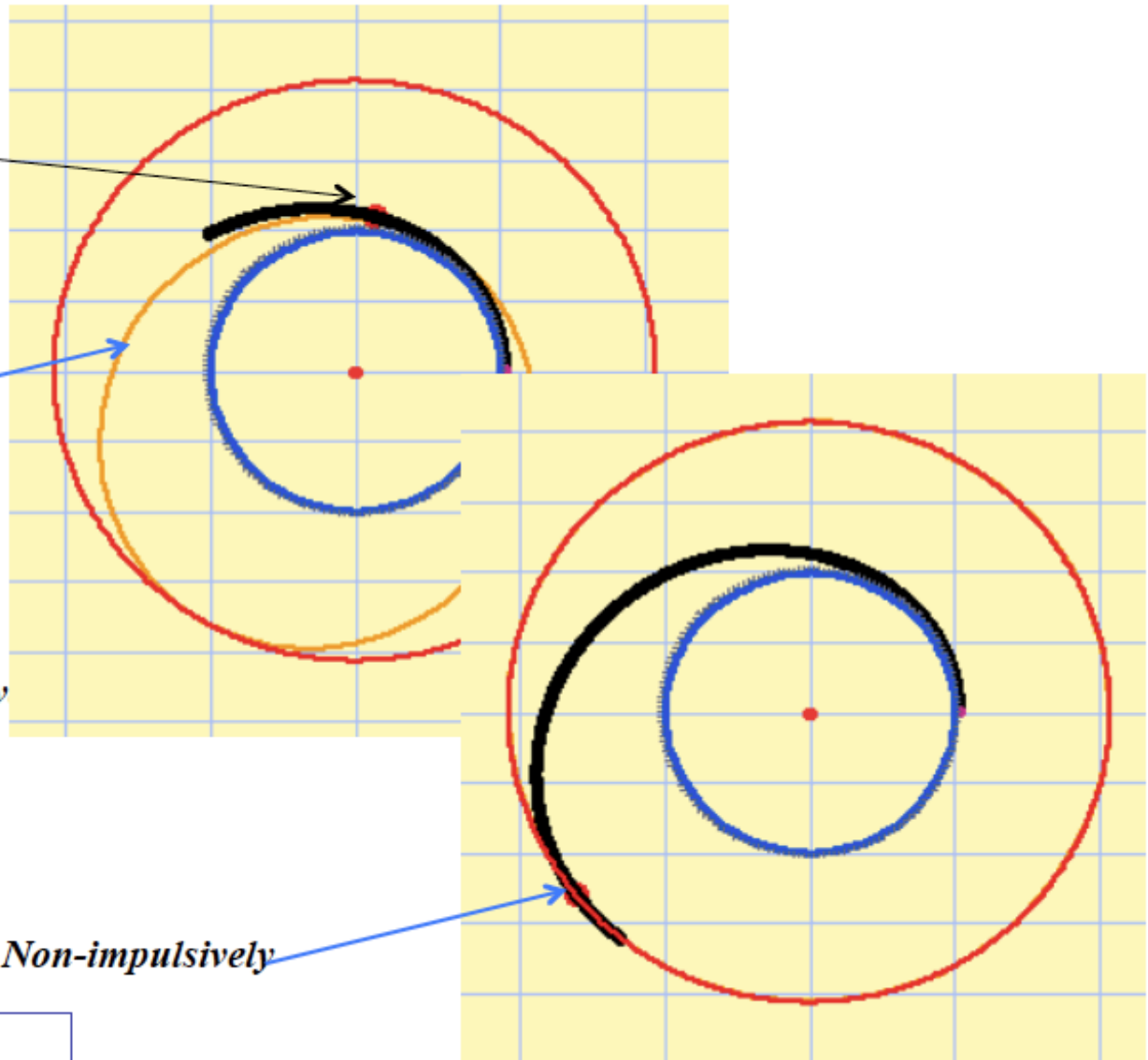
$$= 13,200 \text{ km}$$

Calculate:

- 1) Propellant mass req.  
For continuous transfer
- 2) Propellant mass req.  
For kick delta V (*non - impulsiv*)  
(orbit circularization)
- 3) Final mass = 1000 kg

**Orbit coast**

*Final Delta V delivered Non-impulsively*



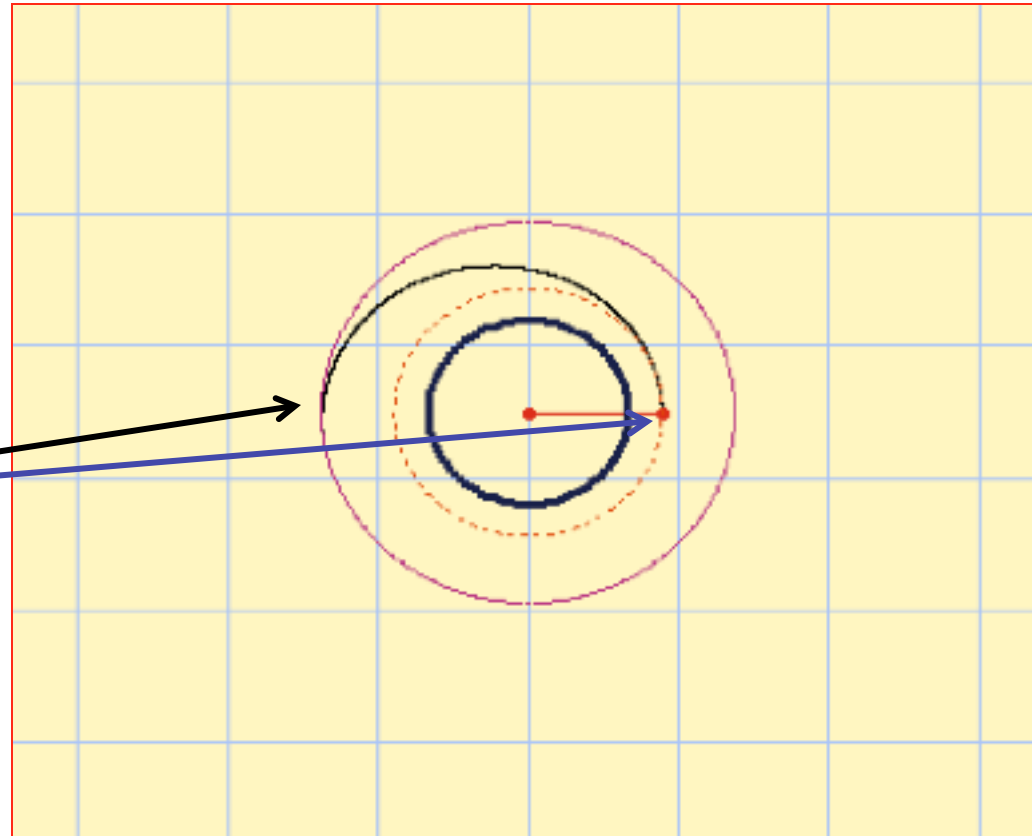
- Part b, Hohmann Transfer Calculations

***Hohmann Transfer:***

$$I_{sp} = 270 \text{ sec}$$

$$F_{thrust} = 2000 \text{ Nt}$$

- ***Impulsive Burn Calculations***



- Calculate Mass Consumed Including Kick

- **Continuous Large Thrust Problem**

... compare Hohmann Transfer for 2000 Nt Rocket (assuming impulsive thrust) Versus 2000 Nt rocket with Non Impulsive Thrust .... Also compare consumed masses to High  $I_{sp}$  Continuous Thrust transfer

... what can you conclude about the accuracy of the rocket equation and the impulsive Delta V assumption when applied to a short duration non-impulsive burn?

... what can you conclude about the effect of  $I_{sp}$  on required propellant mass?

- Part c ... **Bonus (1 point)** .. Work continuous large Thrust problem with non-impulsive burns at both ends

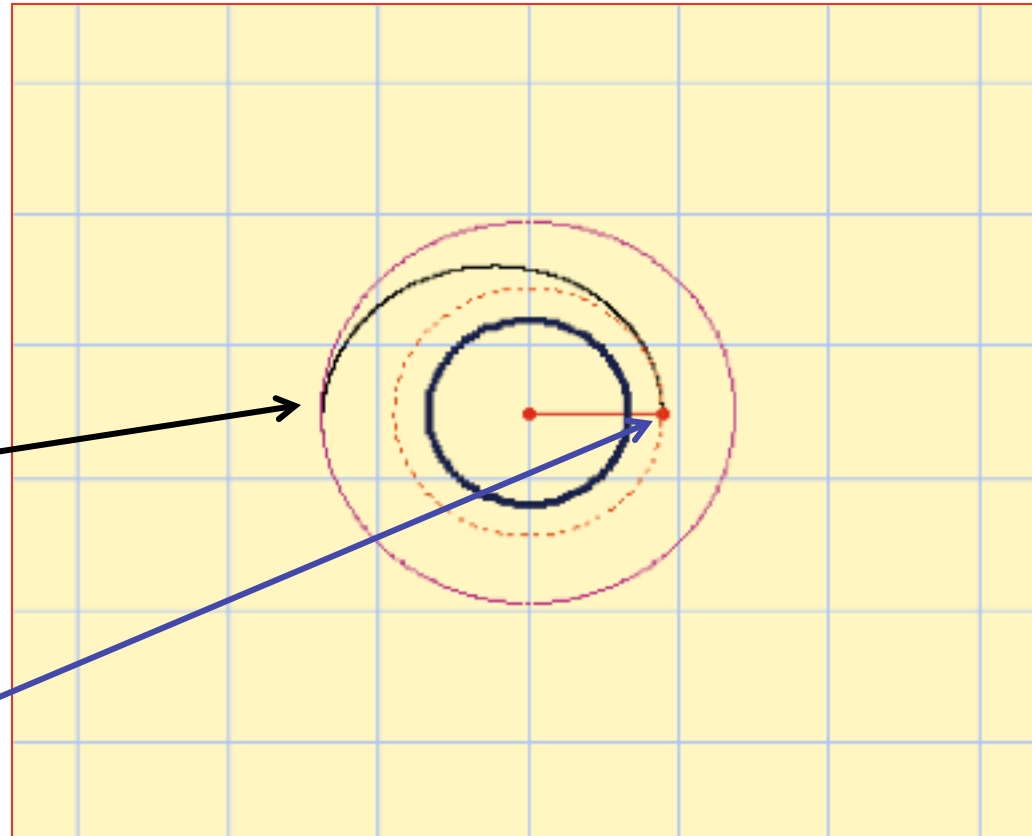
***Hohmann Transfer:***

$$I_{sp} = 270 \text{ sec}$$

$$F_{thrust} = 2000 \text{ Nt}$$

- ***Non-Impulsive Burn Calculations***

- ***Continuous Thrust Burn Calculations***





## • Continuous Large Thrust Problem

- Assume BOTH burns are performed non-impulsively  
Terminate burn thrust when

$$R_{apogee} = a \cdot (1 + e)$$
$$= 13,200 \text{ km}$$

- **You decide** when and how long to initiate the second burn to circularize the orbit
- Assume for large thrust .... 2000 Nt thrust (both burns) ... Isp = 270 sec
- Calculate required propellant mass for Burn1, Burn2 (and Total)
- Use integrator of your choice ... calculate actual delivered Delta V  
Based on consumed mass ... using rocket equation

## Project Hints (1)

Position within initial orbit:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r \\ \nu \end{bmatrix}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_0(1 - e_0^2)}{1 + e_0 \cos(\nu_0)} \\ \nu_0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{circular orbit} \rightarrow e_0 = 0 \\ \text{can assume} \rightarrow \nu_0 = 0 \rightarrow a_0 = r_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Angular velocity within initial orbit:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\mu} [1 + e_0 \cos(\nu_0)]^2}{[a_0(1 - e_0^2)]^{3/2}} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{circular orbit} \rightarrow e_0 = 0 \\ \text{can assume} \rightarrow \nu_0 = 0, a_0 = r_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\mu} [1 + e_0 \cos(\nu_0)]^2}{[a_0(1 - e_0^2)]^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{r_0} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_0}}$$

## Project Hints (2)

Linear Velocity within initial orbit:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \end{bmatrix}_0 = r_0 \omega_0 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{e_0 \sin[\nu_0]}{[1 + e_0 \cos(\nu_0)]} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{circular orbit} \rightarrow e_0 = 0 \\ \text{can assume} \rightarrow \nu_0 = 0, a_0 = r_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \end{bmatrix}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r_0 \omega_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_0}} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Project Hints (3)

Instantaneous (no-nonconservative forces acting) Keplerian orbit  $\rightarrow$  given :  $\begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_v \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} r \\ v \end{bmatrix}$

$$a = \frac{\mu}{\left[ \frac{2\mu}{r} - [V_r^2 + V_v^2] \right]}$$

$$e = \frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left( V_v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right)^2 + (V_r V_v)^2}$$

$$r_{perigee} = a(1 - e)$$

$$r_{apogee} = a(1 + e)$$

# Appendix 1: Airspeed Calculation Examples

# Airspeed, $Q_{bar}$ , Example

- Example:

A Rocket launches at an inertial flight path angle of  $85^\circ$  at an azimuth angle of  $65^\circ$  from true north

The inertial velocity is 1 km/sec, the altitude is 10 km, and

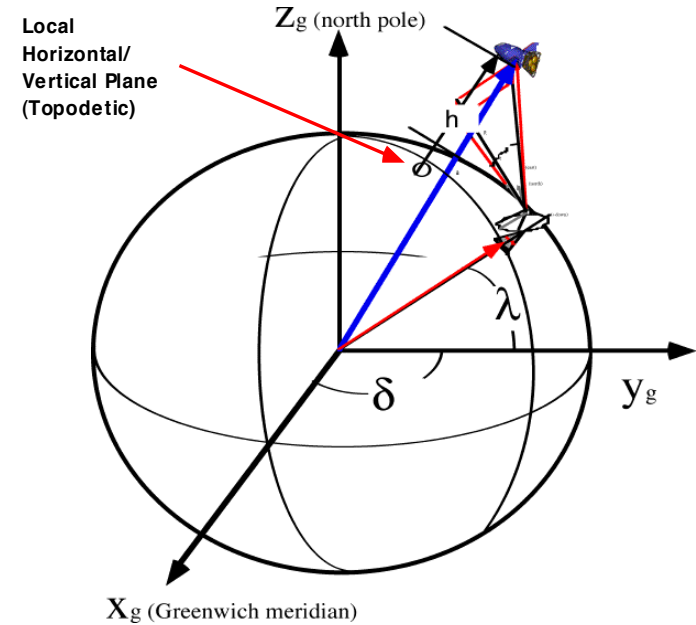
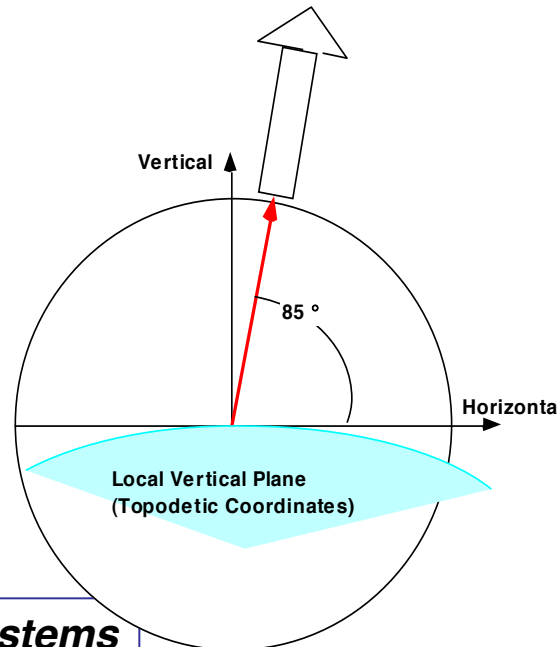
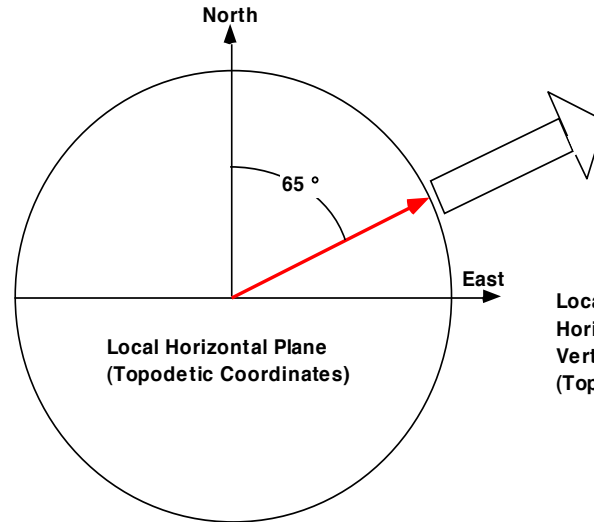
The upper level winds at 10 km are blowing from the east at  $75^\circ$  from true north at 50 m/sec

The current launch latitude is  $35^\circ$  north

What is the airspeed? Dynamic Pressure? What is mach number?

# Airspeed, $Q_{bar}$ , Example (cont'd)

- Look  
At local earth  
Tangent plane  
Velocities



## Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

- Calculate North, east, and vertical Inertial Velocity Components

$$\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} \right)_{vertical} = \bar{V}_{inertial} \sin(\gamma) =$$
$$1000 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 85\right) = 996.2 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} \right)_{north} = \bar{V}_{inertial} \cos(\gamma) \cos(Az) =$$
$$1000 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 85\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 65\right) = 36.83 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} \right)_{east} = \bar{V}_{inertial} \cos(\gamma) \sin(Az) =$$
$$1000 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 85\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 65\right) = 78.99 \text{ m/sec}$$



# Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

- Calculate  $V_{\text{earth}}$  (Inertial Boost)

$$\text{Velocity} = V_e * \cos(\text{lat}) = 0.4638 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 35\right) = 379.9 \text{ m/sec}$$

Latitude	cos(lat)	velocity (km/sec)	velocity (ft/sec)
0	1	0.4638	1521
10	0.98481	0.45675	1497.89259
20	0.93969	0.43583	1429.27248
30	0.86603	0.40166	1317.22464
40	0.76604	0.35529	1165.15360
50	0.64279	0.29812	977.67995
60	0.50000	0.23190	760.50000
70	0.34202	0.15863	520.21264
80	0.17365	0.08054	264.11888
90	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

“east” Direction

# Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

- Calculate Wind velocities

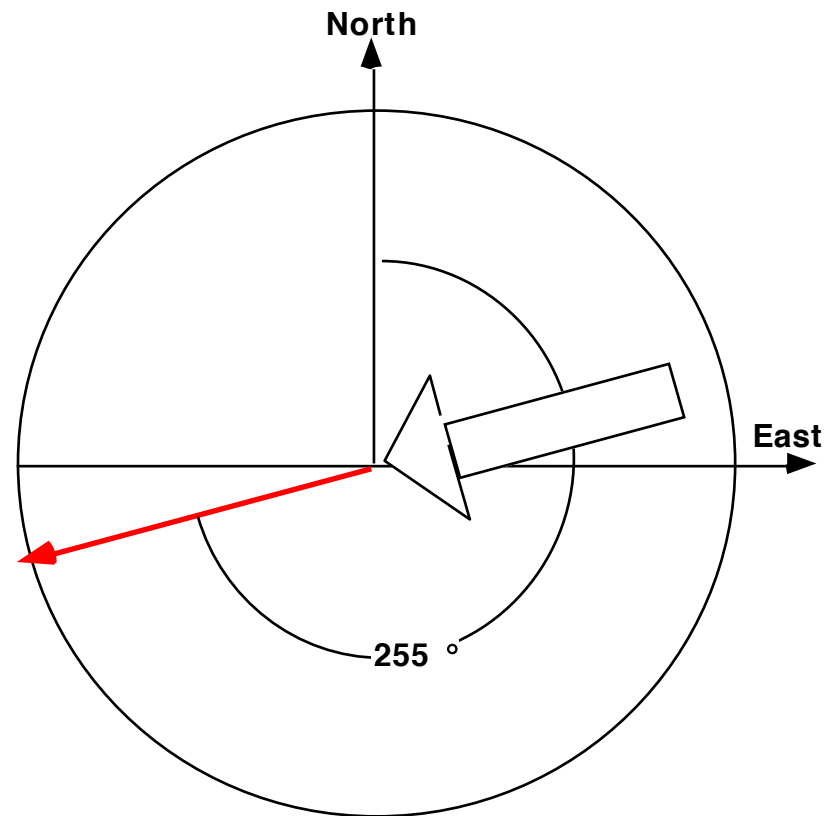
The upper level winds at 10 km are blowing *from the east* at  $75^\circ$   
From true north at 50 m/sec

$$\left( \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{north} = \bar{V}_{wind} \cos(\Psi_{wind}) =$$

$$50 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 255\right) = -12.941 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\left( \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{east} = \bar{V}_{wind} \sin(\Psi_{wind}) =$$

$$50 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 255\right) = -48.296 \text{ m/sec}$$



Local Horizontal Plane  
(Topodetic Coordinates)

# Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

- Add up components and take airspeed magnitude

$$V_{\infty} = \left\| \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right\|$$

$$V_{\infty} = \sqrt{\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{north}^2 + \left( \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{east}^2 + \left( \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{vertical}^2} =$$

$$\left( (36.83 - 0 - (-12.941))^2 + (78.99 - 379.9 - (-48.296))^2 + 996.2^2 \right)^{0.5}$$

=1028.93 m/sec ---> Airspeed is actually greater than the Inertial speed in this case

# Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

- Compute Dynamic Pressure
- US 1977 Standard Atmosphere

Altitude (km)	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Temperature, deg. K
 10.0000	0.41270	223.15

$$\bar{q} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} V_{\infty}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{0.4127 (1028.93^2)}{1000} = 218.46 \text{ kpa (4562.6 psf Ouch!)}$$

- Compute Mach number

$$c = \sqrt{\gamma R_g T_{\infty}} = (1.4 \cdot 287.055 \cdot 223.15)^{0.5} = 299.46 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$M_{\infty} = V_{\infty} / c = 1028.93 / 299.46 = 3.44$$

# Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

- How about a due east launch under same conditions with inertial velocity of 2 km/sec and flight path angle of 45°

$$\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} \right)_{vertical} = \bar{V}_{inertial} \sin(\gamma) =$$
$$2000 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 45\right) = 1414.2 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} \right)_{north} = \bar{V}_{inertial} \cos(\gamma) \cos(Az) =$$
$$2000 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 45\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 90\right) = 0.0 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} \right)_{east} = \bar{V}_{inertial} \cos(\gamma) \sin(Az) =$$
$$2000 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 45\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 90\right) = 1414.2 \text{ m/sec}$$

# Airspeed, Qbar, Example (cont'd)

$$V_{\infty} = \left\| \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right\|$$

$$V_{\infty} =$$

$$\sqrt{\left( \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{north}^2 + \left( \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{east}^2 + \left( \bar{V}_{inertial} - \bar{V}_{earth} - \bar{V}_{wind} \right)_{vertical}^2} =$$

$$\left( (0 - 0 - (-12.941))^2 + (1414.2 - 379.9 - (-48.296))^2 + 1414.2^2 \right)^{0.5}$$

=1781.05 m/sec ---> Airspeed in this case is less than airspeed ... it all depends on the direction that you launch!

# Appendix 2: Launch Initial Conditions

# Initial Conditions

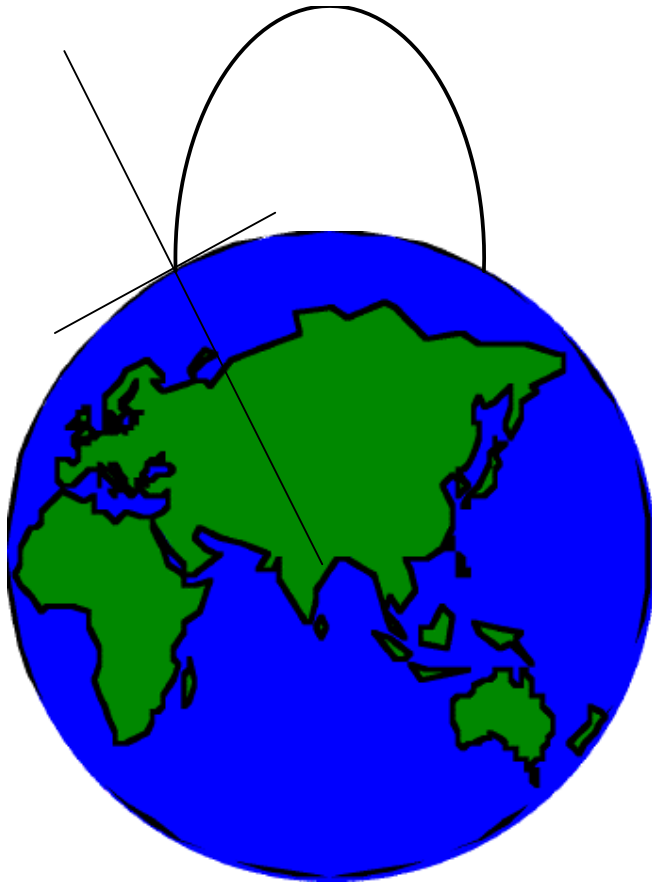
$$\dot{X} = f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta]$$

$$\dot{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_v \\ \dot{r} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{m} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow f[X, F_{thrust}, \theta] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{V_v^2}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \cos(\gamma) - F_{drag} \sin(\gamma) + F_{thrust} \sin(\theta)}{m} - \frac{\mu}{r^2} \\ - \left[ \frac{V_r V_v}{r} + \frac{F_{lift} \sin(\gamma) + F_{drag} \cos(\gamma) - F_{thrust} \cos(\theta)}{m} \right] \\ V_r \\ \frac{V_v}{r} \\ - \frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \gamma = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right] \\ \theta = \gamma + \alpha \end{cases}$$

Need starting conditions for state vector X



# Initial Conditions: Ground Launch, Rotating Earth



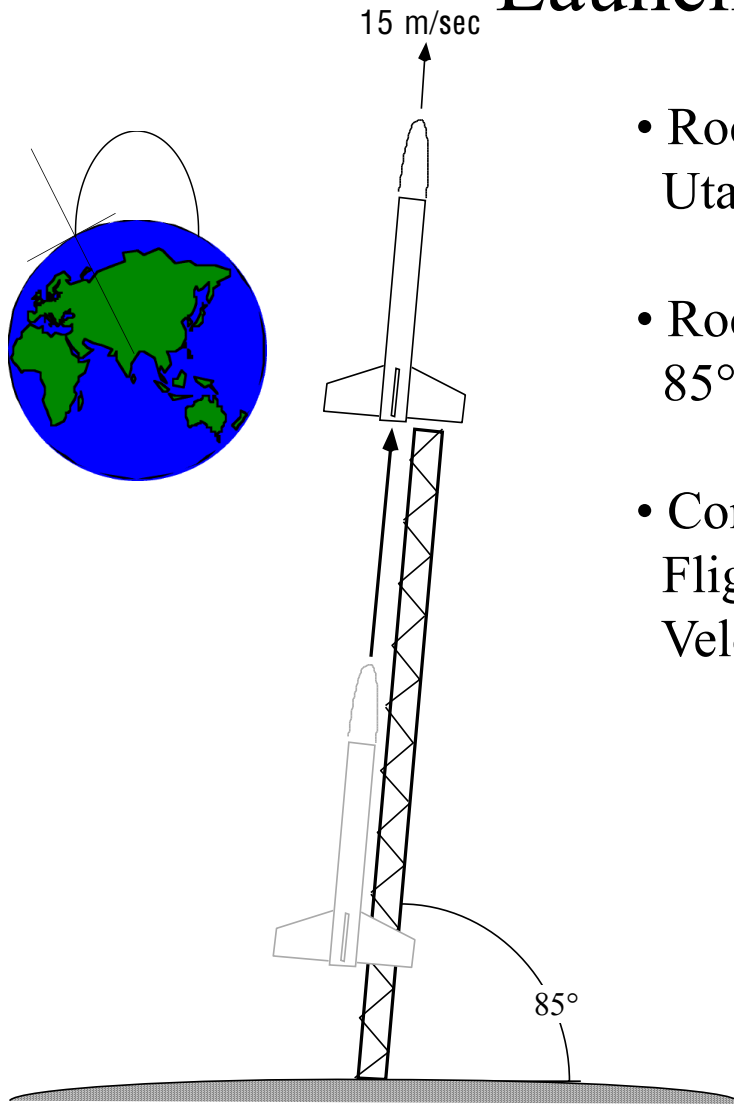
- Inertial Flight Path Angle

$$\gamma_{inertial} = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v} \right]$$

- Ground Relative Flight Path Angle

$$\gamma_{ground} = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{V_r}{V_v - V_{E_{eq}} \cos(Lat)} \right]$$

# Launch I.C. Example:



- Rocket Launch from Green River  
Utah -- 38° N. latitude, 3970 ft. altitude (1.21 km)
- Rocket Leaves Launch Rail at  
85° angle to Local Vertical
- Compute Ground Relative, Inertial  
Flight path Angle, Initial Position,  
Velocity Vector

Solar day: 86164.1 sec

$\Omega_{\text{earth}}$ : 7.292115e-05 rad/sec

# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)

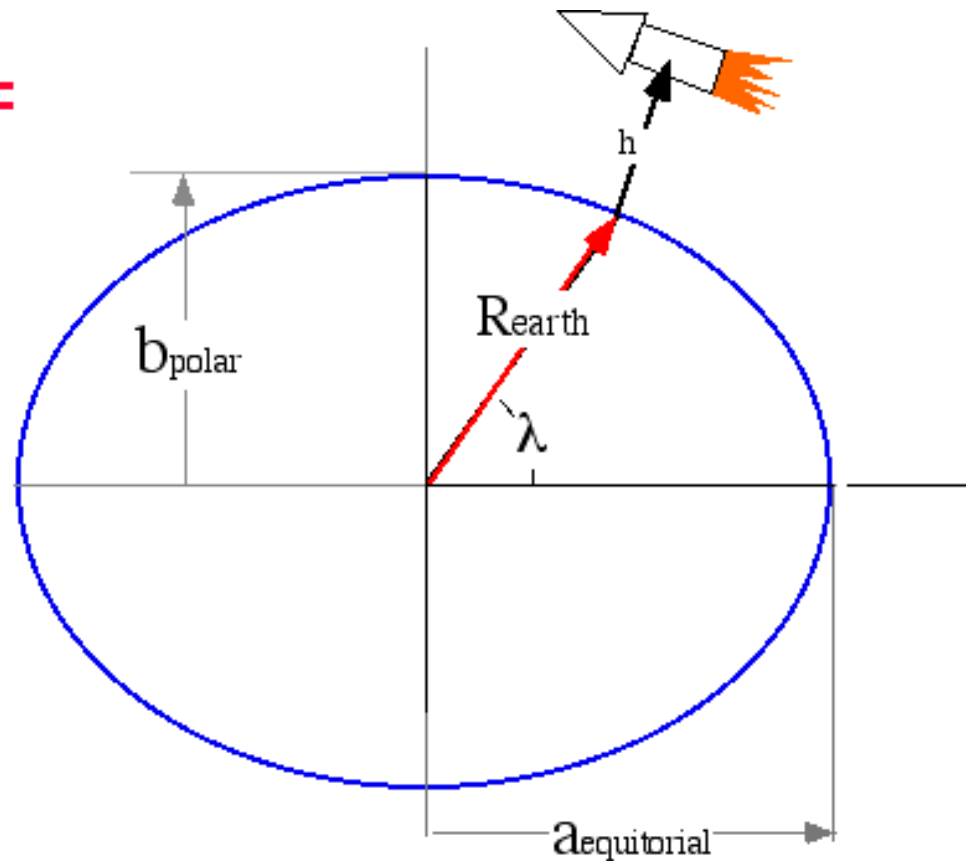
- Earth radius as Function of Latitude

$$R_{\text{earth}} = \frac{a_{\text{equitorial}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{e_{\text{earth}}^2}{1 - e_{\text{earth}}^2} \sin^2 \lambda}}$$

$$a_{\text{equitorial}} = 6378.13649 \text{ km}$$

$$b_{\text{polar}} = 6356.7515 \text{ km}$$

$$e_{\text{earth}} = \sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{b_{\text{polar}}}{a_{\text{equitorial}}} \right]^2}$$



## Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)

- Earth radius at launch latitude

$$R_{\text{earth}} = \frac{a_{\text{equitorial}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{e_{\text{earth}}^2}{1 - e_{\text{earth}}^2} \sin^2 \lambda}}$$

$$a_{\text{equitorial}} = 6378.13649 \text{ km}$$

$$b_{\text{polar}} = 6356.7515 \text{ km}$$

$$e_{\text{earth}} = \sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{b_{\text{polar}}}{a_{\text{equitorial}}} \right]^2}$$

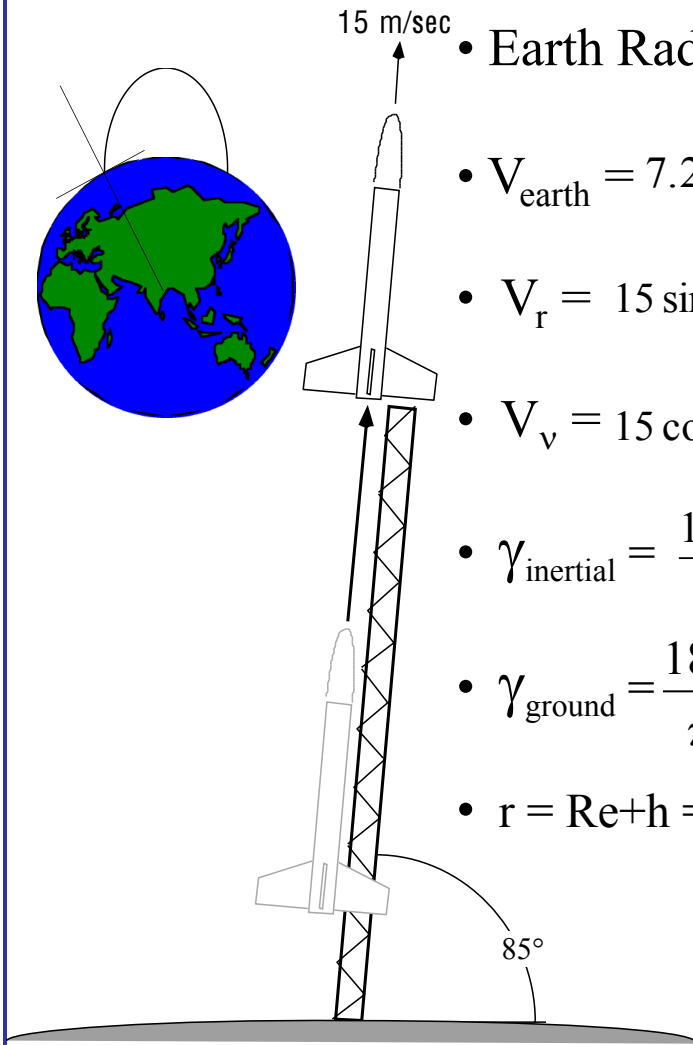
$$e_{\text{Earth}} = \sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{b}{a} \right]^2} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2}} =$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{[6378.13649]^2 - 6356.7515^2}}{[6378.13649]} = 0.08181939$$

$$R_{\text{earth}} =$$

$$\frac{6378.13649}{\left( 1 + \frac{0.08181939^2}{1 - 0.08181939^2} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 38 \right) \right)^{0.5}} = 6370.01 \text{ km}$$

# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)



- Earth Radius: 6370.01

- $V_{\text{earth}} = 7.292115 \cdot 10^{-5} (6370.01 + 1.21) \cos\left(38 \frac{\pi}{180}\right) = 0.36611 \text{ km/sec}$

- $V_r = 15 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 85\right) = 14.942 \text{ m/sec}$

- $V_v = 15 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{180} 85\right) = 1.3073 \text{ m/sec} + 366.11 \text{ m/sec} = 367.42 \text{ m/sec}$

- $\gamma_{\text{inertial}} = \frac{180}{\pi} \text{atan}\left(\frac{14.942}{367.42}\right) = 2.329^\circ$

- $\gamma_{\text{ground}} = \frac{180}{\pi} \text{atan}\left(\frac{14.942}{367.42 - 366.11}\right) = 84.98^\circ$

- $r = R_e + h = 6370.01 + 1.21 = 6371.22 \text{ km}$

• How do we compute initial value for  $v$ ? ...

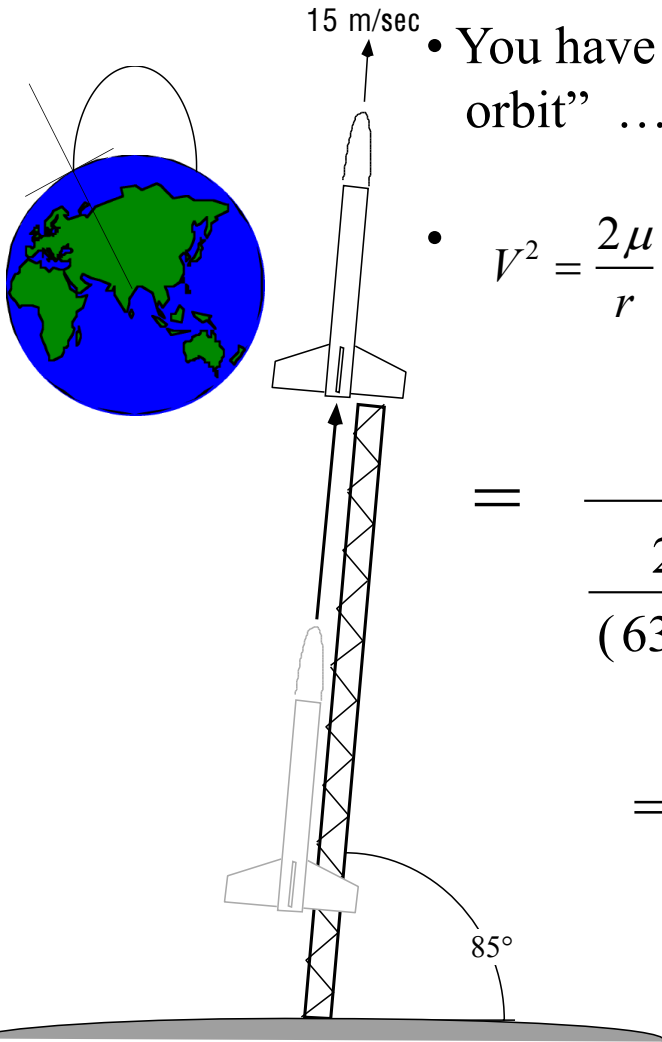
# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)

- You have to solve for the “instantaneous orbit” ... *semi major axis first*

$$V^2 = \frac{2\mu}{r} - \frac{\mu}{a} \rightarrow a = \frac{\mu}{\left[ \frac{2\mu}{r} - V^2 \right]} \rightarrow a = \frac{\mu}{\left[ \frac{2\mu}{r} - [V_r^2 + V_v^2] \right]}$$

$$= \frac{3.986 \cdot 10^5}{\frac{2 \cdot 3.986 \cdot 10^5}{(6370.01 + 1.21)} - \left( \left( \frac{14.942}{1000} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{367.42}{1000} \right)^2 \right)}$$

$$= 3189.056 \text{ km}$$



# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)

- You have to solve for the “orbit” ... *eccentricity next*

- define “eccentricity vector”

$$\bar{e} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \left[ V^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right] \bar{R} - \left[ \bar{R} \cdot \bar{V} \right] \bar{V} \right)$$

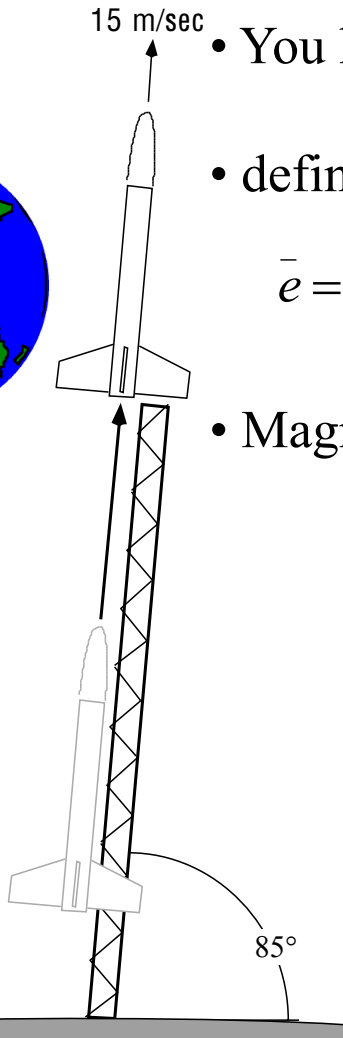
- Magnitude = Eccentricity

$$|\bar{e}|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \left[ V^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right] r \bar{i}_r - \left[ r V_r \right] \left[ V_r \bar{i}_r + V_v \bar{i}_v \right] \right) \right|^2 =$$

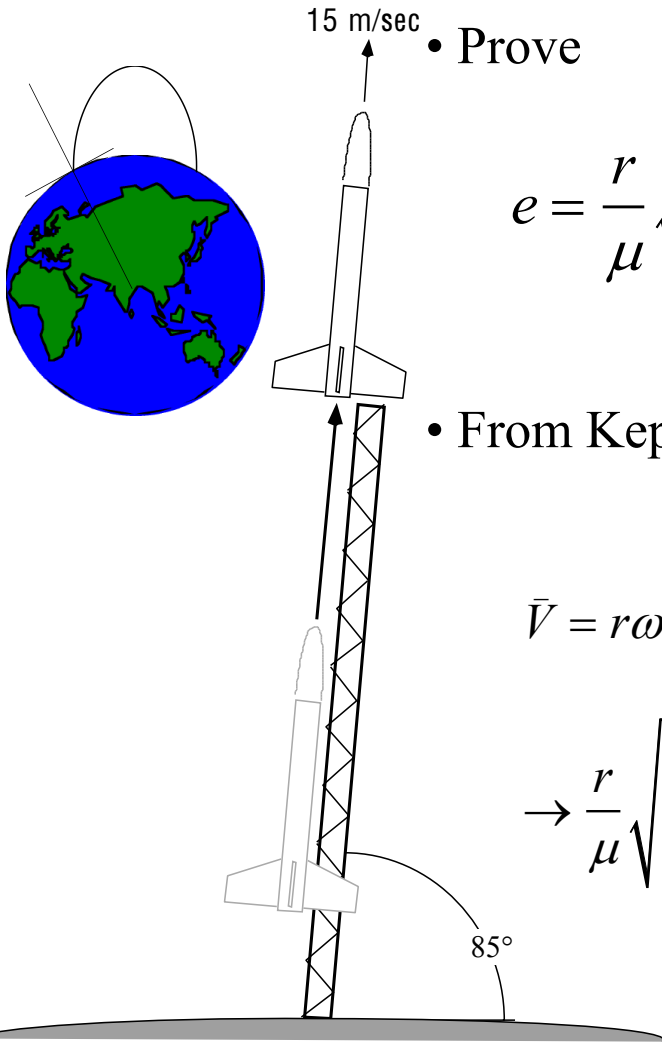
$$|\bar{e}|^2 = \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ V_r^2 + V_v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right] r - \frac{r V_r^2}{\mu} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r V_r V_v}{\mu} \right)^2 =$$

$$\left( \frac{r V_r^2}{\mu} + \frac{r V_v^2}{\mu} - 1 - \frac{r V_r^2}{\mu} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r V_r V_v}{\mu} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{r V_v^2}{\mu} - 1 \right)^2 + \left( \frac{r V_r V_v}{\mu} \right)^2 =$$

$$e = \frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left( V_v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right)^2 + (V_r V_v)^2}$$



# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)



• Prove

$$e = \frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left( V_v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right)^2 + (V_r V_v)^2}$$

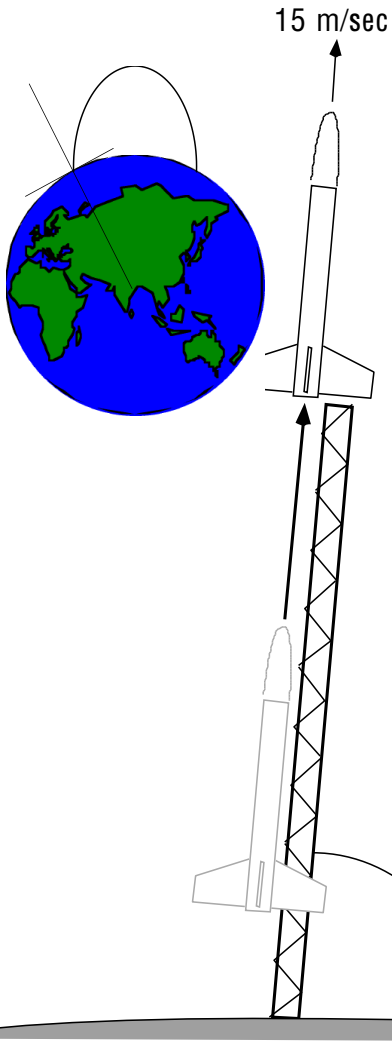
• From Kepler's Second law

$$\vec{V} = r\omega \left[ \frac{e \sin(\nu)}{1 + e \cos(\nu)} \bar{i}_r + \bar{i}_\nu \right] \rightarrow \text{sub into above} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left( (r\omega)^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right)^2 + \left( (r\omega)^2 \left( \frac{e \sin(\nu)}{1 + e \cos(\nu)} \right) \right)^2}$$



# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)



- From Kepler's Third law

$$(r\omega)^2 = \left(\frac{r^2\omega}{r}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{l}{r}\right)^2$$

$$\mu = \frac{l^2}{a(1-e^2)} \rightarrow (r\omega)^2 =$$

$$\left(\frac{l}{r}\right)^2 = \frac{\mu a(1-e^2)}{r^2} = \frac{\mu}{r} \frac{a(1-e^2)}{r} = \frac{\mu}{r} [1 + e \cos(\nu)]$$

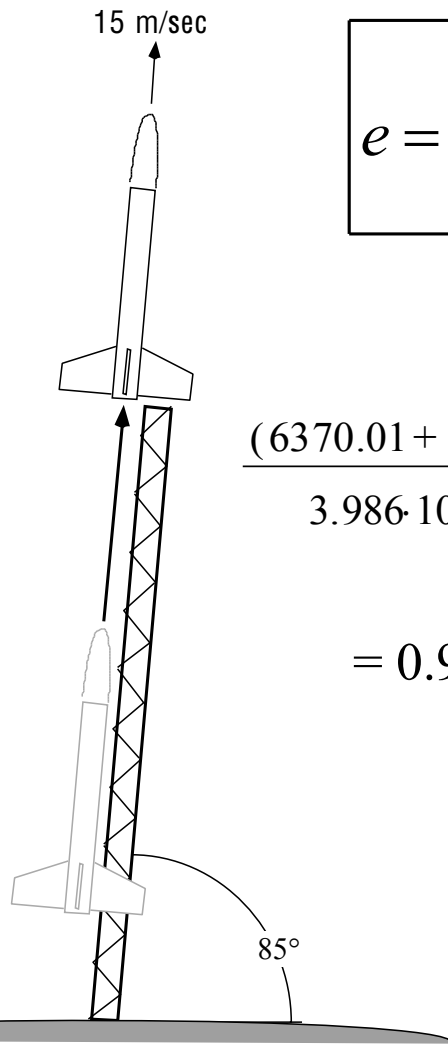
- Sub into previous

$$\rightarrow \frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu}{r} + \frac{\mu}{r} e \cos(\nu) - \frac{\mu}{r}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mu}{r} [1 + e \cos(\nu)] \left(\frac{e \sin(\nu)}{1 + e \cos(\nu)}\right)\right)^2} =$$

$$\frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu}{r} e \cos(\nu)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mu}{r} e \sin(\nu)\right)^2} = \frac{r}{\mu} \frac{\mu}{r} e \sqrt{\cos^2(\nu) + \sin^2(\nu)} = e$$

**Q.E.D.**

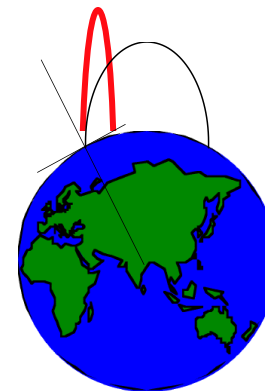
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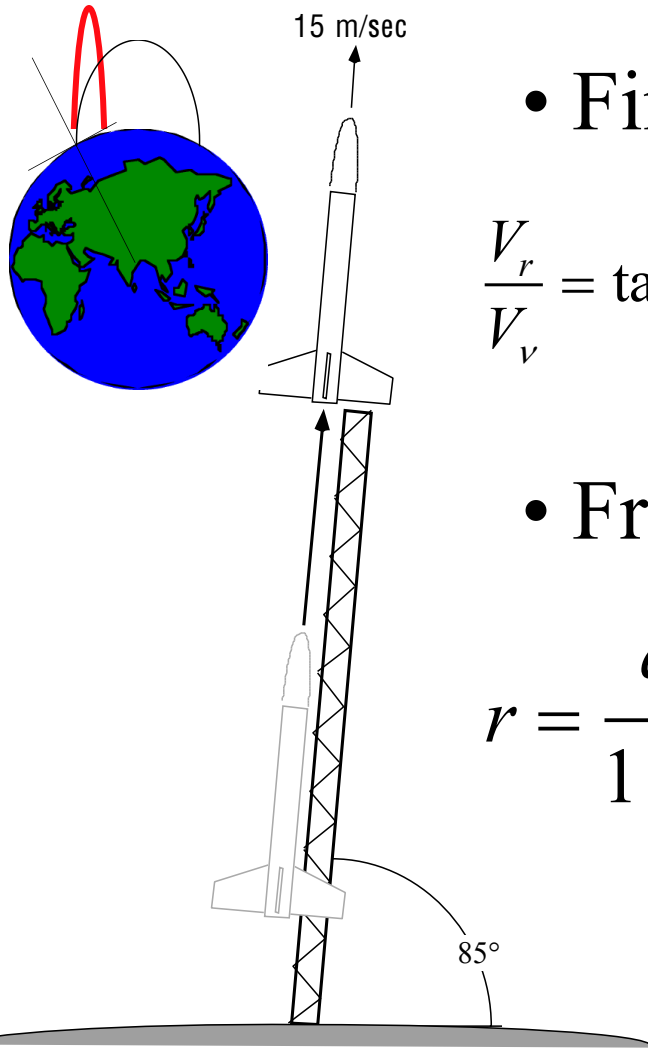
$$e = \frac{r}{\mu} \sqrt{\left( V_v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right)^2 + (V_r V_v)^2} =$$

$$\frac{(6370.01 + 1.21)}{3.986 \cdot 10^5} \left( \left( \left( \frac{367.42}{1000} \right)^2 - \frac{3.986 \cdot 10^5}{(6370.01 + 1.21)} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{367.42}{1000} \frac{14.942}{1000} \right)^2 \right)^{0.5}$$

= 0.9978422 “Really Skinny Orbit”



# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)



- Finally ... solve for  $\nu$

$$\frac{V_r}{V_\nu} = \tan(\gamma) = \frac{e \sin(\nu)}{1 + e \cos(\nu)}$$

- From Kepler's First law

$$r = \frac{a[1 - e^2]}{1 + e \cos(\nu)}$$

- Solve for  $\sin(\nu)$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a[1 - e^2]}{er} \tan(\gamma) = \sin(\nu)$$

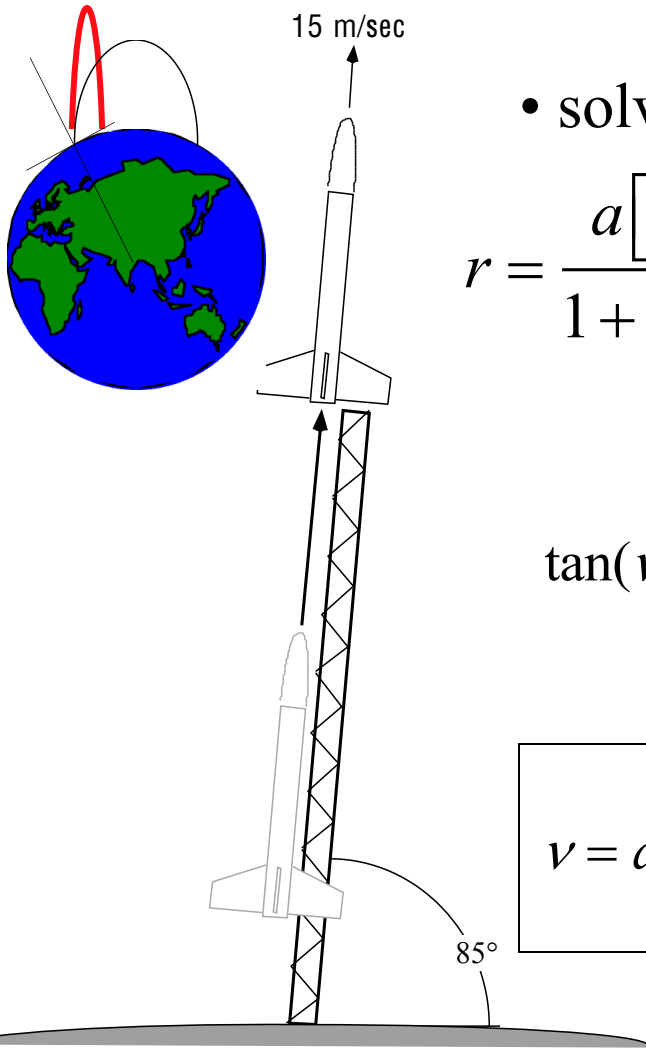
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- solve for  $\cos(\nu)$  From Kepler's First law

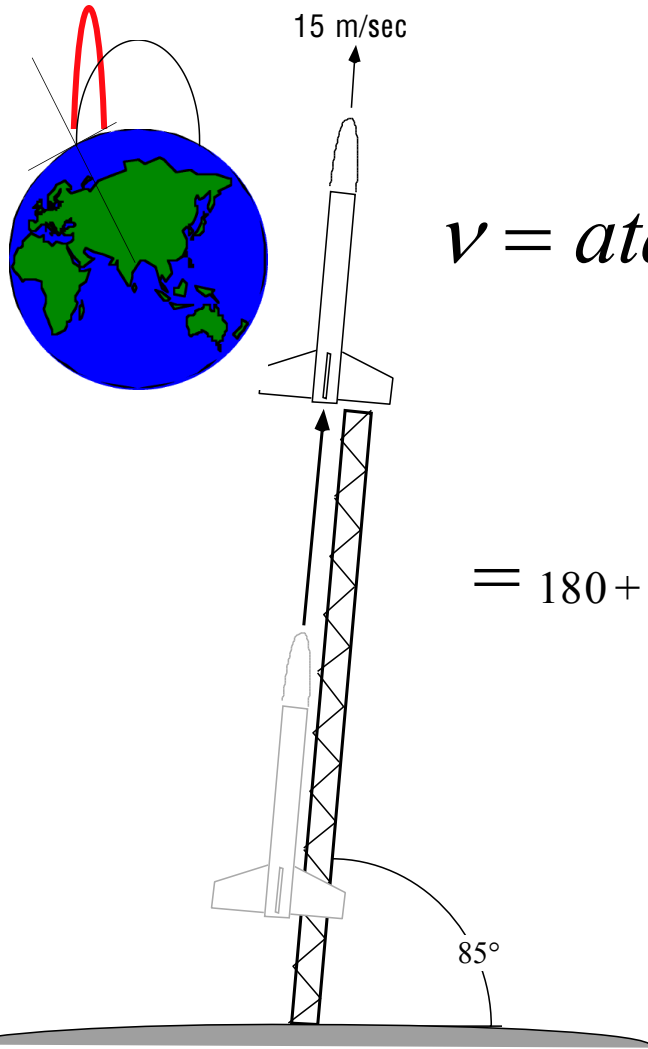
$$r = \frac{a[1 - e^2]}{1 + e \cos(\nu)} \rightarrow \cos(\nu) = \frac{1}{e} \left[ \frac{a[1 - e^2]}{r} - 1 \right]$$

$$\tan(\nu) = \frac{\sin(\nu)}{\cos(\nu)} = \frac{\frac{a[1 - e^2]}{er} \tan(\gamma)}{\frac{1}{e} \left[ \frac{a[1 - e^2]}{r} - 1 \right]} = \frac{\frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] \frac{V_r}{V_v}}{\left[ \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] - 1 \right]} \rightarrow$$

$$\nu = \text{atan2} \left\{ \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] \frac{V_r}{V_v}, \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] - 1 \right\}$$



# Launch I.C. Example: (cont'd)

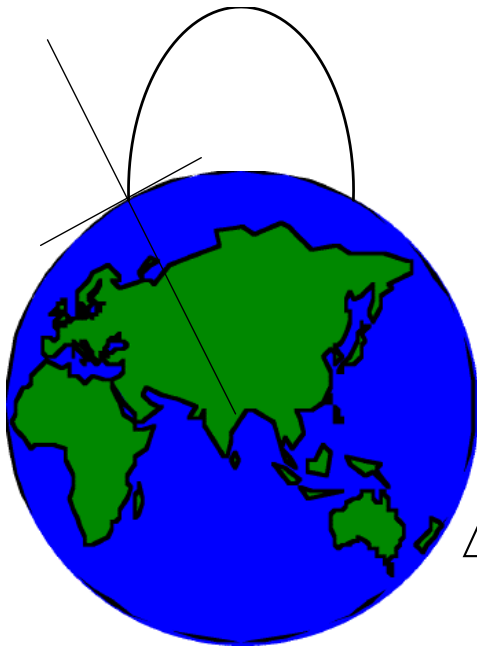


$$v = \text{atan2} \left\{ \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] \frac{V_r}{V_v}, \frac{a}{r} [1 - e^2] - 1 \right\}$$

$$= 180 + \frac{180}{\pi} \text{atan} \left( \frac{\frac{3189.056}{(6370.01 + 1.21)} (1 - 0.997842205^2) 14.942}{367.42} \right)$$

$$= 179.995^\circ$$

# Ground Launch: Down Range Calculation



- Integrated trajectory gives

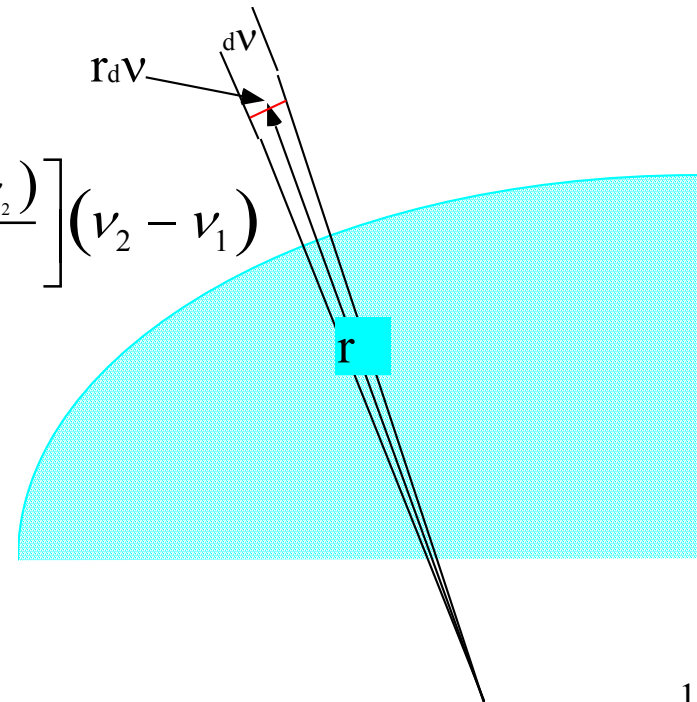
$r, v$

- Inertial Downrange

$$\Delta R = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} r d_n \approx \left[ \frac{r(v_1) + r(v_2)}{2} \right] (v_2 - v_1)$$

## Recursive Formula

$$R_{i+1} = R_i + \left[ \frac{r_{i+1} + r_i}{2} \right] (v_{i+1} - v_i)$$



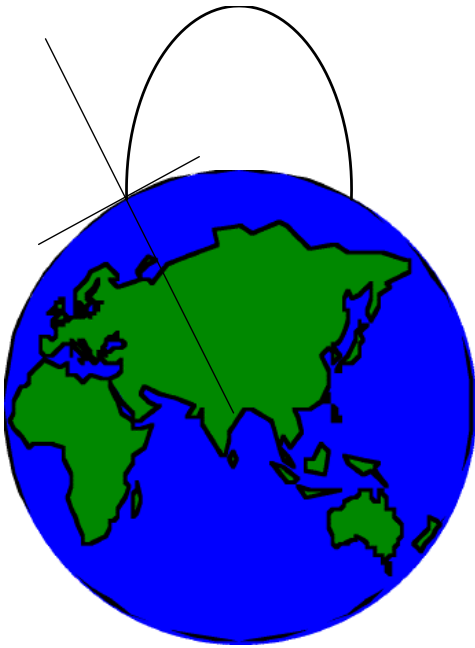
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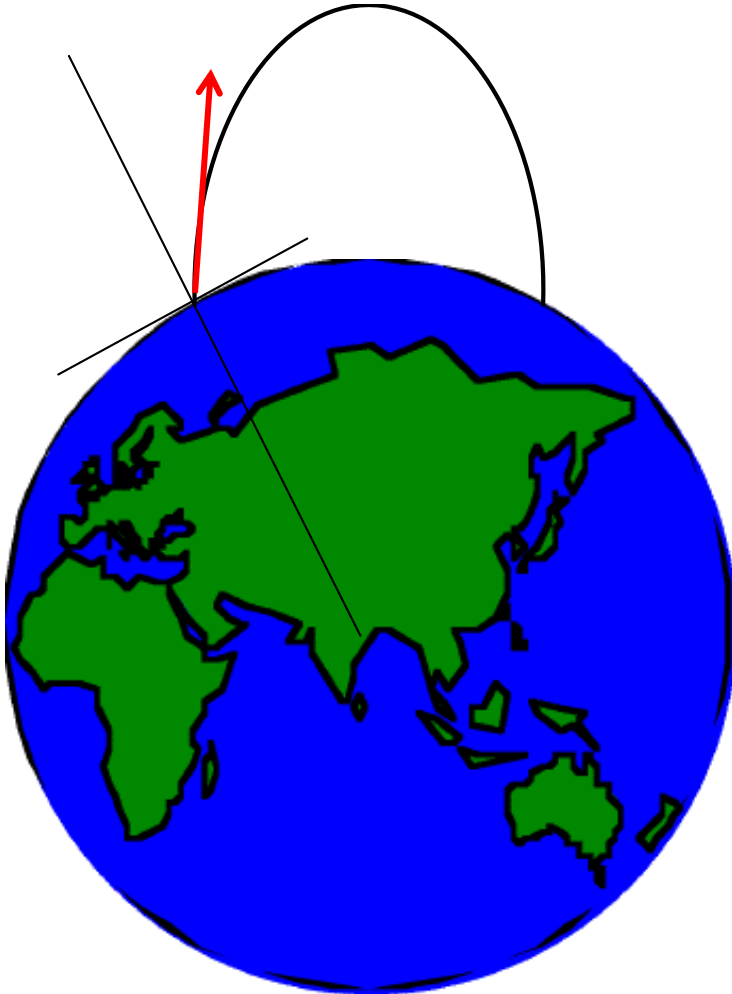
- Ground Relative Downrange
- Account for Earth Rotation

$$R_{\text{earth}} = \sqrt{[R \cos(Az)]^2 + [R \sin(Az) - V_{\text{earth}} \times T.O.F]^2}$$

Time of flight ...time from  
Launch to impact altitude



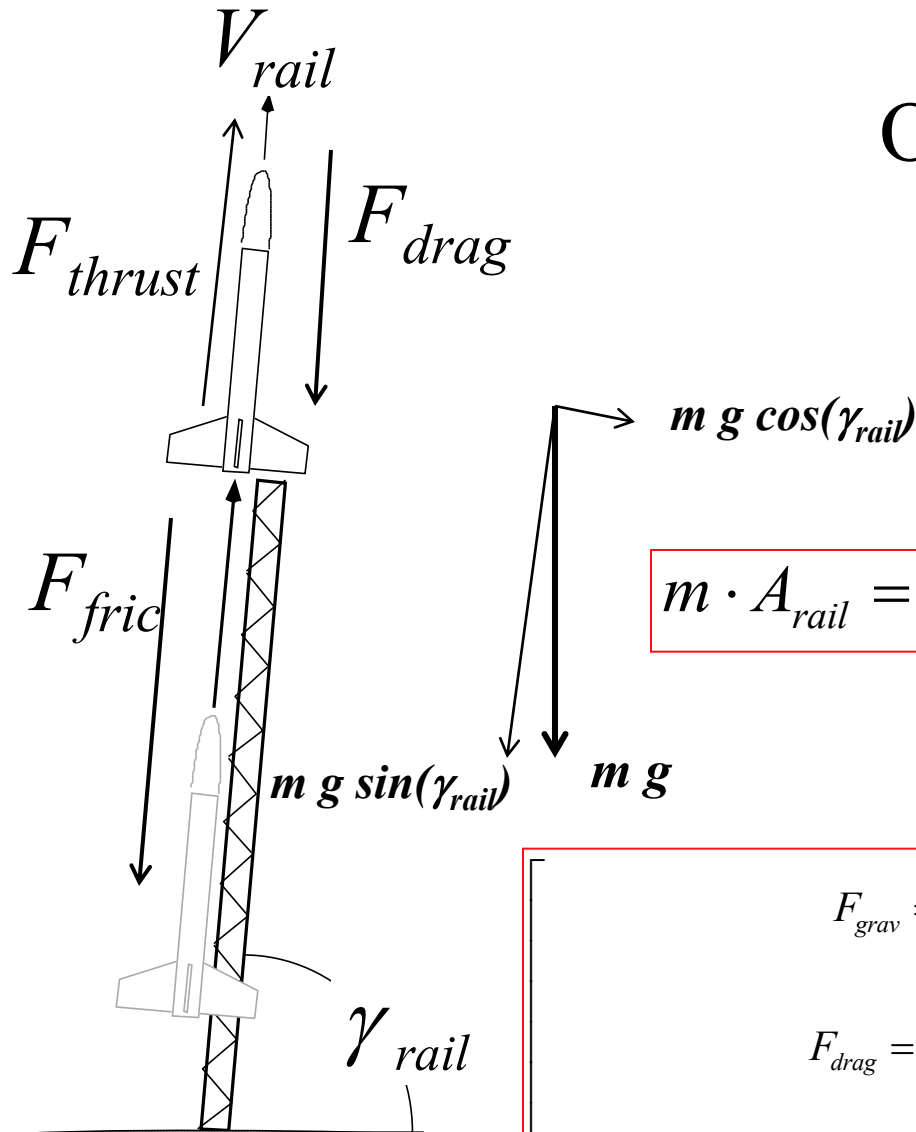
# Fixed Earth Approximation



- Ignore effects of rotation
- $V_{\text{inertial}} = V_{\text{ground}}$
- $\gamma_{\text{inertial}} = \gamma_{\text{ground}}$
- $\square_{\text{inertial}} = \square_{\text{ground}}$
- Accurate for Short Duration  
lower altitude flights



# Velocity Off of the Rail (1)



$$m \cdot A_{rail} = F_{thrust} - F_{grav} - F_{fric} - F_{drag}$$

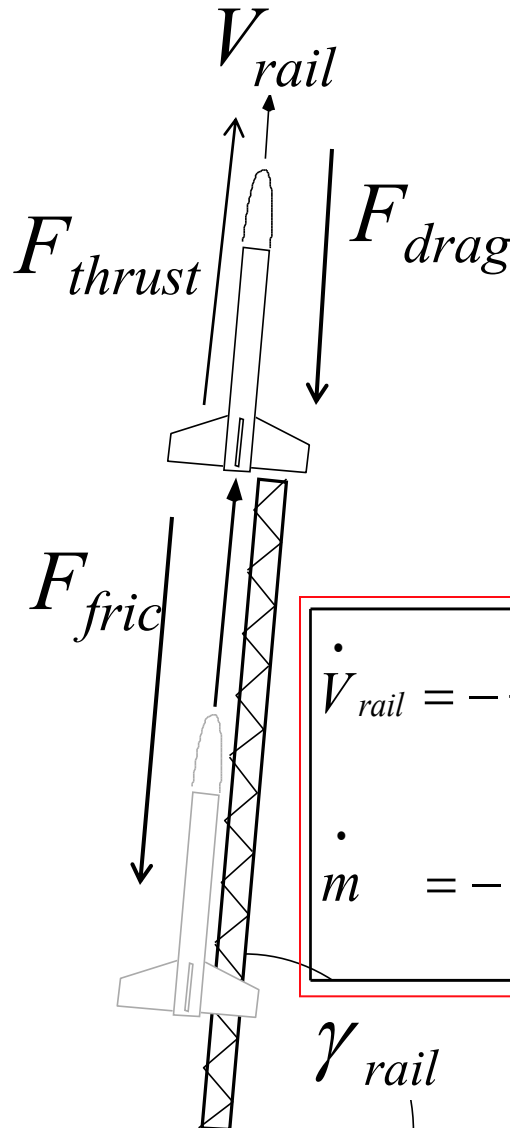
$$F_{grav} = m \cdot g \cdot \sin(\gamma_{rail}) = m \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \cdot \sin(\gamma_{rail})$$

$$F_{drag} = C_D A_{ref} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho V_{rail}^2 \right) = m \frac{\rho V_{rail}^2}{2\beta}$$

$$F_{fric} = C_f \cdot W_{norm_{rail}} = C_f \cdot m \cdot g \cos(\gamma_{rail}) = C_f \cdot m \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \cdot \cos(\gamma_{rail})$$

# Velocity Off of the Rail (2)

$$m \cdot A_{rail} = F_{thrust} - F_{grav} - F_{fric} - F_{drag}$$



$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \beta = \frac{m}{C_D A_{ref}} \\ g = \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{careful! with units}$$

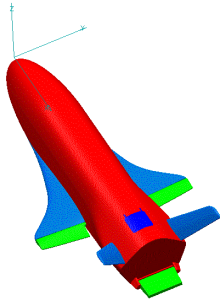
$$\dot{V}_{rail} = -\frac{\rho V_{rail}^2}{2\beta} - \frac{\mu}{(R_e + h)^2} \left[ \sin(\gamma_{rail}) + C_f \cdot \cos(\gamma_{rail}) \right] + \frac{F_{thrust}}{m}$$

$$\dot{m} = -\frac{F_{thrust}}{g_0 I_{sp}}$$

$\{\gamma_{rail}, V_{rail}\} \rightarrow$  ground relative

$\{V_0=0, m_0=M_{total}\}$

# Appendix 3: Ballistic Coefficient Examples



# Example

## Ballistic Coefficients

- Individual parachute factors:

- Diameter 7.4 ft (conical ribbon parachute)
- Area (S) 42.99 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Free stream drag coefficient
- (C<sub>d</sub>) .55
- Drag loss factor due for two
- parachute cluster .95 (1.0
- for single parachute)
- Chute weight 60 lbs/ea

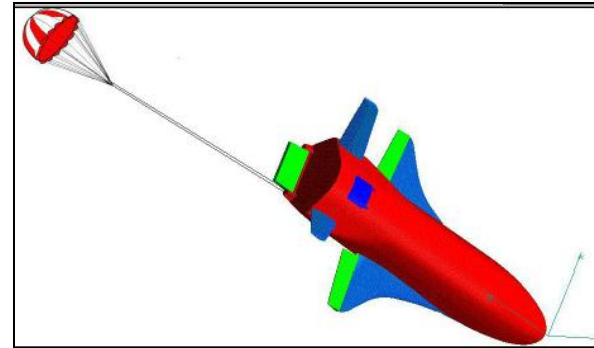
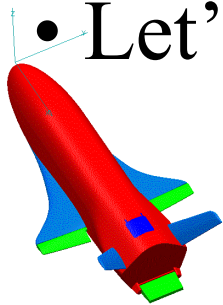
- X-37 Weight = 7000 lb
- A<sub>ref</sub> = 11,386 in<sup>2</sup>
- Drag Coefficient
  - C<sub>d</sub> = 0.1 (zero alpha)

- Ballistic Coef (β) = W/(C<sub>d</sub>A<sub>ref</sub>)
  - β = 6.148 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (zero alpha)

- X-37 Orbital Transfer Vehicle

# Example Ballistic Coefficients (cont'd)

- Let's deploy 1 chute



- X-37 Weight = 7000 lb
- Xc.g. = 178.75
- $S_{ref} = 11,386 \text{ in}^2$
- Assume Drag Coefficient
  - $C_d = 0.1$  (zero alpha)
- Ballistic Coef ( $\beta$ ) =  $W/(C_d S_{ref})$ 
  - $\beta = 6.148 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (zero alpha)

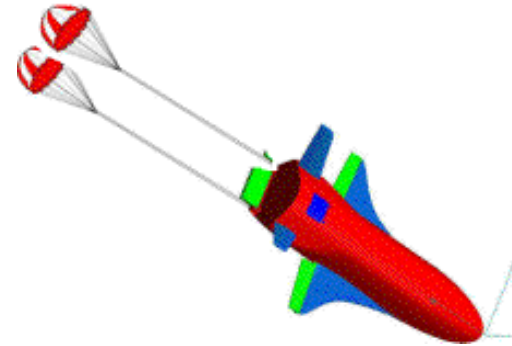
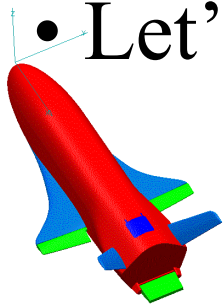
- Vehicle With 1- Parachutes
- Weight = 7120 lb
- $A_{ref} = 11,386 \text{ in}^2$

- Ballistic Coef ( $\beta$ ) =  $W/(C_d S_{ref}) \text{ lb/in}^2$ 
  - $\beta_{1 \text{ chute}} = 1.554 \text{ lb/in}^2$

$$\beta = 7060 \left( \left( \frac{144 (42.99 \cdot 0.55)}{11386} + 0.1 \right) 11386 \right)^{-1}$$

# Example Ballistic Coefficients (cont'd)

- Let's deploy 2 chutes



- X-37 Weight = 7000 lb
- Xc.g. = 178.75
- $S_{ref} = 11,386 \text{ in}^2$
- Assume Drag Coefficient
  - $C_d = 0.1$  (zero alpha)

- Vehicle With 2- Parachutes
- Weight = 7120 lb
- $A_{ref} = 11,386 \text{ in}^2$

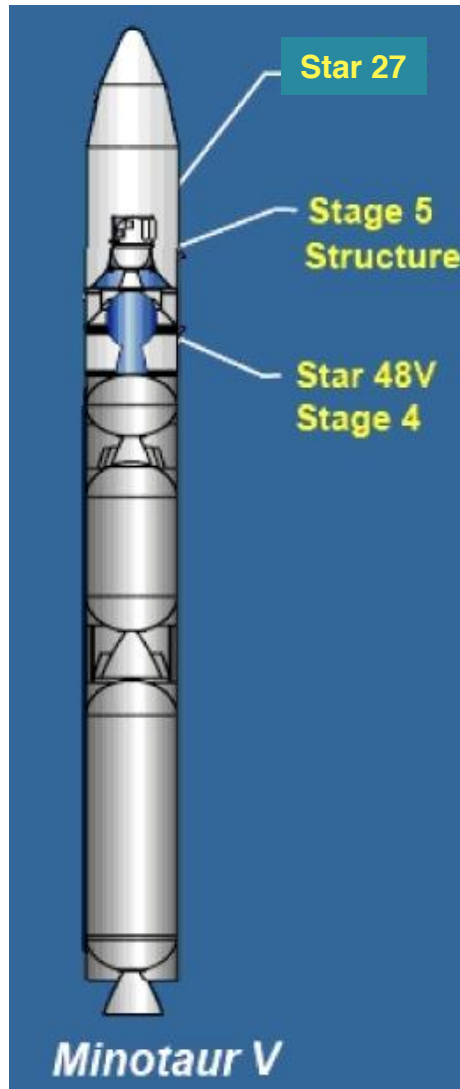
- Ballistic Coef ( $\beta$ ) =  $W/(C_d S_{ref})$ 
  - $\beta = 6.148 \text{ lb/in}^2$  (zero alpha)

- Ballistic Coef ( $\beta$ ) =  $W/(C_d S_{ref}) \text{ lb/in}^2$ 
  - $\beta_{1 \text{ chute}} = 0.9359 \text{ lb/in}^2$

$$\beta = 7120 \left( \left( \frac{2.144 (42.99 \cdot 0.55) (0.95)}{11386} + 0.1 \right) 11386 \right)^{-1}$$

# Appendix 4: Comparison of Ballistic and Non-Ballistic trajectories

# Example I: Minotaur V Launch to Medium Earth Transfer Orbit (MTO)

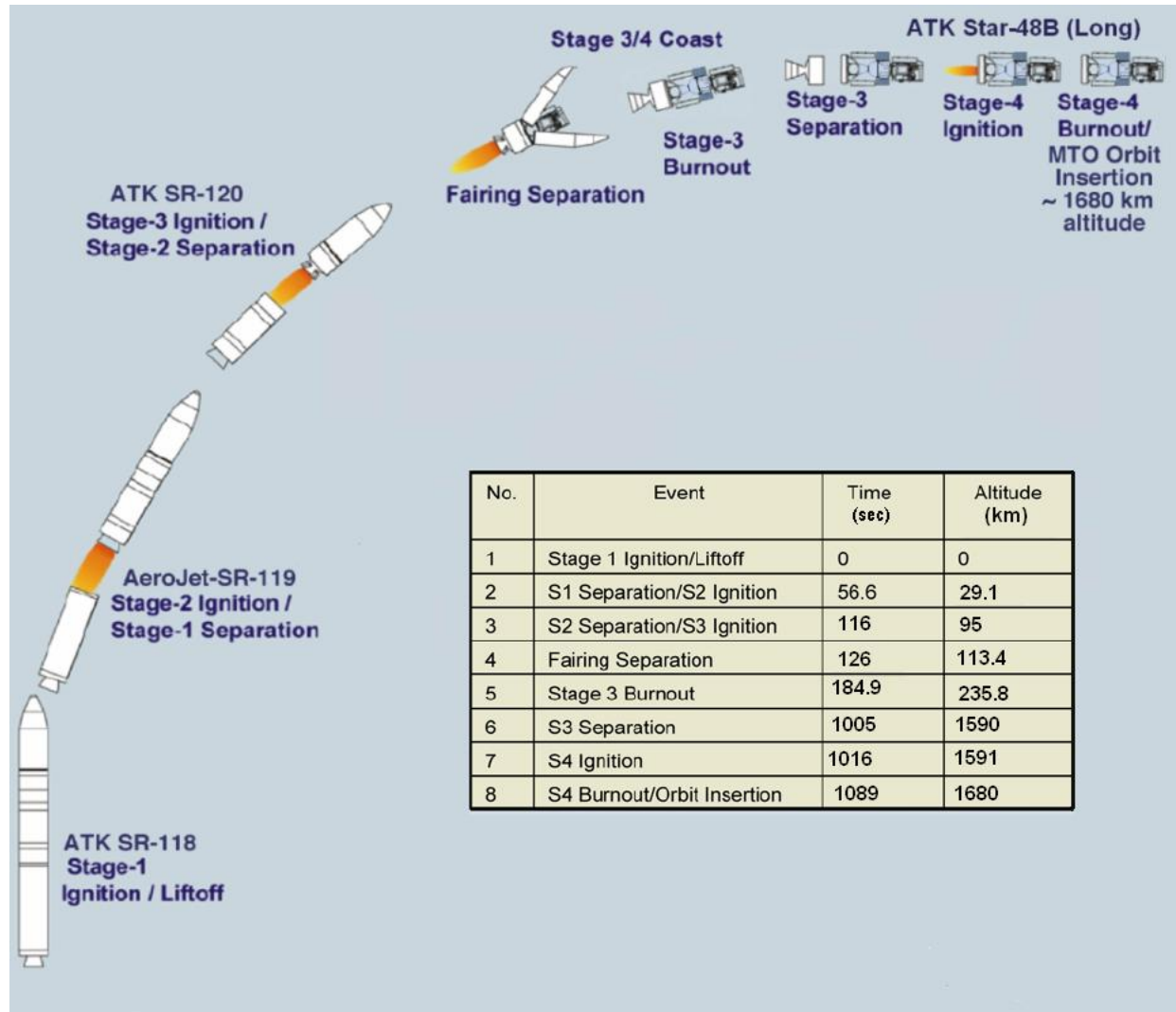


- 1st Stage – TU-903
- 2nd Stage – SR-119
- 3rd Stage – SR-120
- 4th Stage – Star 48B long
- 5th Stage – Star 27 with 25-30% propellant offload  
*(depending on final payload mass)*

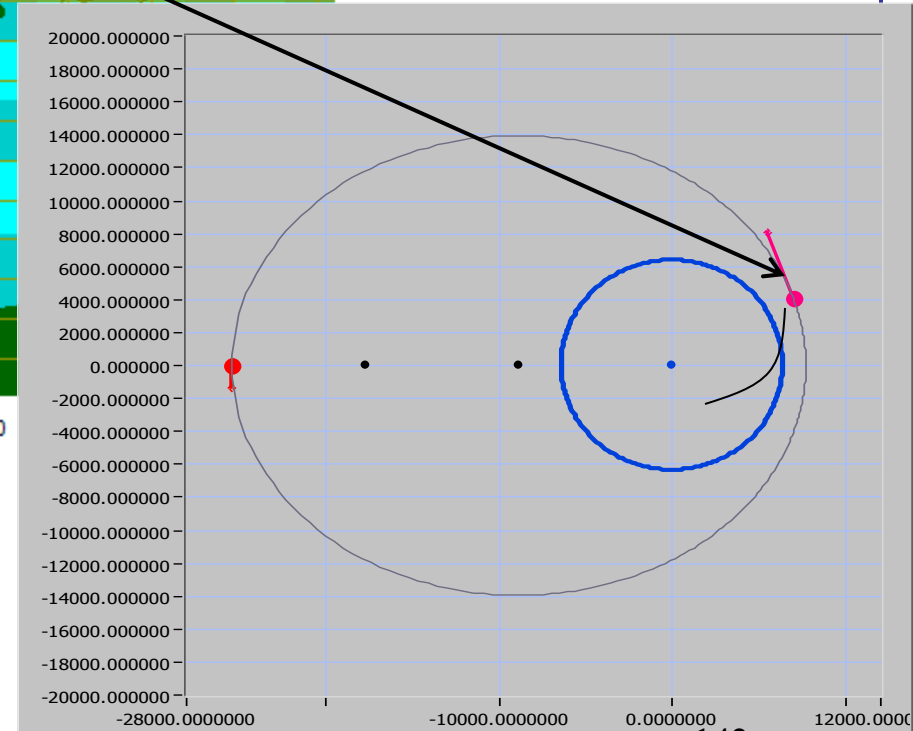
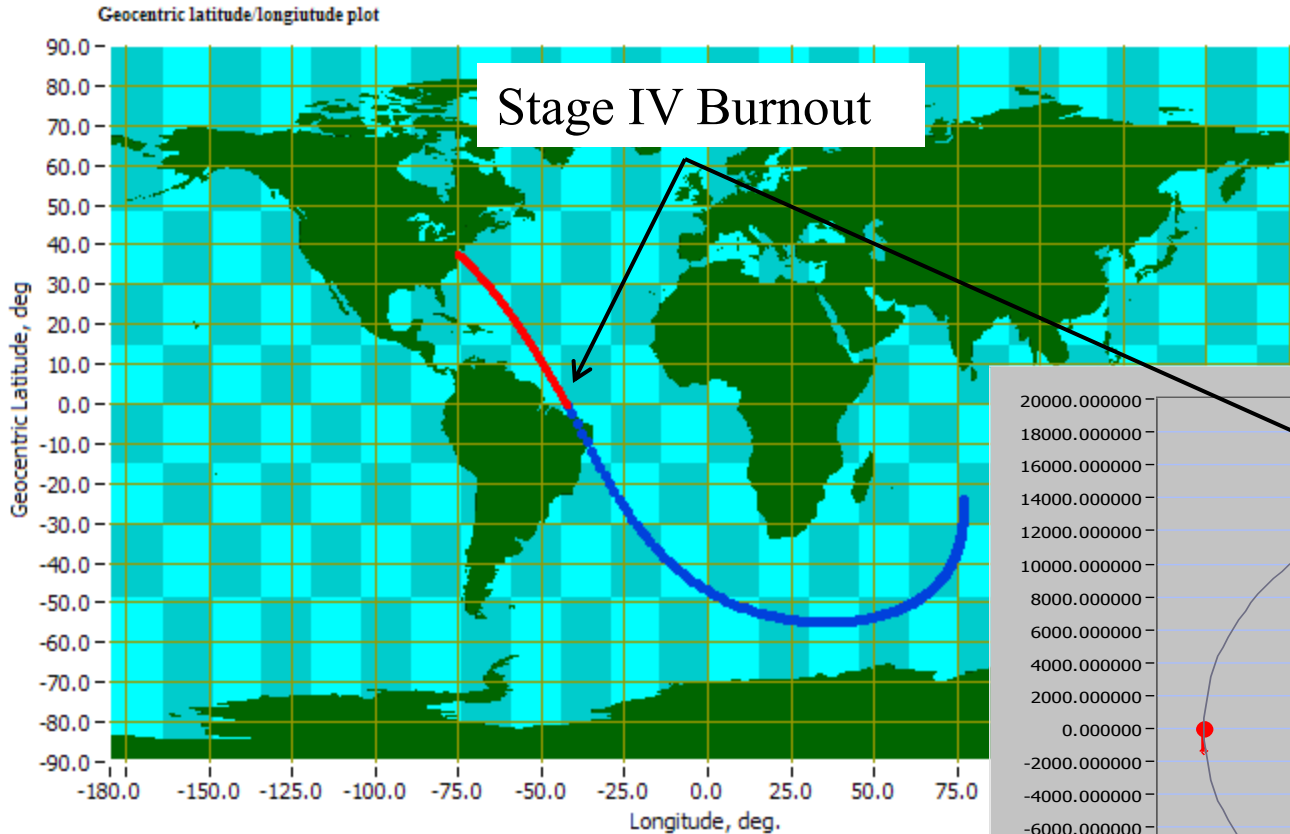
- *Required Orbit 13,000 by 19,000 km altitude*
- *Proposed configuration allows 400+ kg payload delivery to 19,000 km altitude MEO orbit without 6th stage*



# Mission CONOPS/Timeline

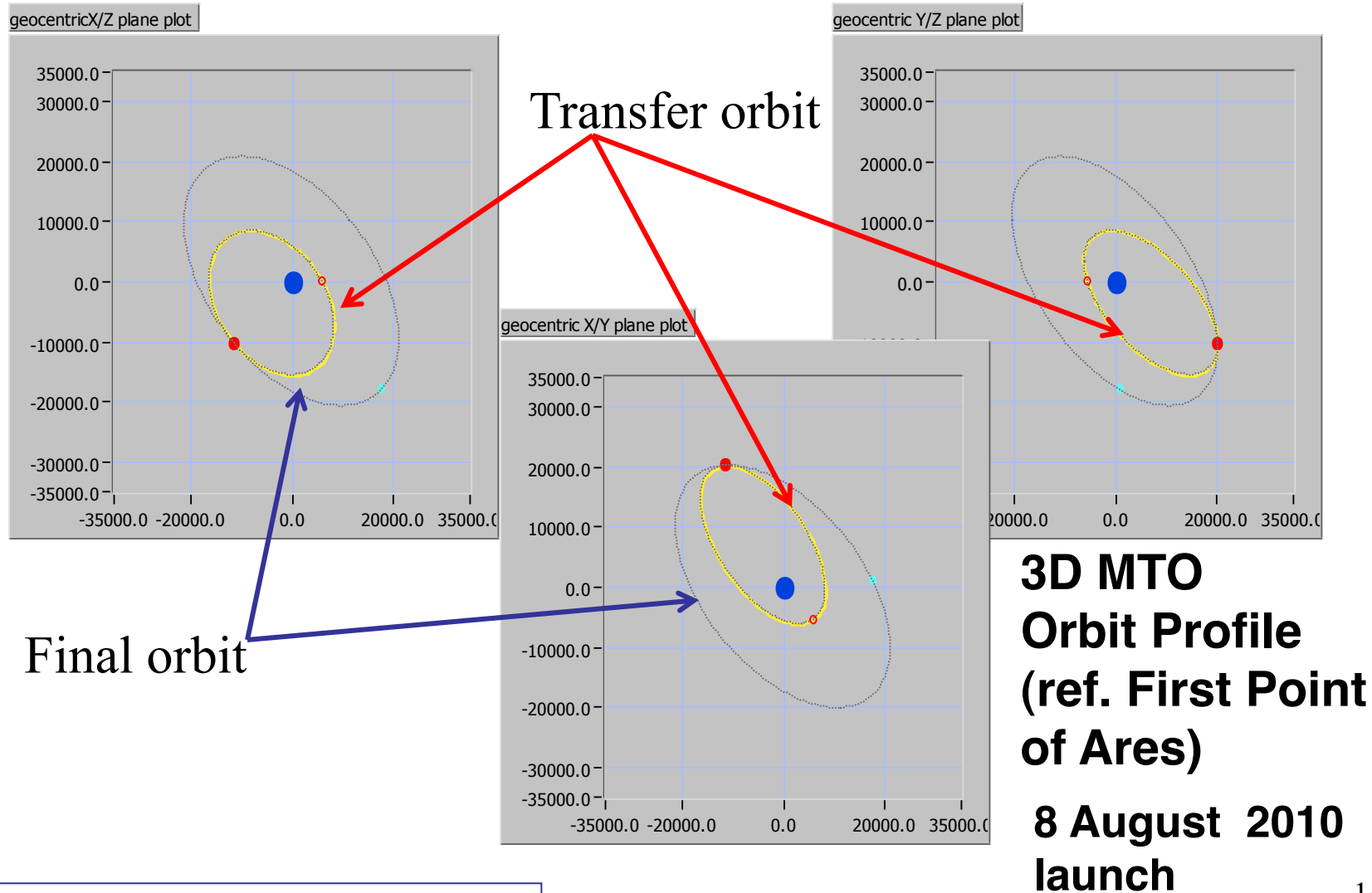


# Launch Mission Plan

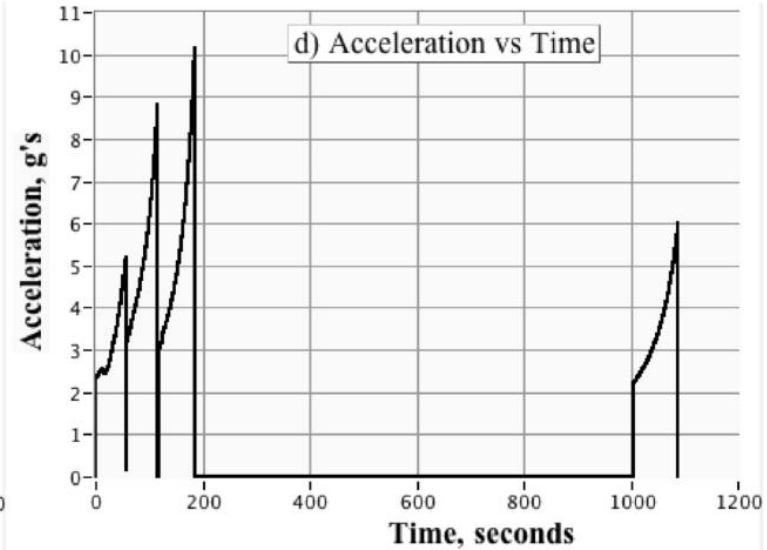
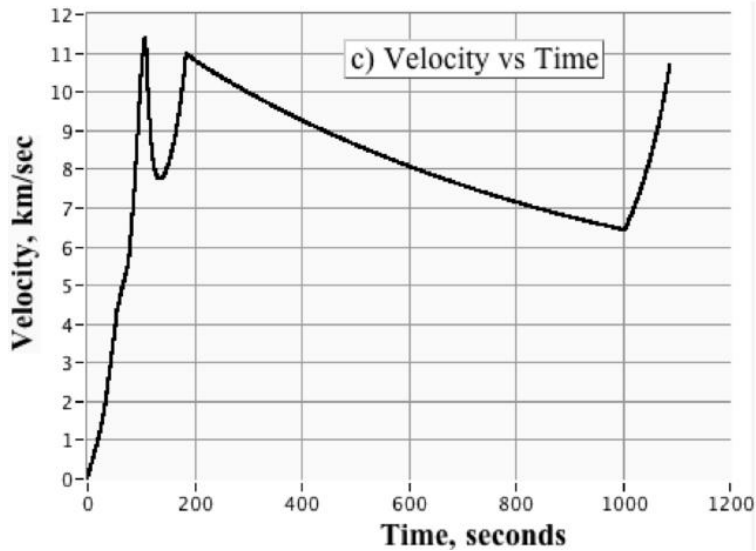
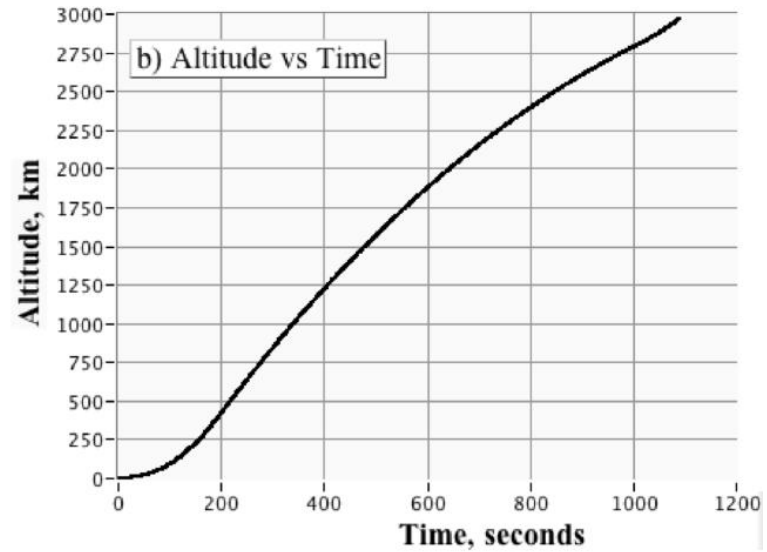
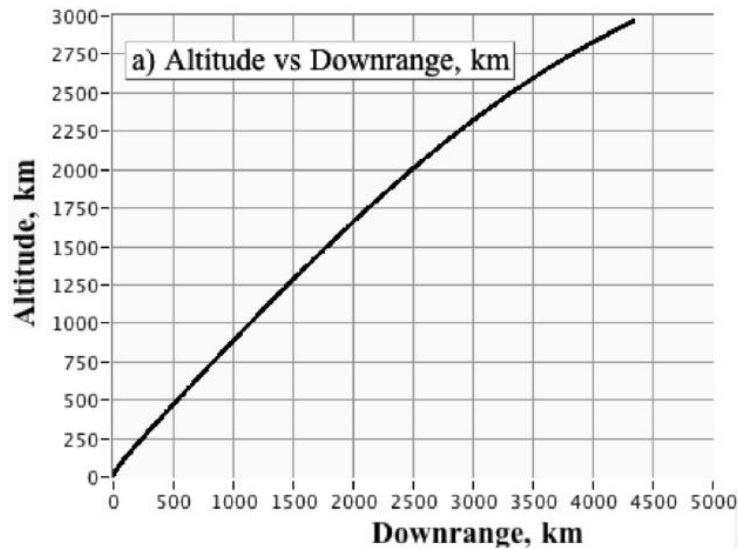


- Direct insertion into MTO orbit

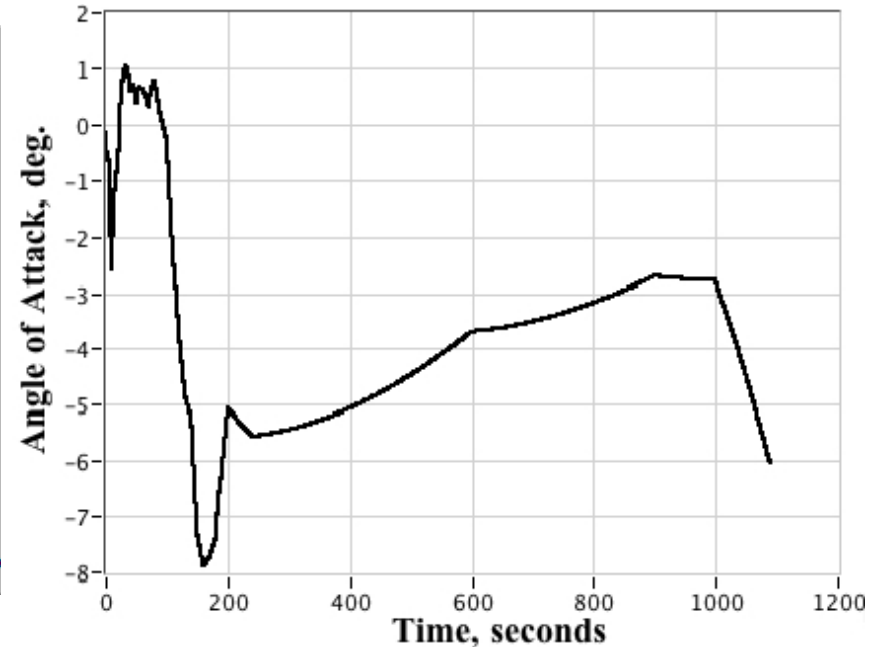
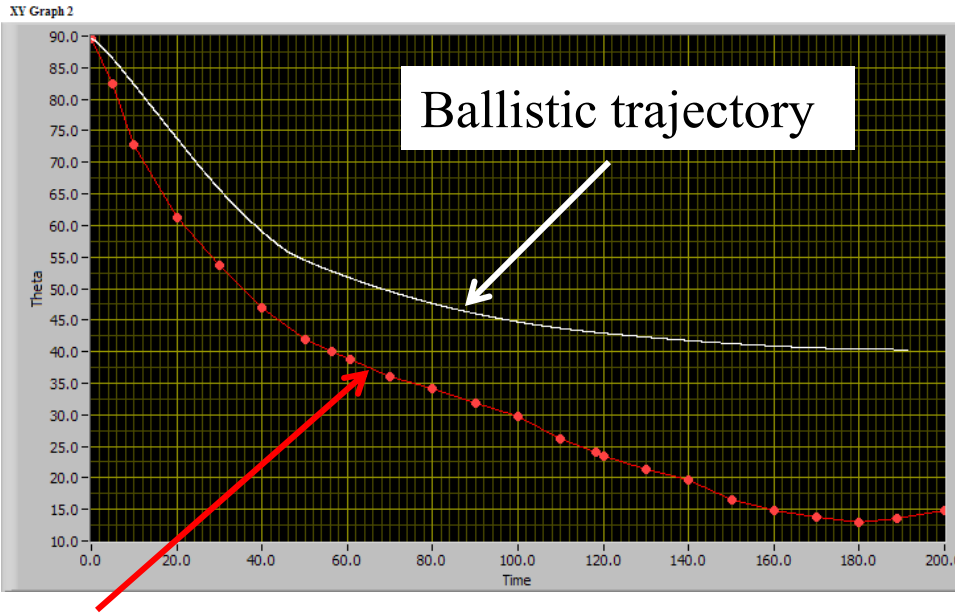
# Launch Mission Plan



# Ballistic Launch Profile



# Pitch Profile Optimization



## Optimized Pitch Profile

- 3-Degree of freedom Launch simulation used to optimize pitch profile for maximum stage IV mass to MTO
- Negative lift used to “turn the corner” during stage 2 burn.

# Optimized (Non-Ballistic) Launch Profile

