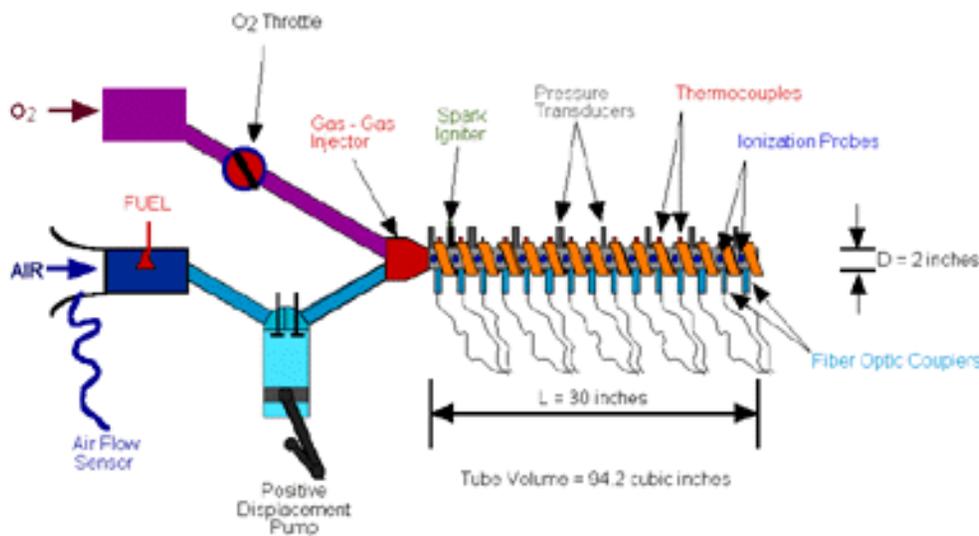
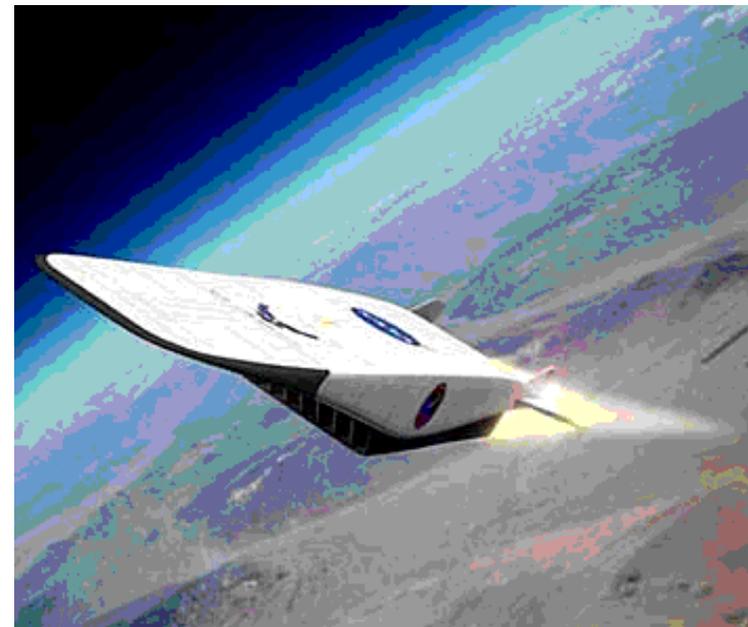
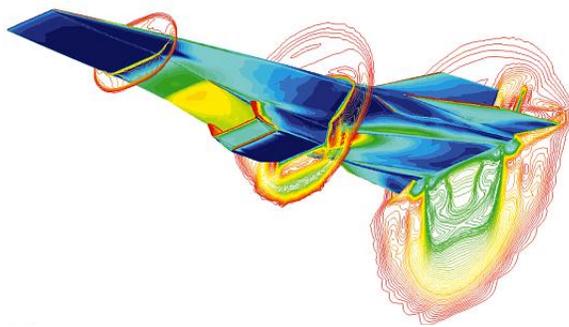
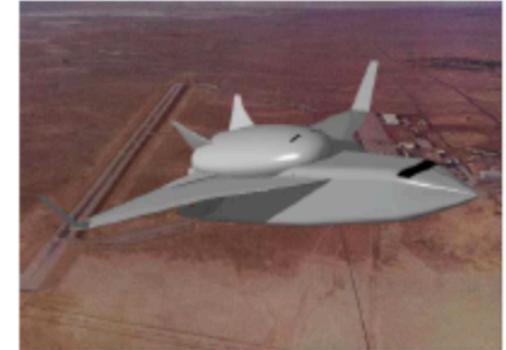


# Section 4.4: Supersonic Combustion Ramjets (SCRAMjets) and Combined Cycle Engines



# ScramJet Applications

*Space Access*



*Weapons*



RLV (Affordable, timely  
access to space)

Hypersonic Cruiser  
(Global Reach/Attack)

**Far-Term**

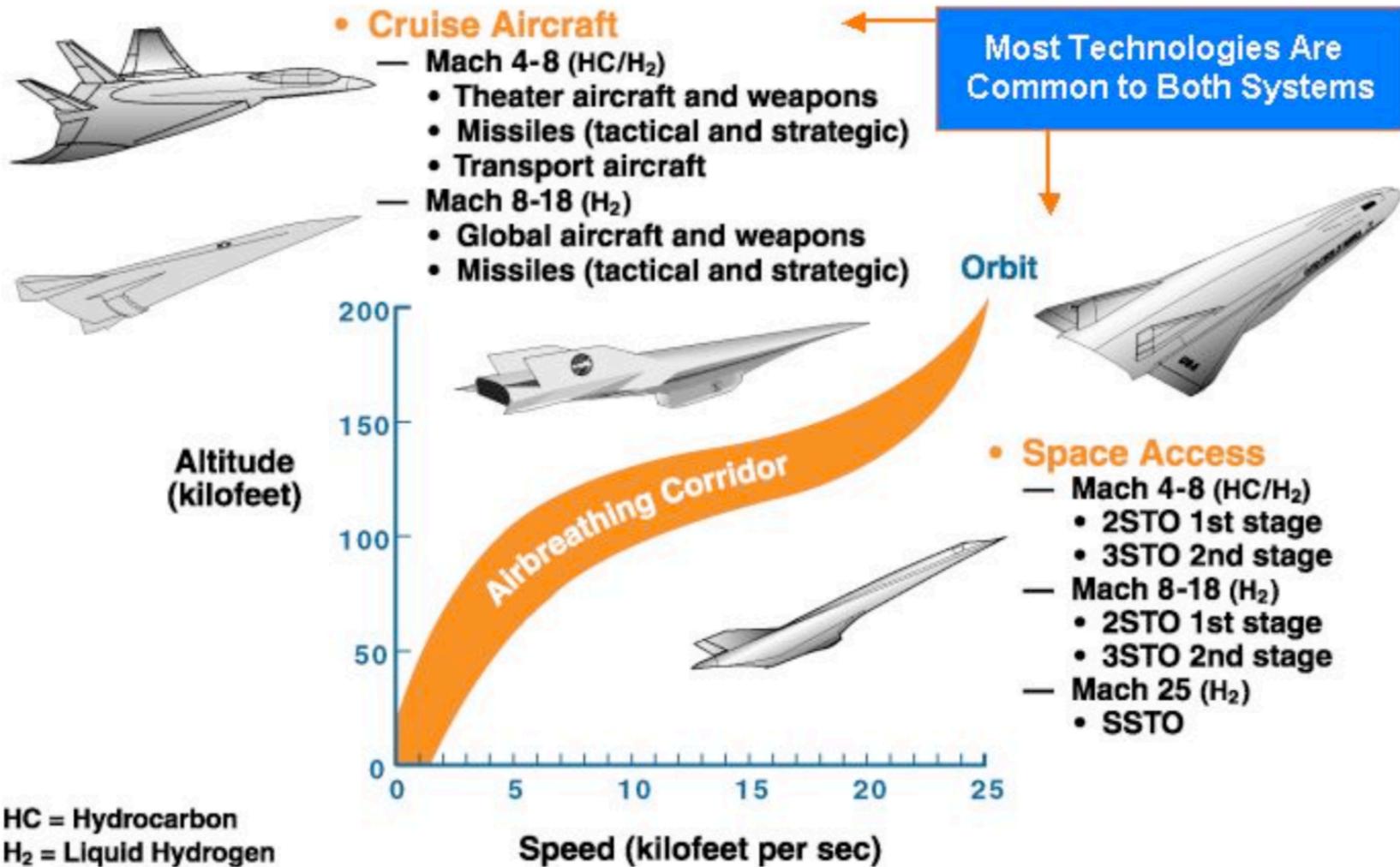
Hypersonic Missile  
(Time-critical targets)

**Mid-Term**

**Near-Term**

**Pursue  
Stepping-  
Stone  
Approach**

# POTENTIAL AIR-BREATHING HYPERSONONIC VEHICLE APPLICATIONS AND THEIR FLIGHT ENVELOPES



# Operations Payoffs for Airbreathing Launch

- Decreased gross lift-off weight, resulting in smaller facilities and easier handling
- Wider range of emergency landing sites for intact abort
- Powered flyback/go-around & more margin at reduced power
- Self-ferry & taxi capabilities
- Greatly expanded launch windows (double or triple)
- Rapid orbital rendezvous (up to three times faster than rockets)
- Wider array of landing sites from orbit, with 2,000-mile cross range and increased range
- Reduced sensitivity to weight growth

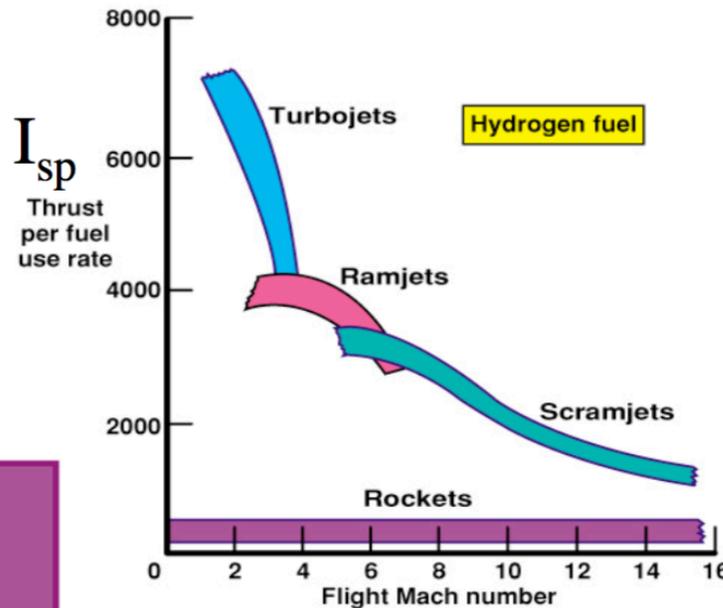
# Fuel Efficiencies of Various High Speed Propulsion Systems

## Turbojet



- Uses atmospheric air
- Complex turbomachinery
- Subsonic combustion
- Mach range: 0 to 3

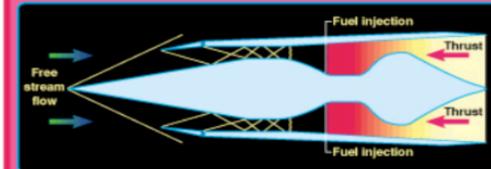
## Propulsion systems comparison



## Ramjet



- Uses atmospheric air
- "Ram" compression → no turbomachinery
- Subsonic combustion
- Mach range: 2 to 6



## Rocket



- Carries oxidizer
- No turbomachinery
- Subsonic combustion
- Mach range: 0 to 25

Scramjets have the highest efficiency above Mach 6

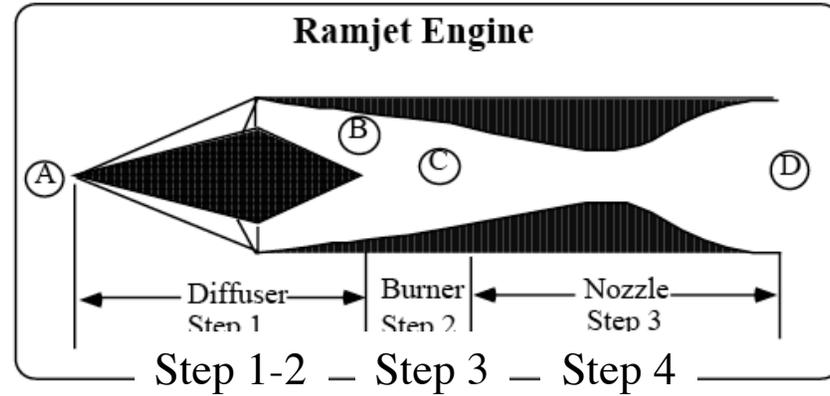
Minimal turbo-machinery

## Scramjet

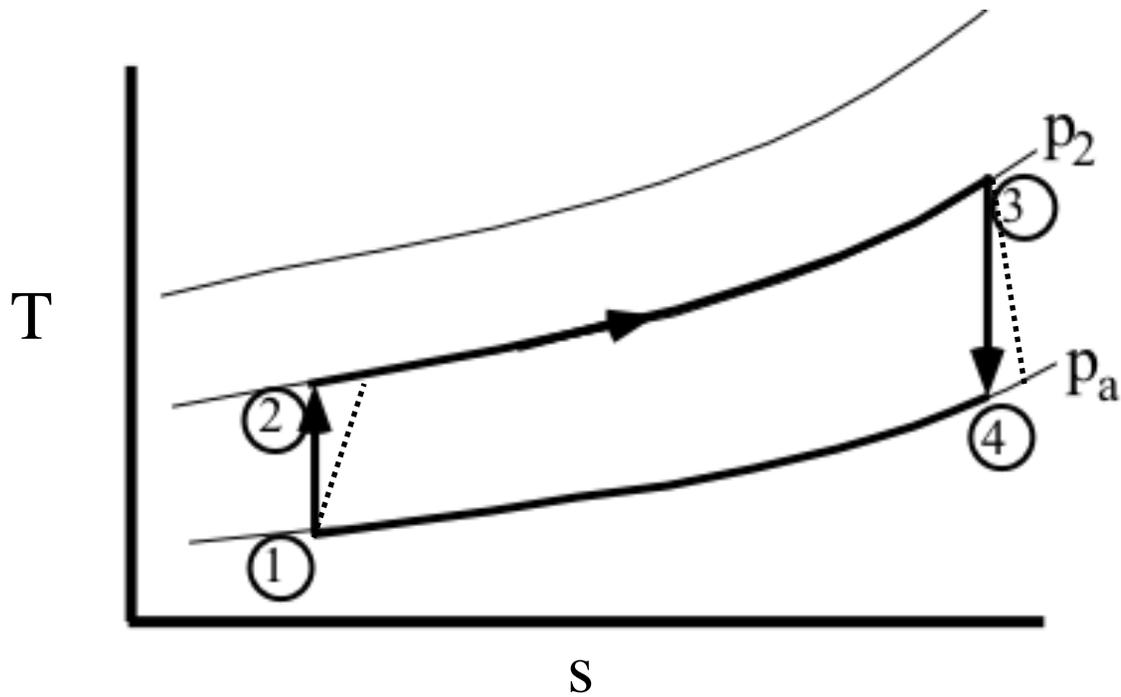


- Uses atmospheric air
- "Ram" compression → no turbomachinery
- Supersonic combustion
- Mach range: 5 to ~25

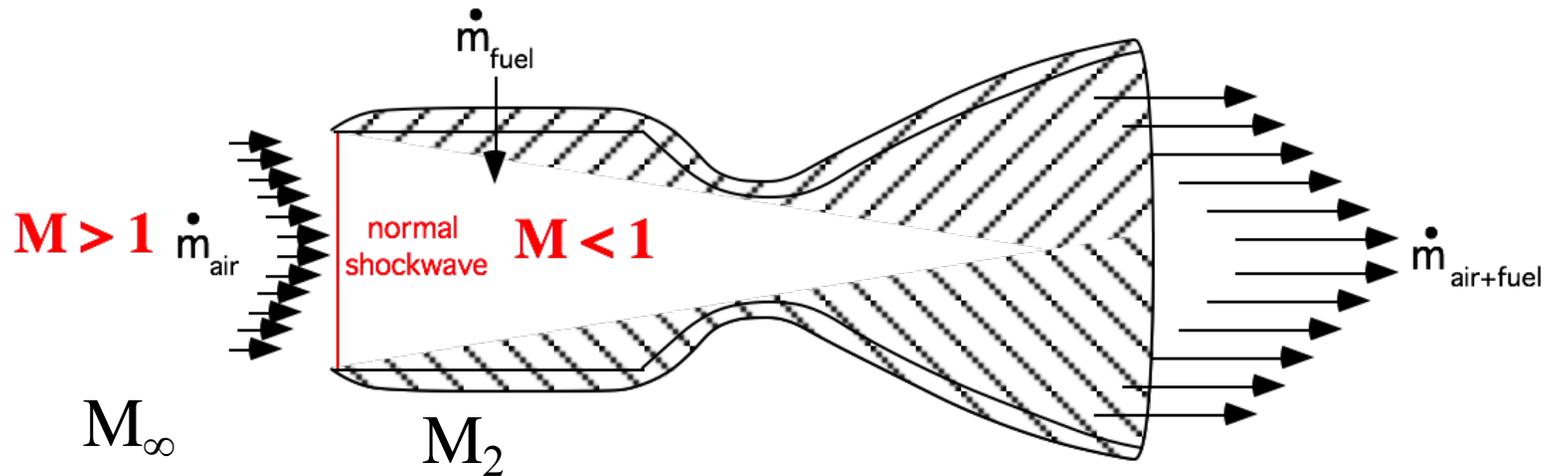
# Ideal Ramjet Cycle Analysis Revisited



T-s Diagram



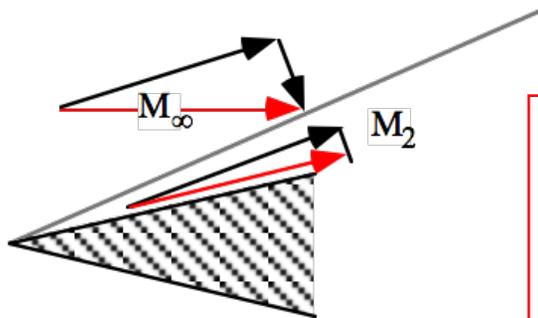
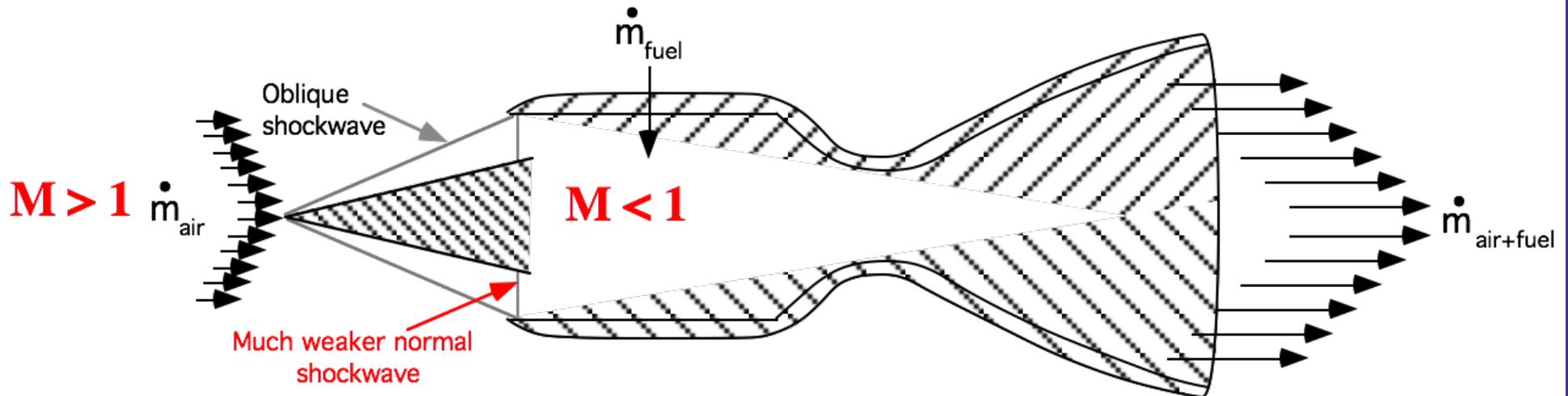
## Ideal Ramjet: *Inlet and Diffuser with normal shock*



- Mechanical Energy is Dissipated into Heat
- Huge Loss in Momentum

# Ideal Ramjet: *Inlet and Diffuser with Oblique shock*

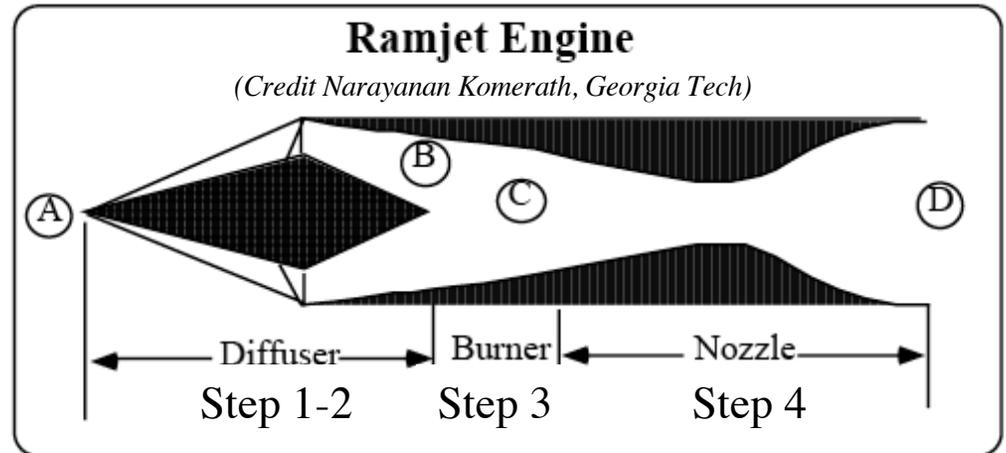
- So ... we put a spike in front of the inlet



- How does this spike Help?
- By forming an Oblique Shock wave ahead of the inlet

# Thermodynamic Efficiency of Ideal Ramjet, revisited

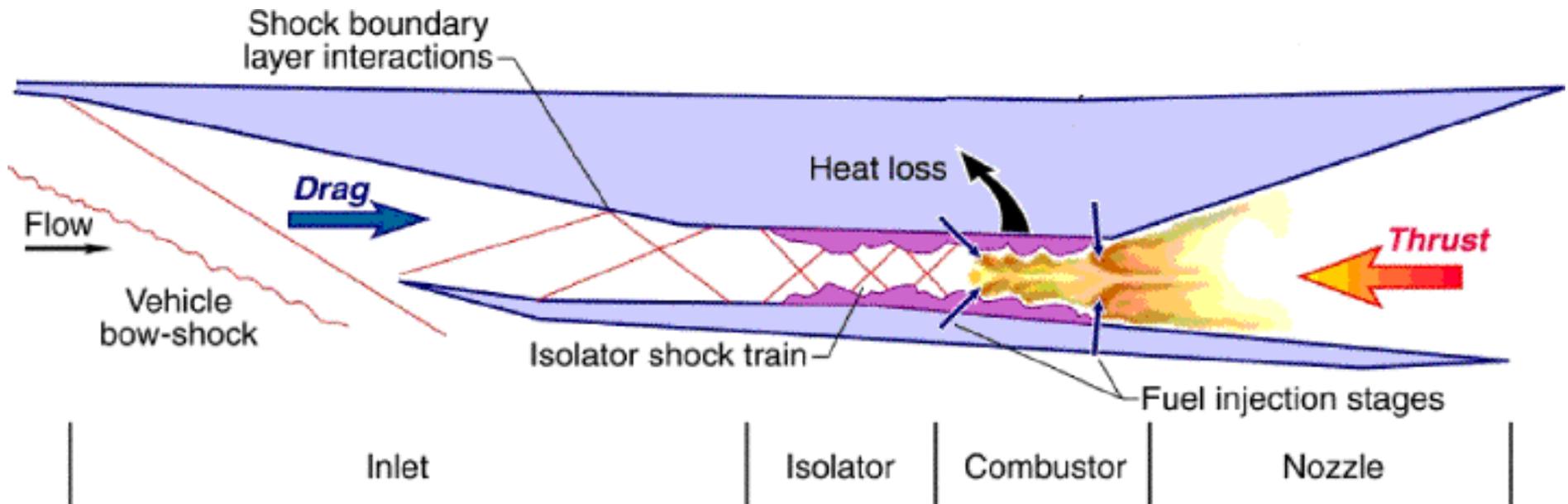
$$\eta = 1 - \left( \frac{P_A}{P_B} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \frac{\left( T_C - \left( \frac{P_{0B}}{P_{0A}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} T_B \right)}{(T_C - T_B)}$$



- i) As engine pressure ratio,  $P_B/P_A$ , goes up ...  $\eta$  goes up
- ii) As combustor temperature difference  $T_C - T_B$  goes up ...  $\eta$  goes up
- iii) As inlet total pressure ratio ( $P_{0B}/P_{0A}$ ) goes down ... (stagnation pressure loss goes up) ...  $\eta$  goes down

## Scramjet Design Issues, I

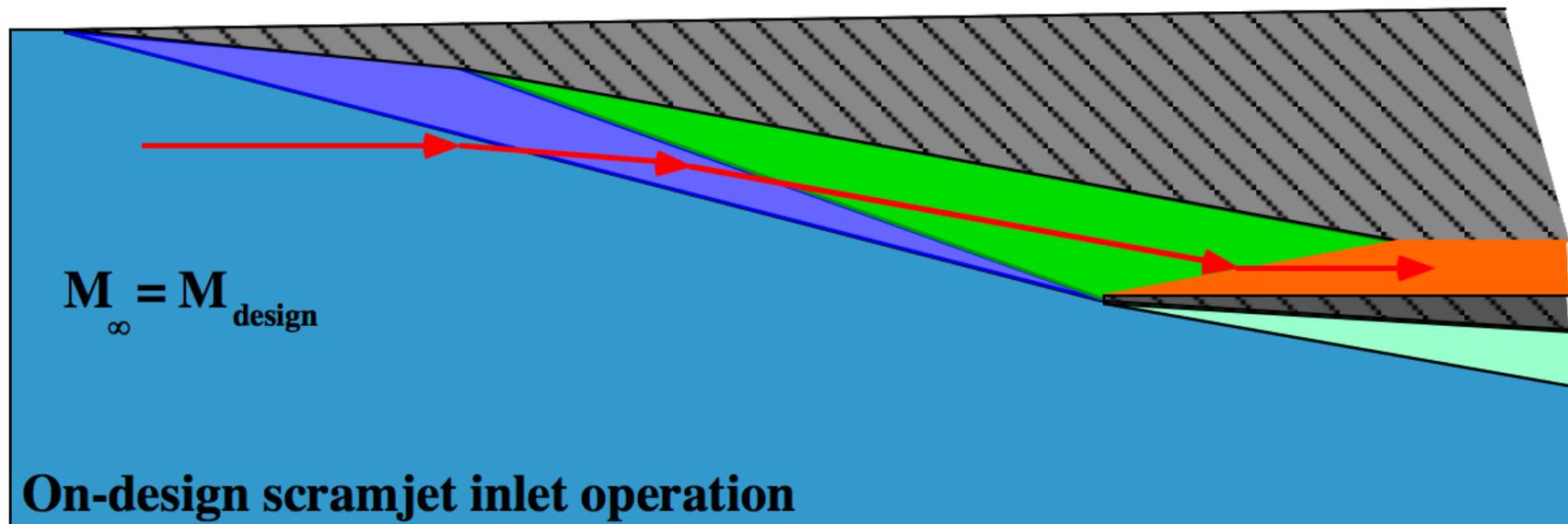
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- Series of very weak (highly oblique) shockwaves and expansion shocks keep the flow supersonic throughout the engine

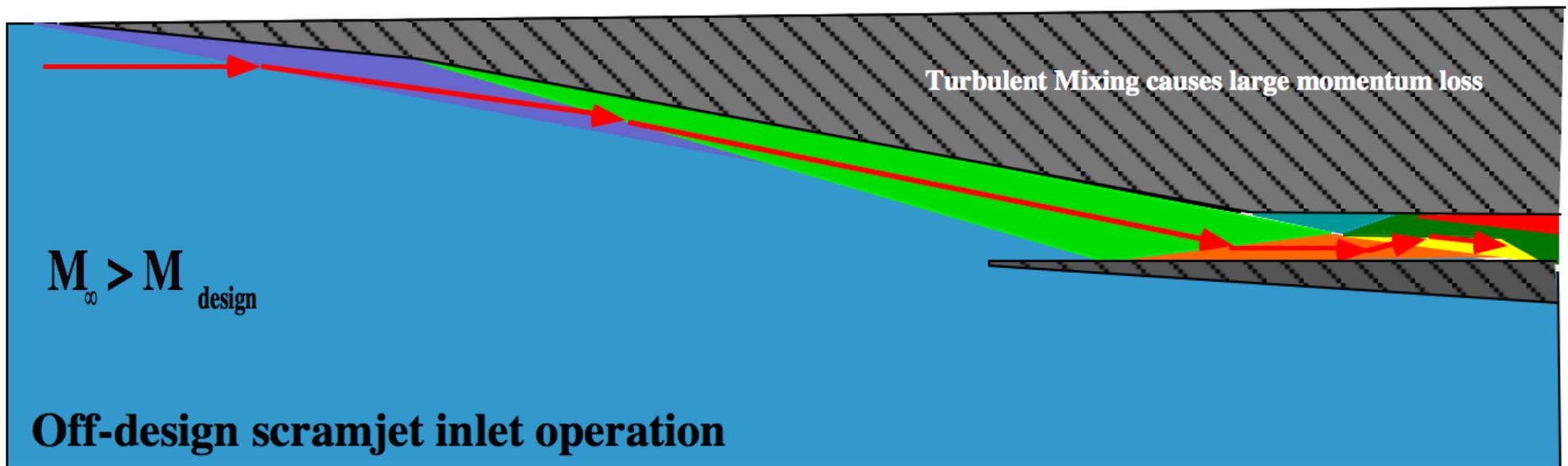
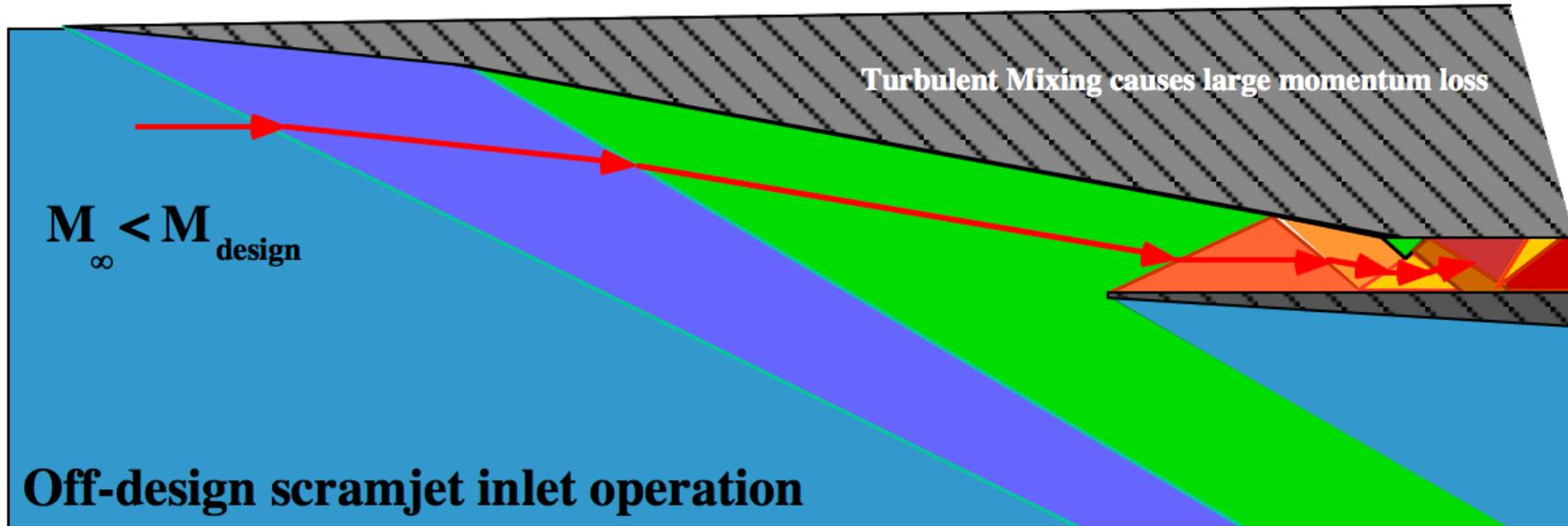
# Scramjet Design Issues, I

## Inlet “Point Design”



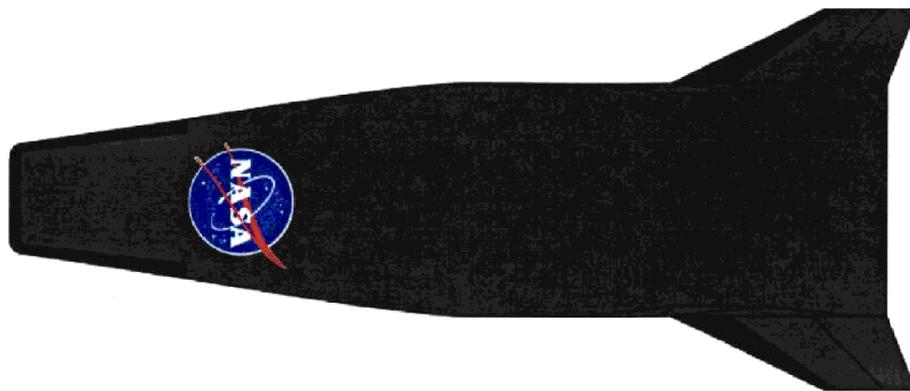
- SCRAMjets are *VERY* ...  
*Sensitive* to inlet mach number

# Inlet "Point Design"(cont'd)

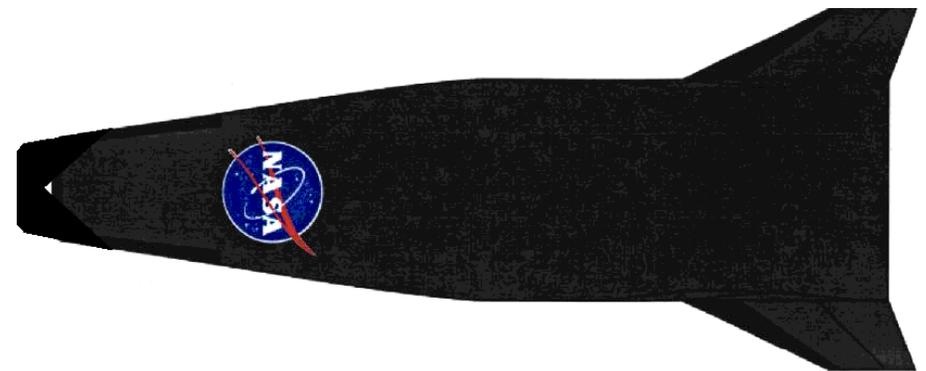


## X-43A Side by Side Comparison

- Subtle but important shape differences Mach 10 Inlet likely would not start at Mach 7



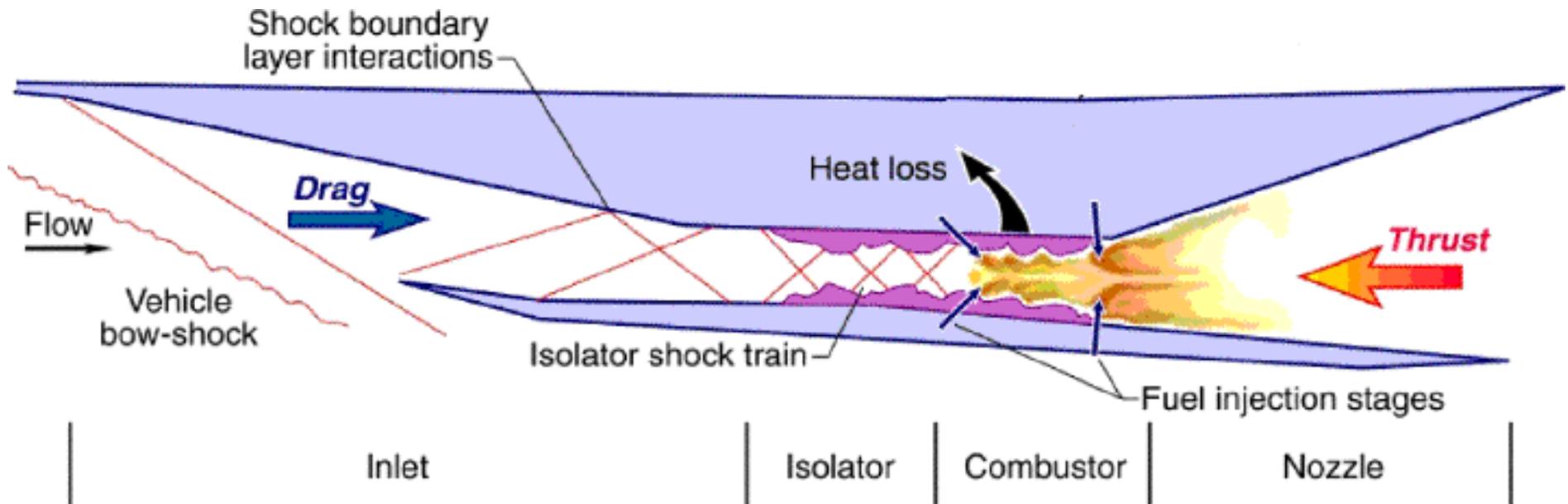
Mach 7 Vehicle



Mach 10 Vehicle

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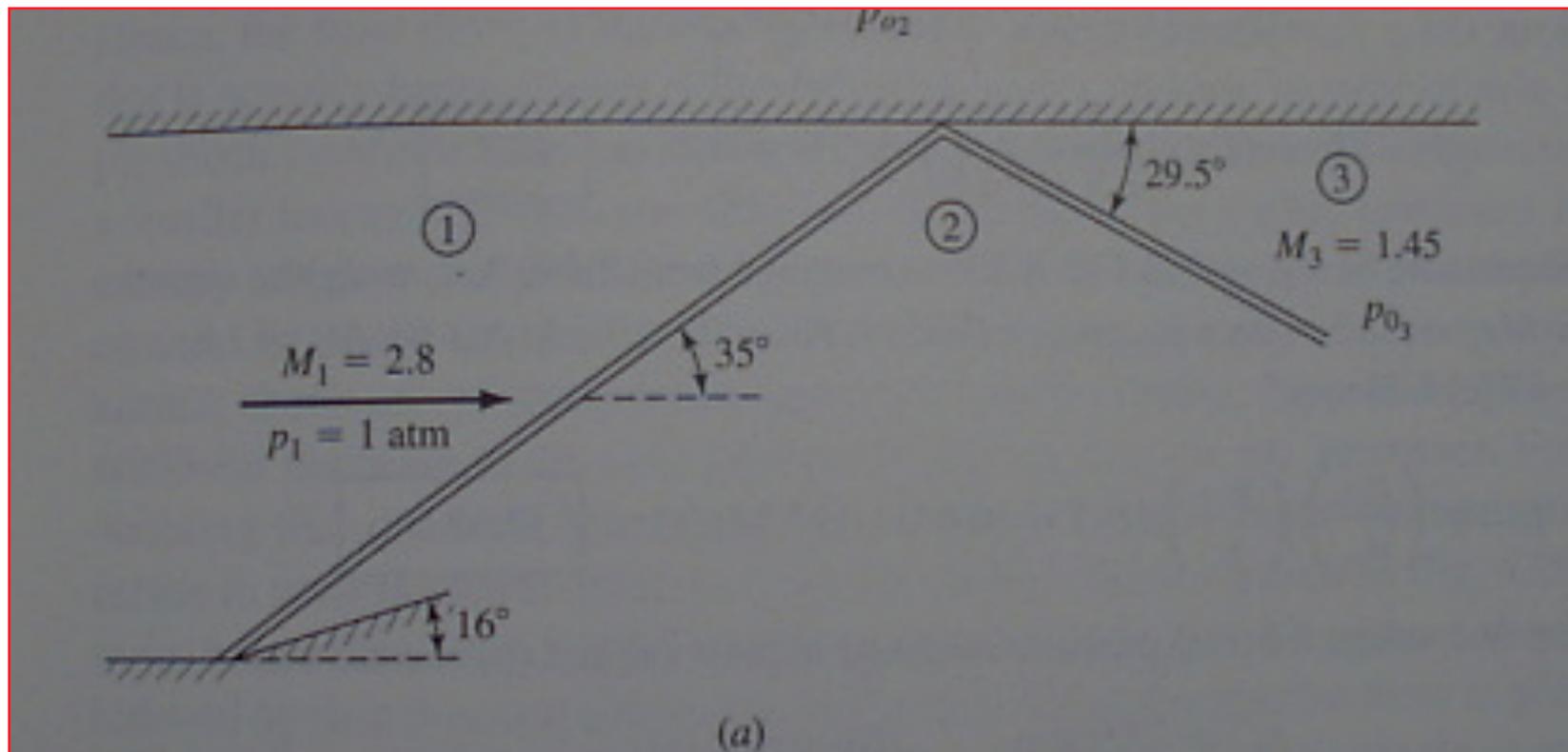
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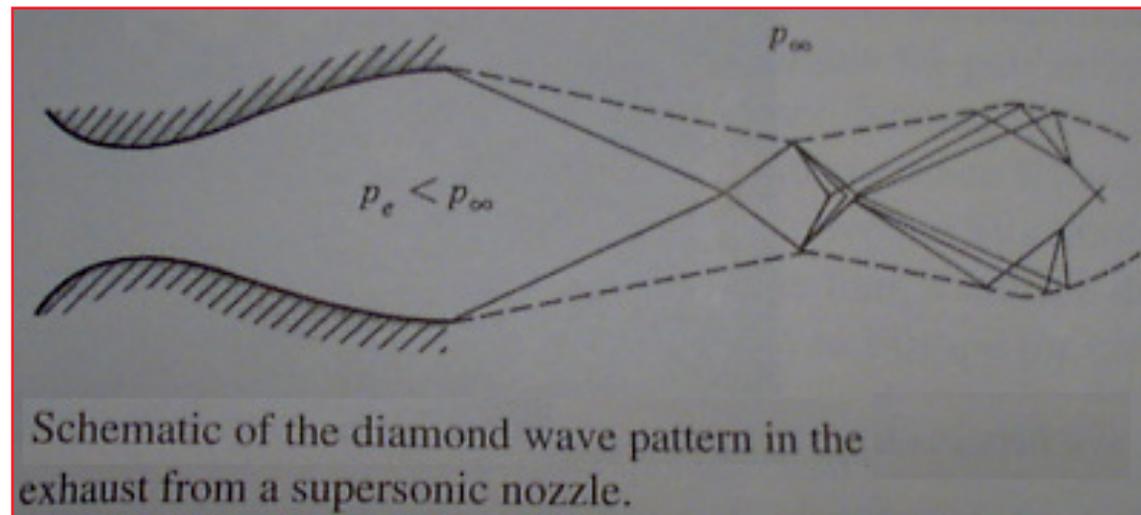
# Background on Supersonic Inlet Design

- Anderson,  
Chapter 4 pp. 152-164

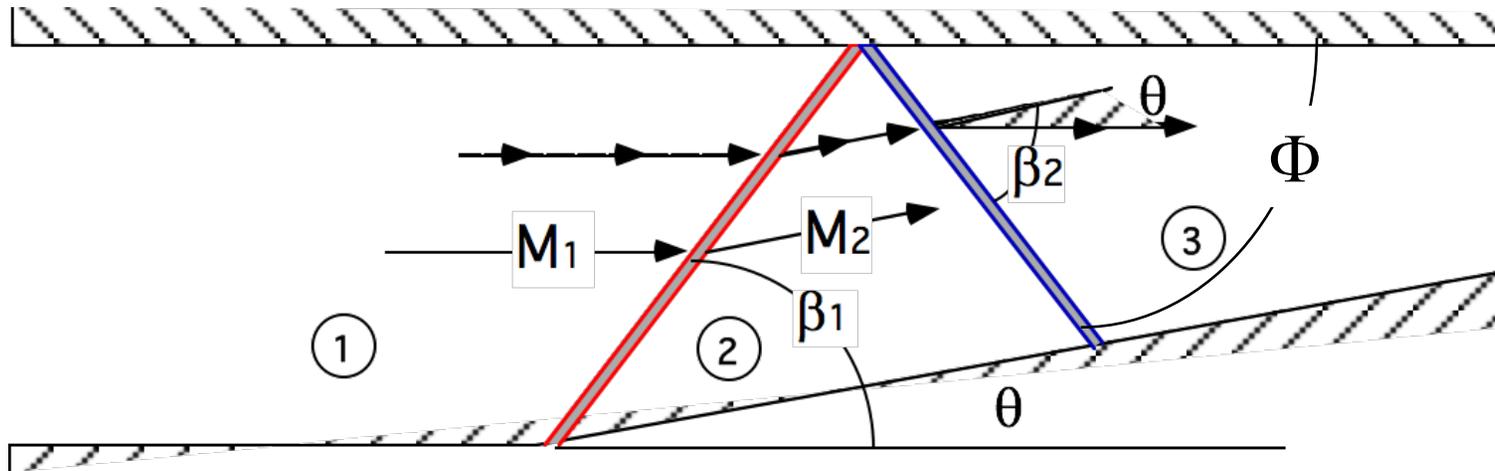


# Rules for Shock Wave Reflections from Solid and Free Boundaries

1. Waves Incident on a Solid Boundary reflect in a Like manner;  
*Compression wave reflects as compression wave, expansion wave reflects as expansion wave*
2. Waves Incident on a Free Boundary reflect in an Opposite manner;  
*Compression wave reflects as expansion wave, expansion wave reflects as compression wave*

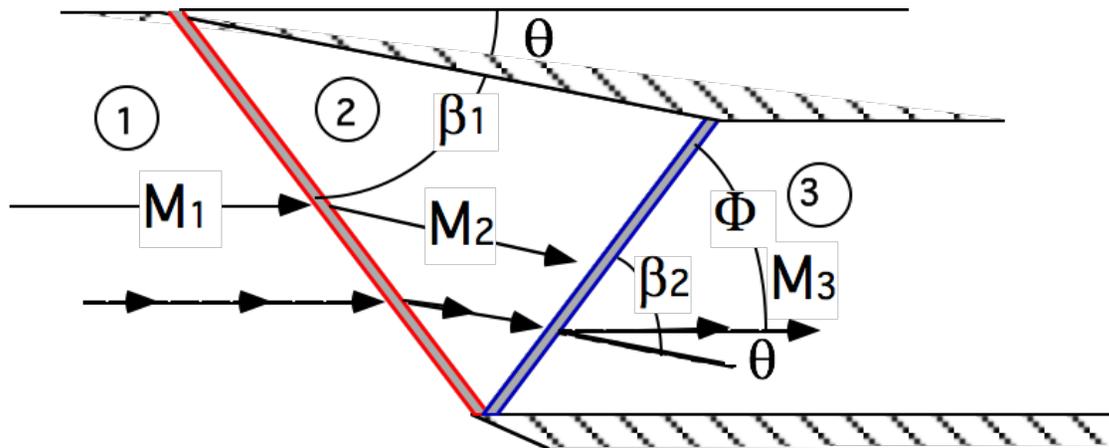


# Geometry of a Shock Wave: Reflected From a Solid Boundary



$\beta_1 \neq \beta_2$  • Not Billiards ... Why?

# SCRAMJet Inlet Design Example



- Example Calculation

$$M_1 = 3.6$$

$$\theta = 20^\circ$$

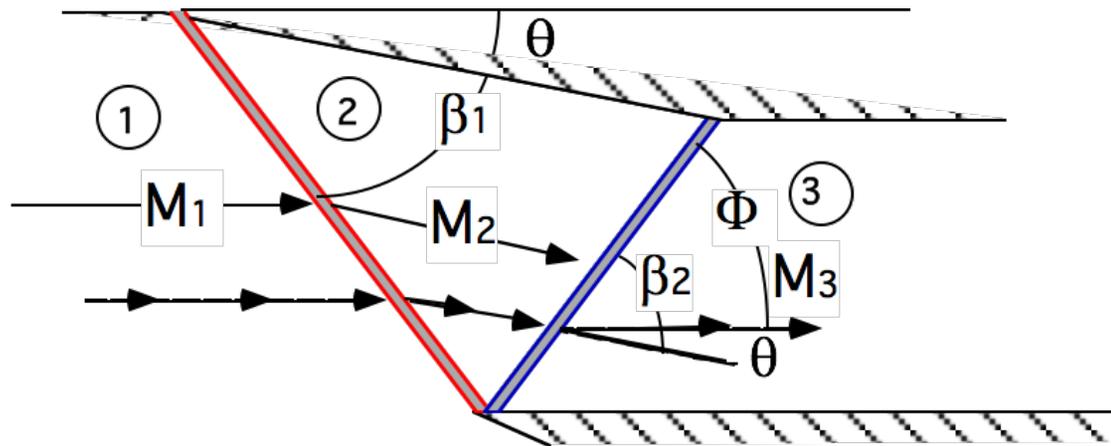
$$\gamma = 1.4$$

- Find  $\beta_2, \Phi, M_3$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{2 \{ M_1^2 \sin^2(\beta) - 1 \}}{\tan(\beta) [ 2 + M_1^2 [ \gamma + \cos(2\beta) ] ]} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{180}{\pi} \operatorname{atan} \left( \frac{2 \left( 3.6^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 34.1102 \right) - 1 \right)}{\left( \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 34.1102 \right) \right) \left( 2 + 3.6^2 \left( 1.4 + \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 2 \cdot 34.1102 \right) \right) \right)} \right) = 20^\circ$$

# SCRAMJet Inlet Design Example (cont'd)



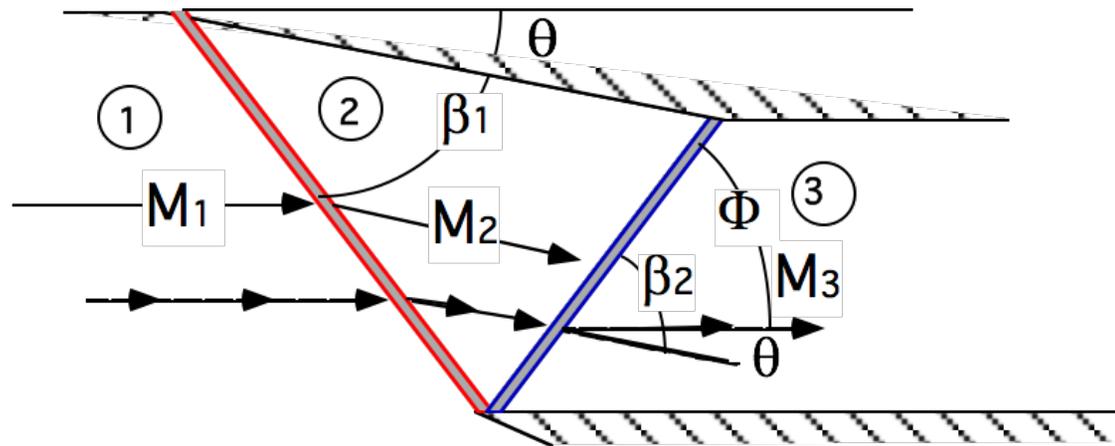
- Solve for  $\beta_1$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{2 \{ M_1^2 \sin^2(\beta) - 1 \}}{\tan(\beta) [ 2 + M_1^2 [\gamma + \cos(2\beta)] ]} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{180}{\pi} \operatorname{atan} \left( \frac{2 \left( 3.6^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 34.1102 \right) - 1 \right)}{\left( \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 34.1102 \right) \right) \left( 2 + 3.6^2 \left( 1.4 + \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 2 \cdot 34.1102 \right) \right) \right)} \right) = 20^\circ$$

$$\beta_1 = 34.1102^\circ$$

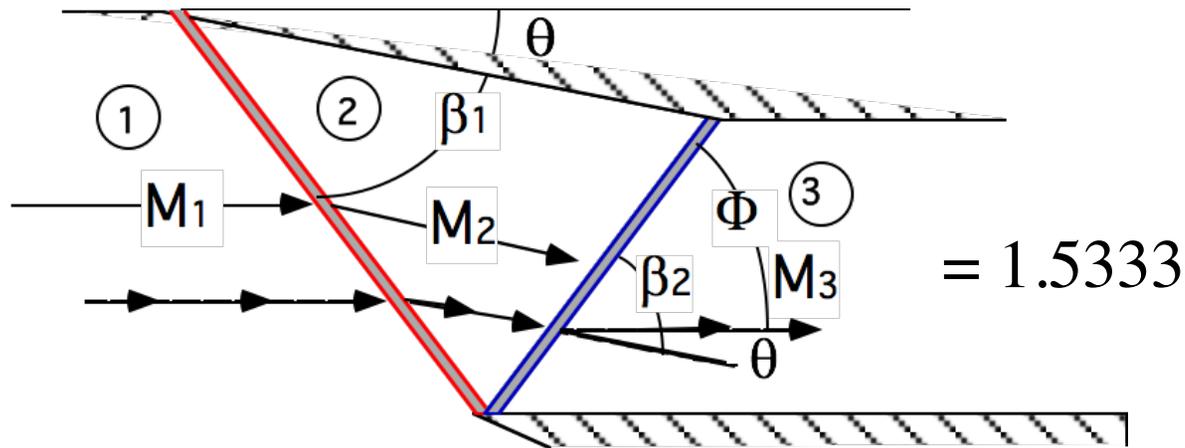
# SCRAMJet Inlet Design Example (cont'd)



- $M_{1n} = M_1 \sin \beta_1 = 3.6 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 34.1102 \right) = 2.0188$
- Normal Shock Solver-->

$$M_2 n = 0.574168 \rightarrow M_2 = \frac{M_2 n}{\sin(\beta_1 - \theta)} = \frac{0.574168}{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{180} (34.1102 - 20) \right)} = 2.3552$$

# SCRAMJet Inlet Design Example (cont'd)



$\theta$ - $\beta$ - $M$  solver, for  $M_2 = 2.3552$  and  $\theta_2 = 20^\circ$ ,

$$\text{---> } \beta_2 = 45.0534^\circ \text{ ---> } \Phi = 45.0534^\circ - 20^\circ = 25.0534^\circ$$

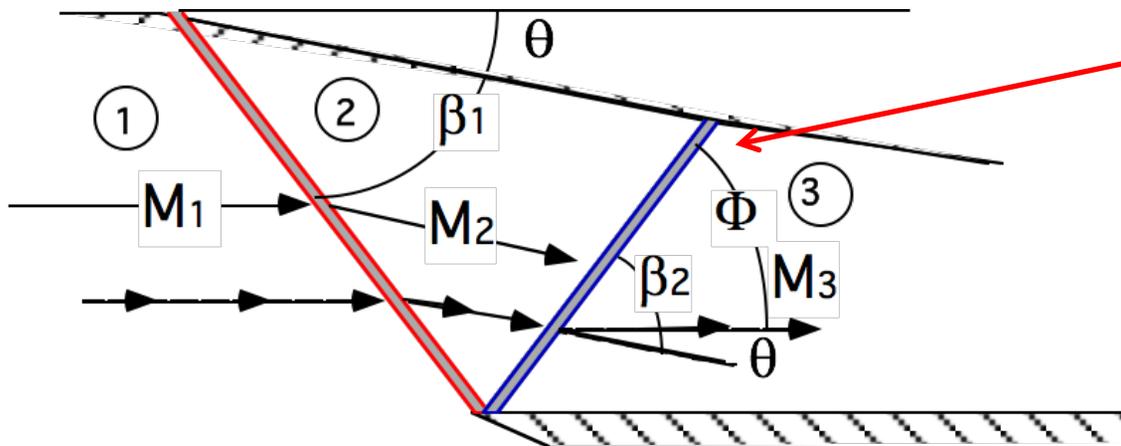
$$(M_2 n)_{\beta_2} = 2.3552 \sin(45.0534) = 0.649303$$

$$\text{---> } M_3 = \frac{(M_2 n)_{\beta_2}}{\sin(\beta_2 - \theta)} = \frac{0.649303}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} (45.0534 - 20)\right)} = 1.5333$$

**So we have  
Gotten inside  
The duct and  
Still are supersonic!**

# Off Design Operation

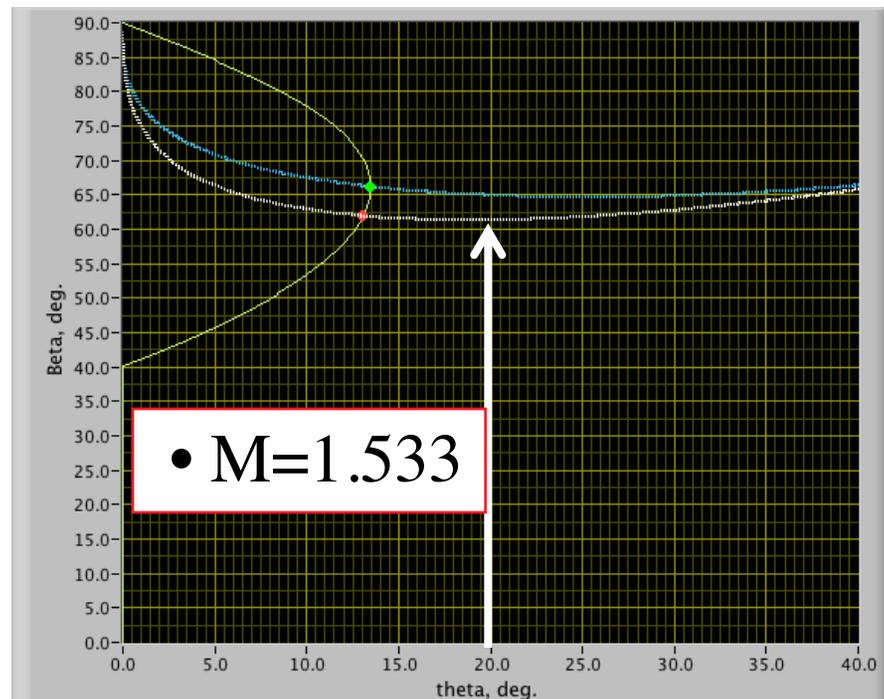
- What if we do out ramp geometry incorrectly for inlet mach?



- $20^\circ > \theta_{\max}$

Detached Shockwave!

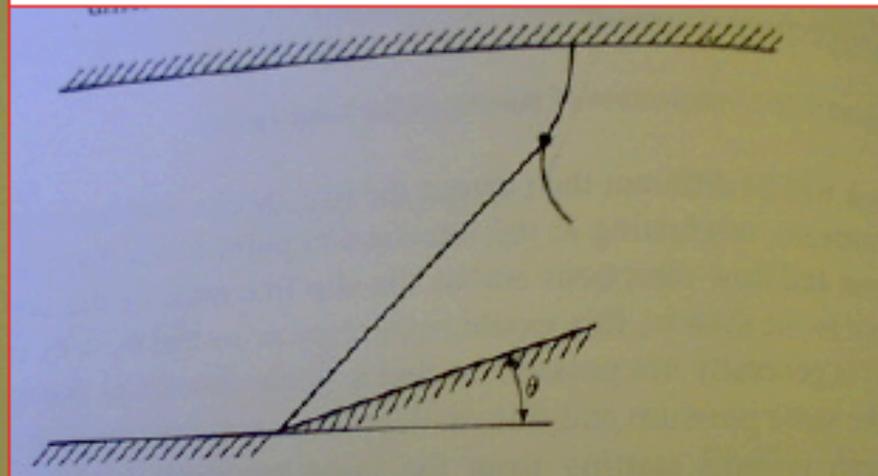
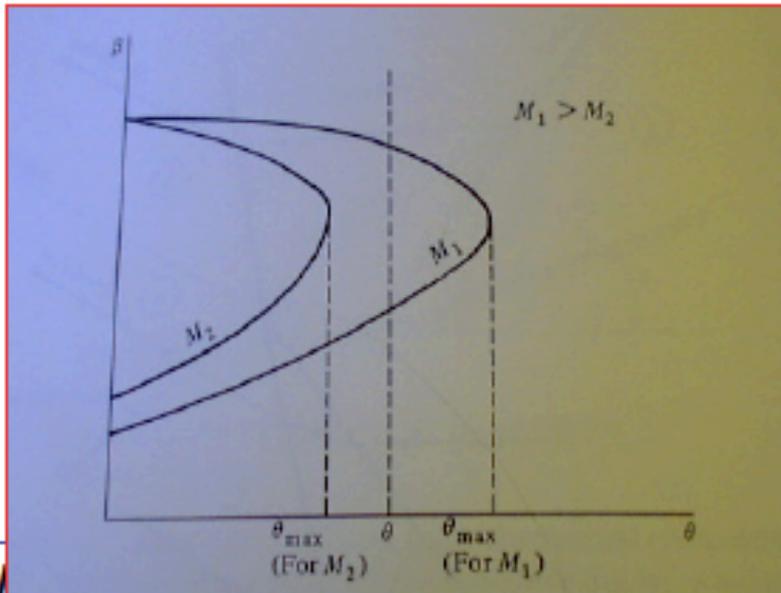
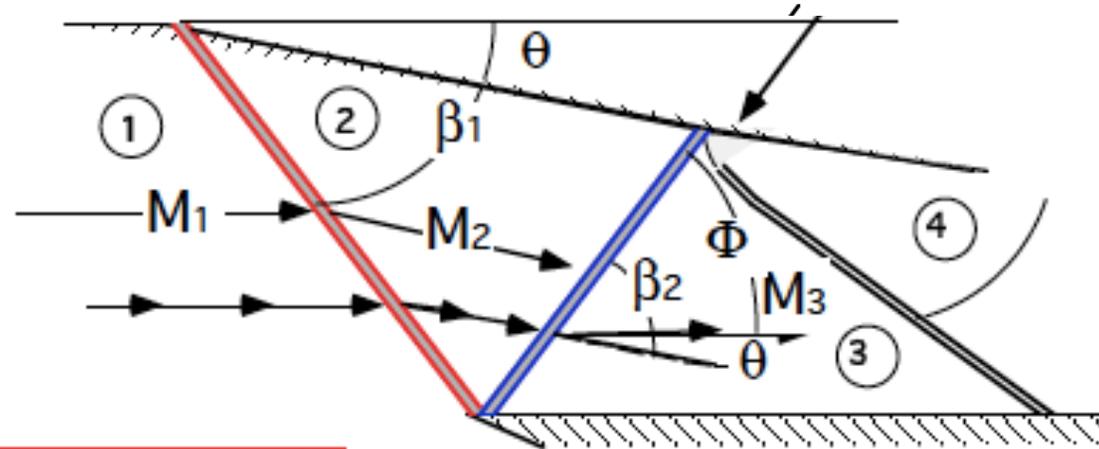
$\theta$ - $\beta$ - $M$  solver, for  
 $M_2 = 2.3552$  and  $\theta_2 = 20^\circ$ ,



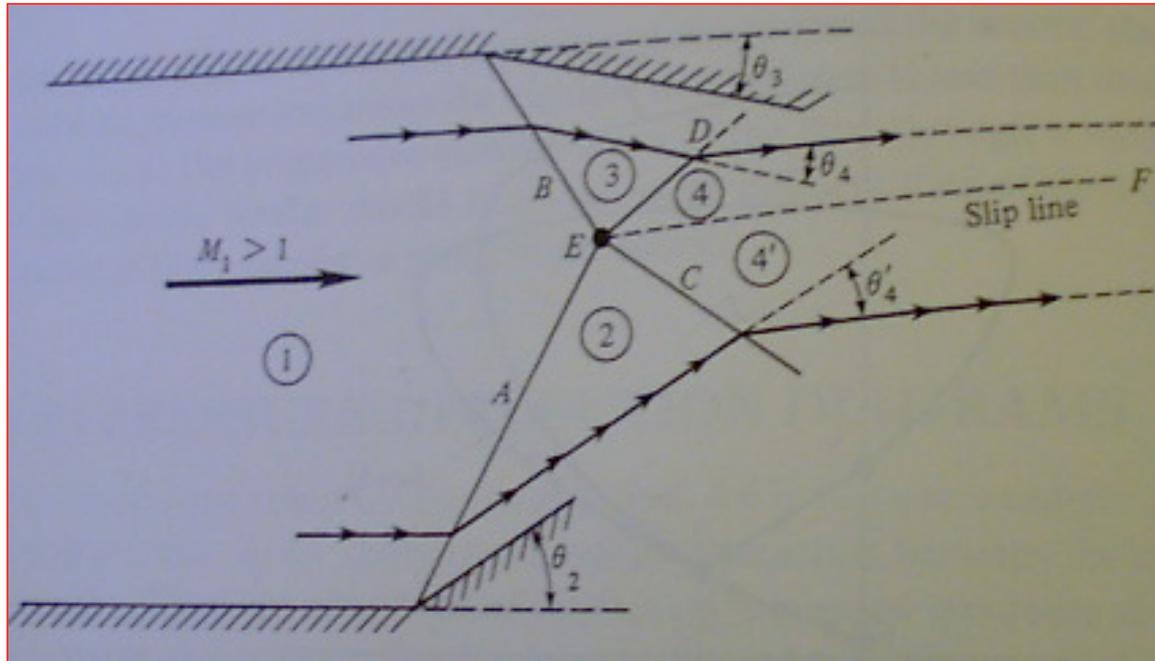
# Off Design Operation

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*Mach reflection* ... localized strong shockwave ... starts bad train of events leading to flow separation and possible unstart

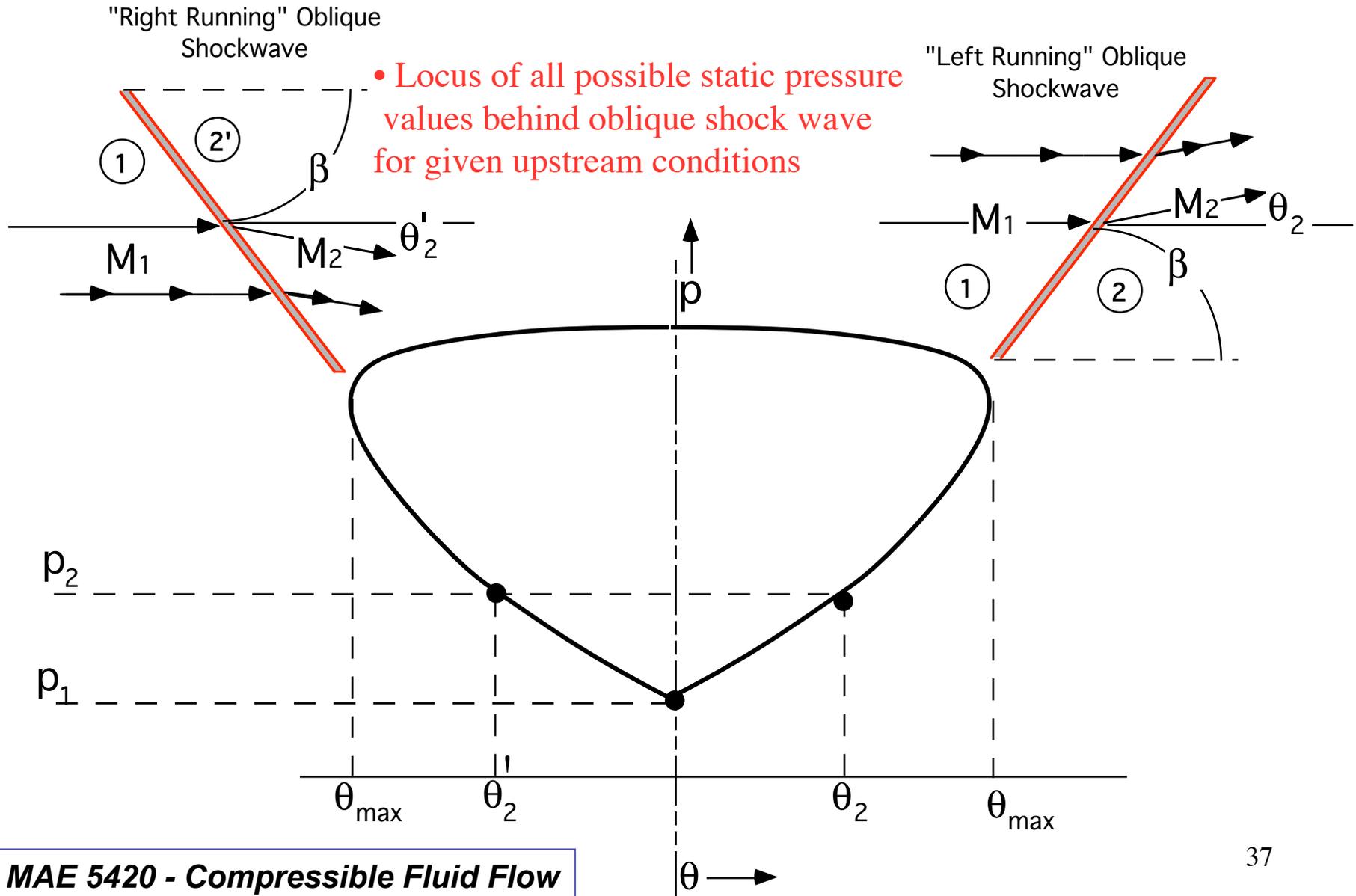


## Geometry of a Shock Wave: Reflected From another Shock wave



- Shock waves not only reflect from solid boundaries, they also reflect from each other
- *Need “more tools” to analyze problem completely*

# Pressure-Deflection Diagrams



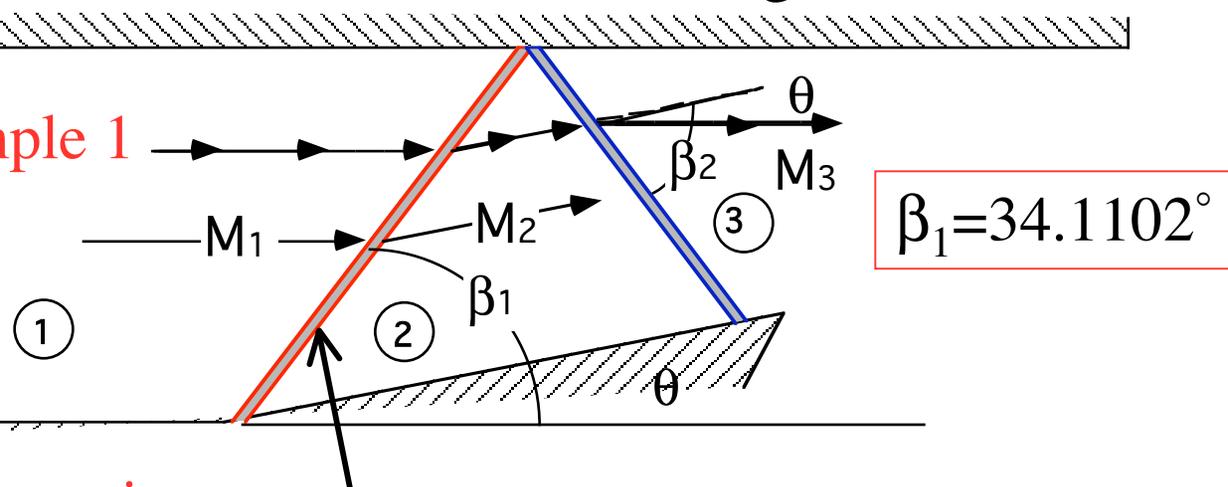
# Pressure-Deflection Diagrams (cont'd)

- Look at example 1

$$M_1 = 3.6$$

$$\theta = 20^\circ$$

$$\gamma = 1.4$$



$$\beta_1 = 34.1102^\circ$$

- Left running wave

- $M_{1n} = M_1 \sin \beta_1 = 3.6 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{180} 34.1102 \right) = 2.0188$

- Normal Shock Solver-->

$$M_2 n = 0.574168 \rightarrow M_2 = \frac{M_2 n}{\sin(\beta_1 - \theta)} = \frac{0.574168}{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{180} (34.1102 - 20) \right)} = 2.3552$$

$$p_2/p_1 = 4.588283$$

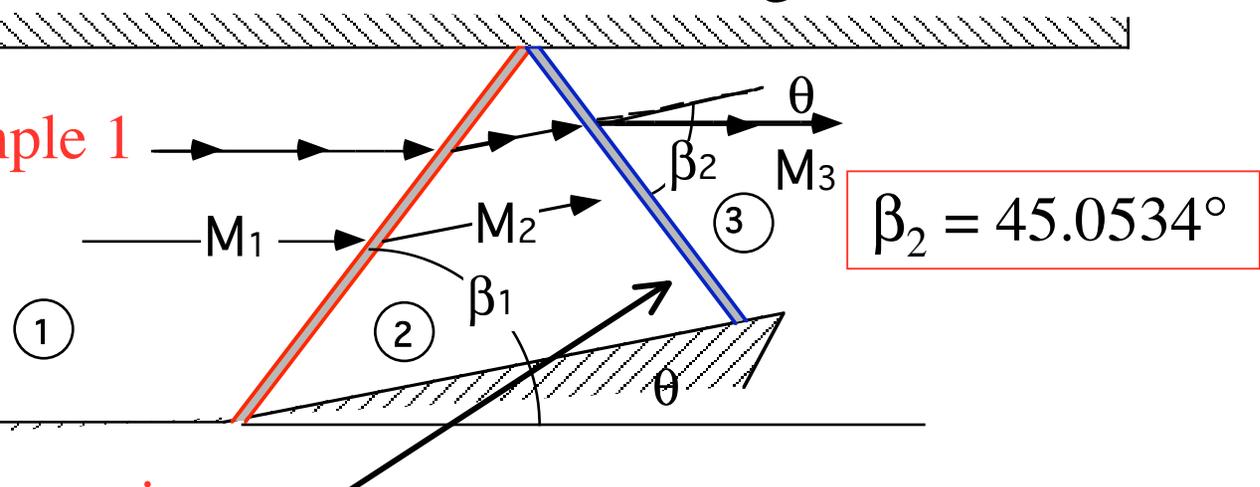
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$$\gamma = 1.4$$



$$\beta_2 = 45.0534^\circ$$

- Right running wave

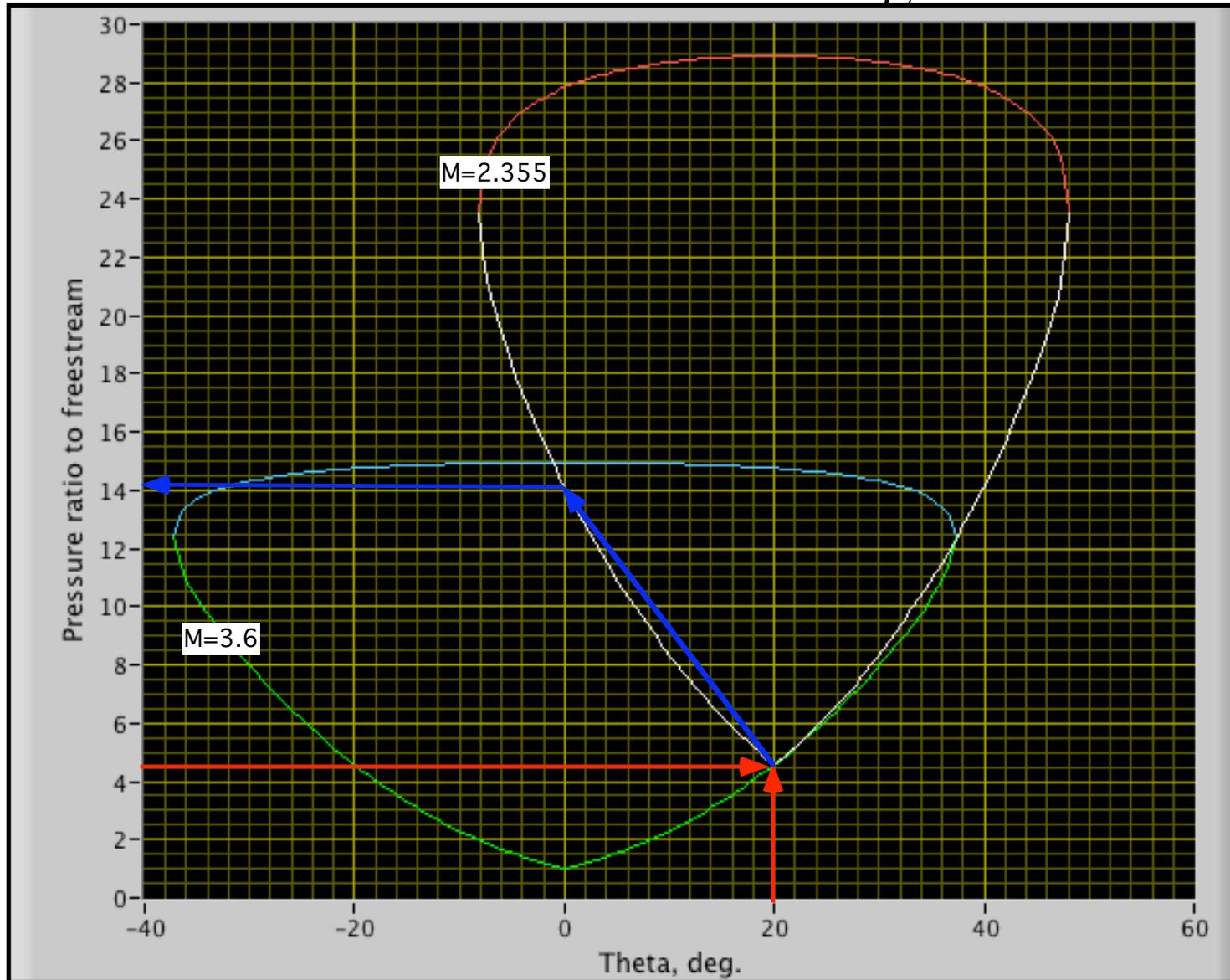
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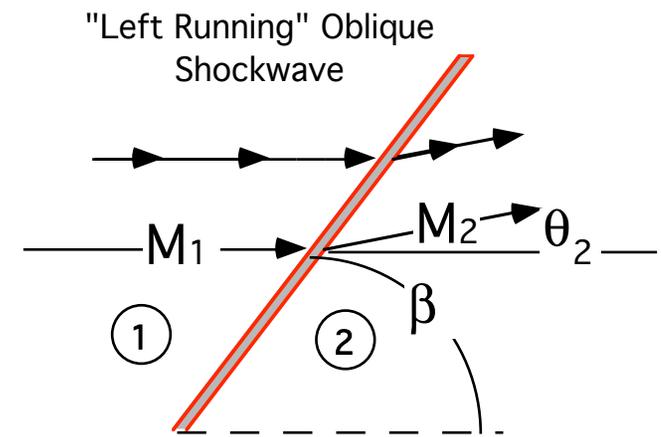
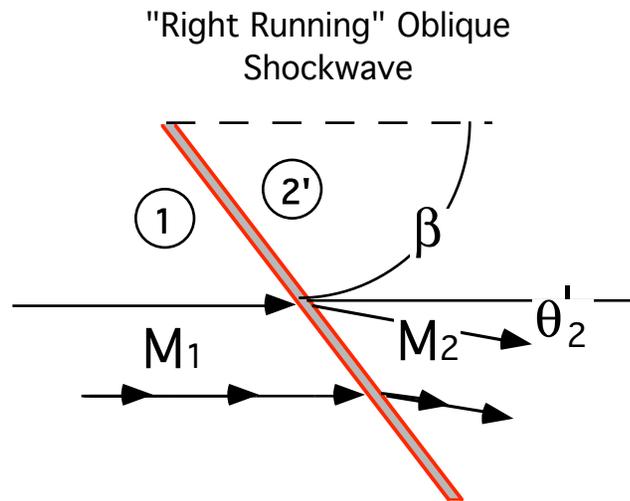
$$p_3/p_2 = 3.075094 \text{ --->}$$

$$p_3/p_1 = (p_3/p_2)(p_2/p_1) = (3.075094)(4.588283) = 14.109$$

# Pressure-Deflection Diagrams (cont'd)

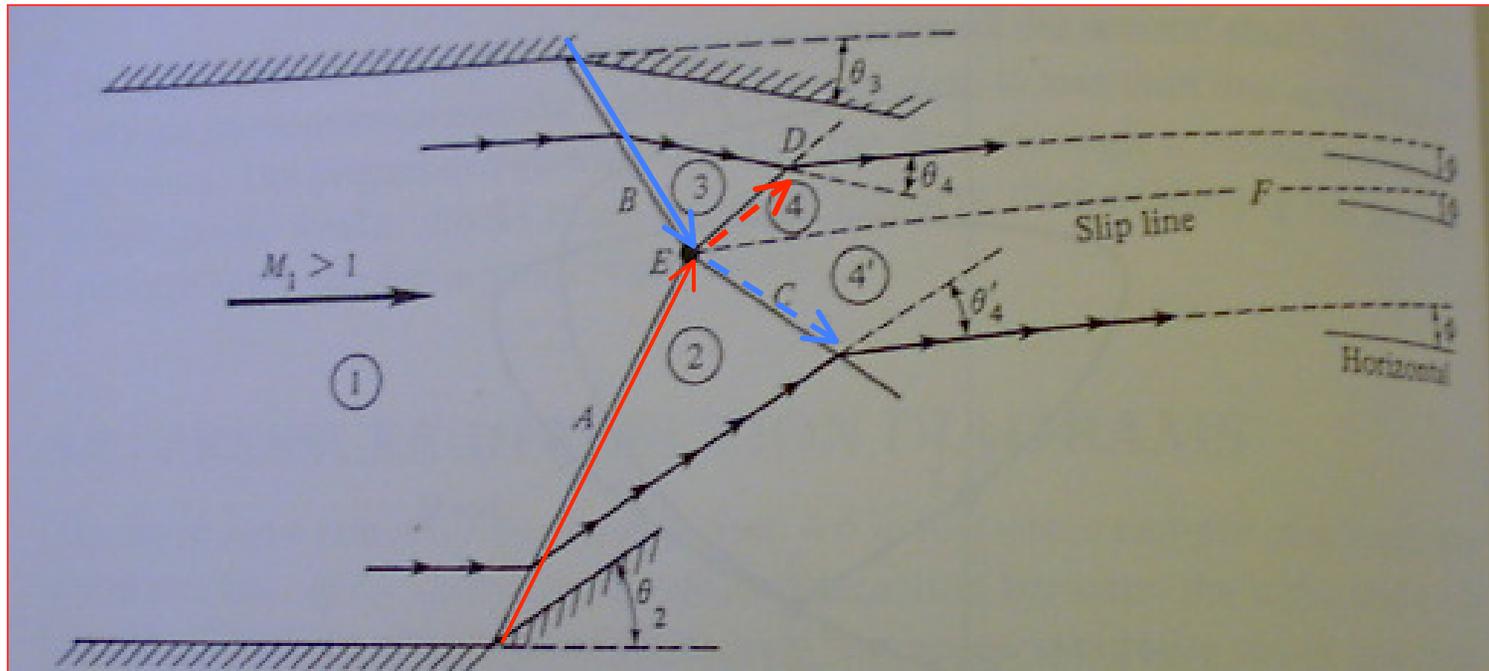


# Intersection of Shocks of Opposite Families



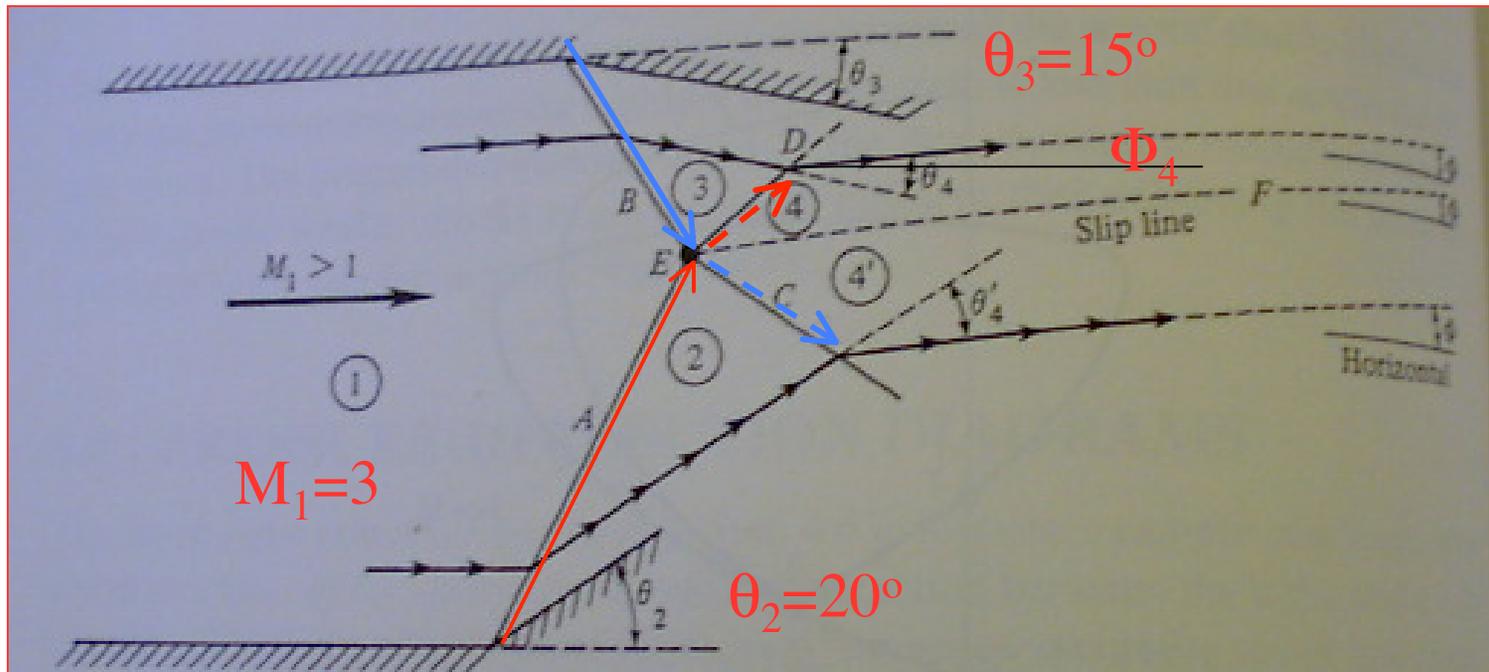
Intersection of "left-running" and "right running"  
Shock waves

# Intersection of Shocks of Opposite Families (cont'd)



- Shock emanating from {A,B} intersect and continue as refracted shocks {C,D} .. At intersection point E,  $p_4 = p'_4$

# Intersection of Shocks of Opposite Families, Example



- Example:  $M_1=3$ ,  $p_1=1\text{ atm}$ ,  $\theta_2=20^\circ$ ,  $\theta_3=15^\circ$
- Plot  $p,\theta$  diagram,  $p_4$ , and flow direction  $\Phi_4$

## Numerical Calculations for Example

From the  $\theta$ - $\beta$ -M solver: For  $\theta_2 = 20^\circ$  and  $M_1 = 3$ ,  $\beta = 37.8^\circ$ .

$$M_{n_1} = M_1 \sin \beta = (3) \sin (37.8) = 1.839; \frac{p_2}{p_1} = 3.783$$

$$M_{n_2} = 0.6078; M_2 = \frac{M_{n_2}}{\sin(\beta - \theta)} = \frac{0.6078}{\sin(37.8 - 20)} = 1.99$$

For  $\theta_3 = 15^\circ$  and  $M_1 = 3$ ,  $\beta = 32.2$

$$M_{n_1} = M_1 \sin \beta = (3) \sin (32.2) = 1.60; \frac{p_3}{p_1} = 2.82$$

$$M_{n_3} = 0.6684; M_3 = \frac{M_{n_3}}{\sin(\beta - \theta)} = \frac{0.6684}{\sin(32.2 - 15)} = 2.26$$

# Numerical Calculations for Example

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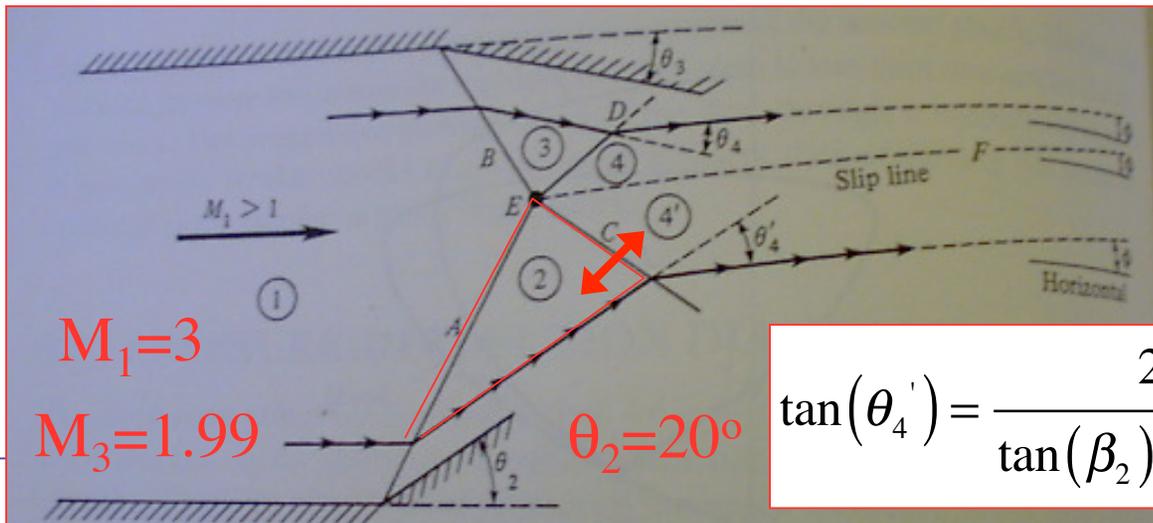
For the upstream flow represented by region 2, plot a pressure deflection diagram from the following calculations:

$\beta_2$	$\theta_4'$	$M_{n_2} = M_2 \sin \beta$	$\frac{p_4'}{p_2}$	$\frac{p_4'}{p_1} = \frac{p_4'}{p_2} \frac{p_2}{p_1}$	$\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_4'$
30	0	1	1	3.783	20
33.3	4	1.09	1.219	4.61	16
37.2	8	1.20	1.513	5.72	12
41.6	12	1.32	1.866	7.06	8
46.7	16	1.45	2.286	8.65	4
53.5	20	1.60	2.820	10.67	0

Pick these values

calculate these values

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = 3.783$$



$$M_1 = 3$$

$$M_3 = 1.99$$

$$\theta_2 = 20^\circ$$

$$\tan(\theta_4') = \frac{2 \{ M_2^2 \sin^2(\beta_2) - 1 \}}{\tan(\beta_2) [ 2 + M_2^2 [ \gamma + \cos(2\beta_2) ] ]}$$

# Numerical Calculations for Example

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For the upstream flow represented by region 3, plot a pressure deflection diagram from the following calculations:

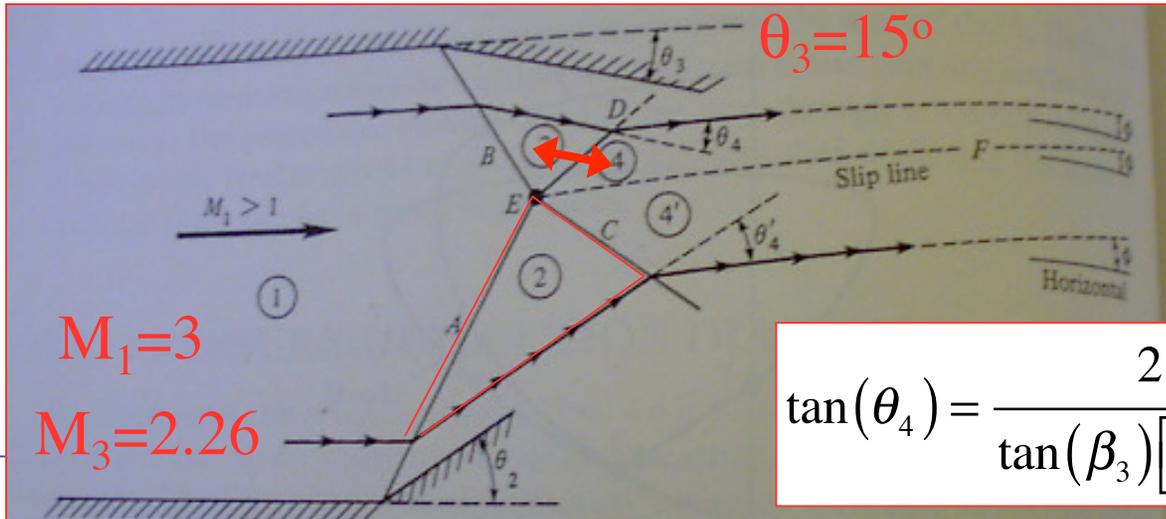
$\beta_3$	$\theta_4$	$M_{n_3} = M_3 \sin \beta$	$\frac{p_4}{p_2}$	$\frac{p_4}{p_1} = \frac{p_4}{p_3} \frac{p_3}{p_1}$	$\Delta \theta = \theta_4 - \theta_3$
26	0	1	1	2.82	-15
29	4	1.096	1.23	3.47	-11
33	8	1.23	1.598	4.51	-7
36.8	12	1.35	1.96	5.53	-3
41.5	16	1.50	2.458	6.93	1
46.8	20	1.65	3.01	8.49	5
53.7	24	1.82	3.698	10.43	9

Pick these values

calculate these values

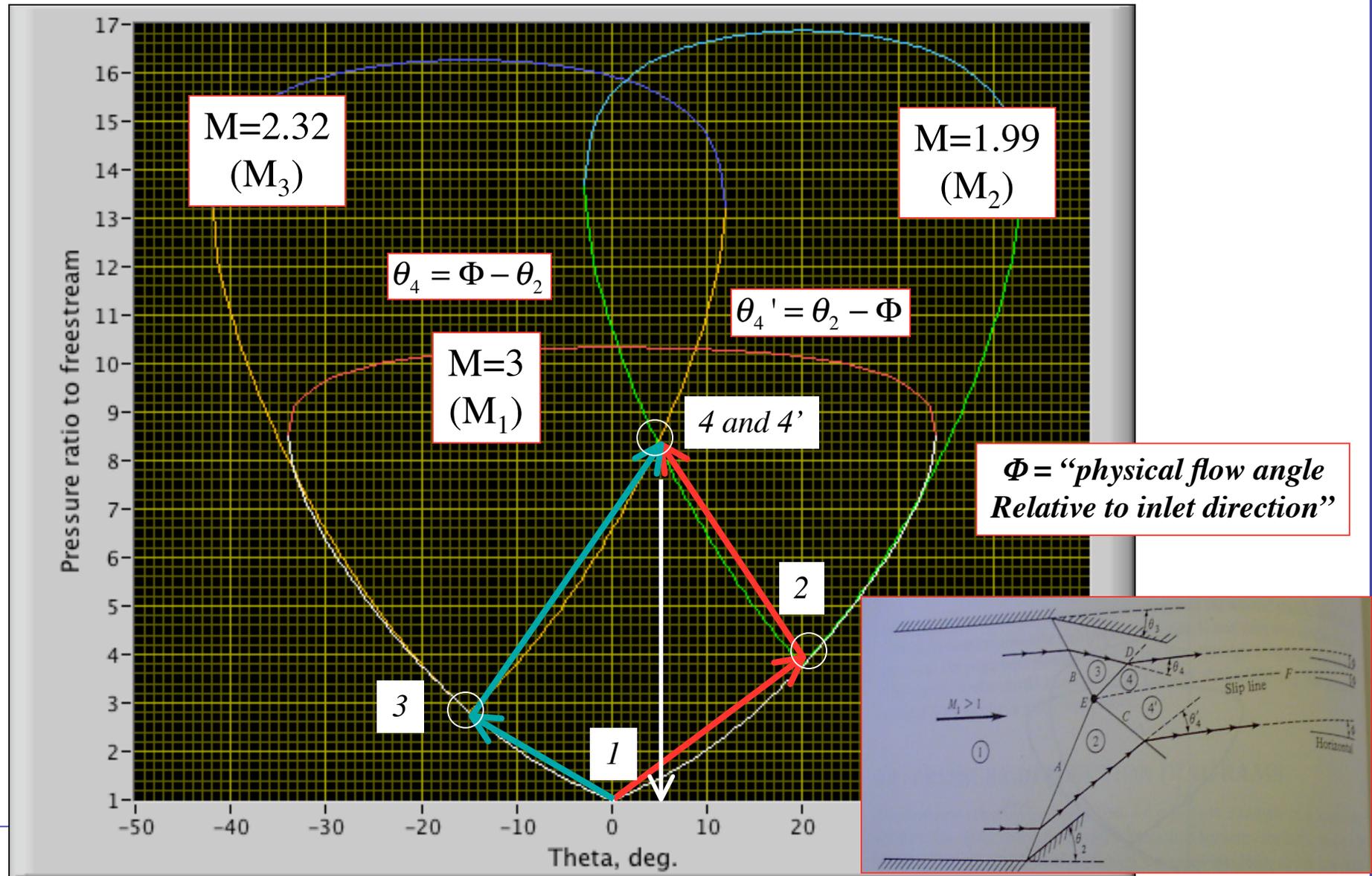


$$\frac{p_3}{p_1} = 2.82$$



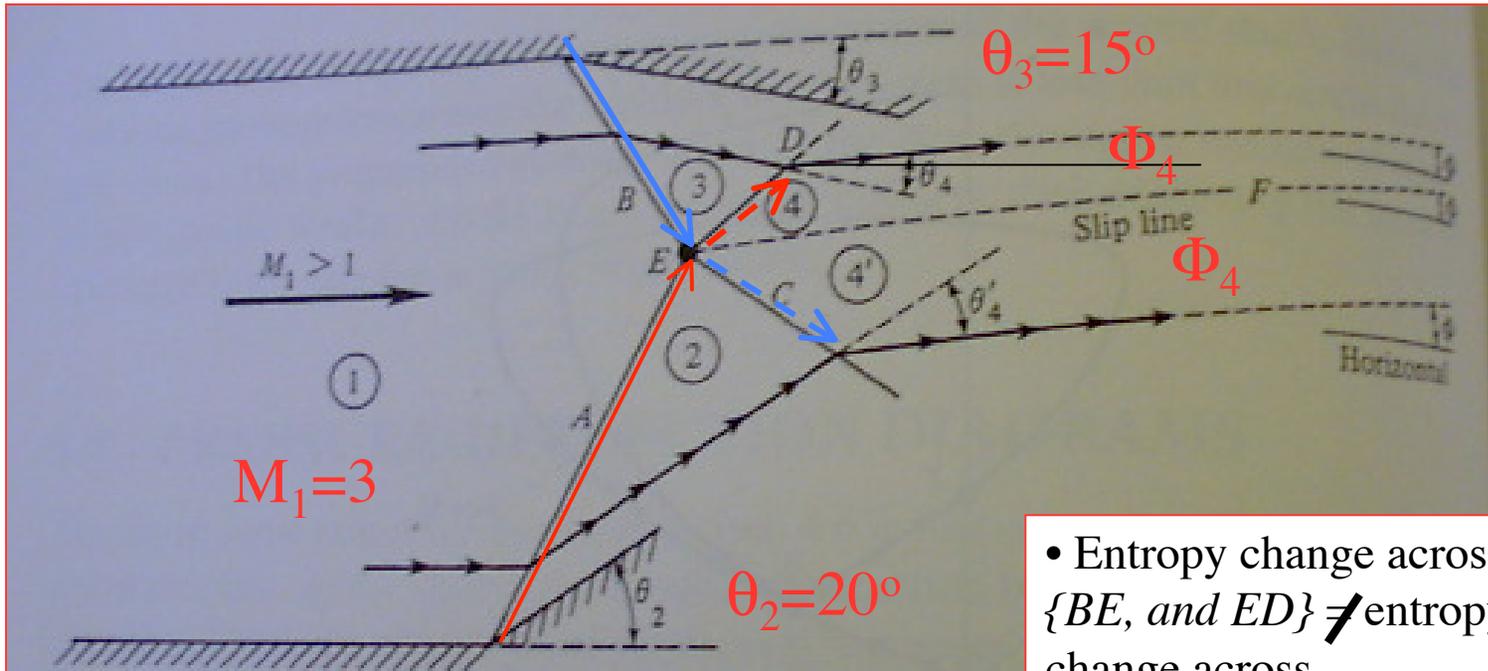
$$\tan(\theta_4) = \frac{2 \{ M_3^2 \sin^2(\beta_3) - 1 \}}{\tan(\beta_3) [ 2 + M_3^2 [ \gamma + \cos(2\beta_3) ] ]}$$

# Pressure-deflection-diagram for Example



# Numerical Calculations for Example

(cont'd)



From the graph on previous page

$$p_4 = p_4' = \frac{p_4}{p_1} p_1 = (8.3)(1) = \boxed{8.3 \text{ atm}}$$

$$\Phi = \boxed{4.5^\circ}$$

- Entropy change across {BE, and ED}  $\neq$  entropy change across Shocks {AE, and EC} ....

*Creates "slip line" emanating From E between regions 4 and 4'*

# Intersection of Shocks of The Same Family

- Will Mach waves intersect shock wave?

“ $a$ =local sonic velocity”

$M_1 > 1$

*Left running mach line will  
Always intersect left running shock*

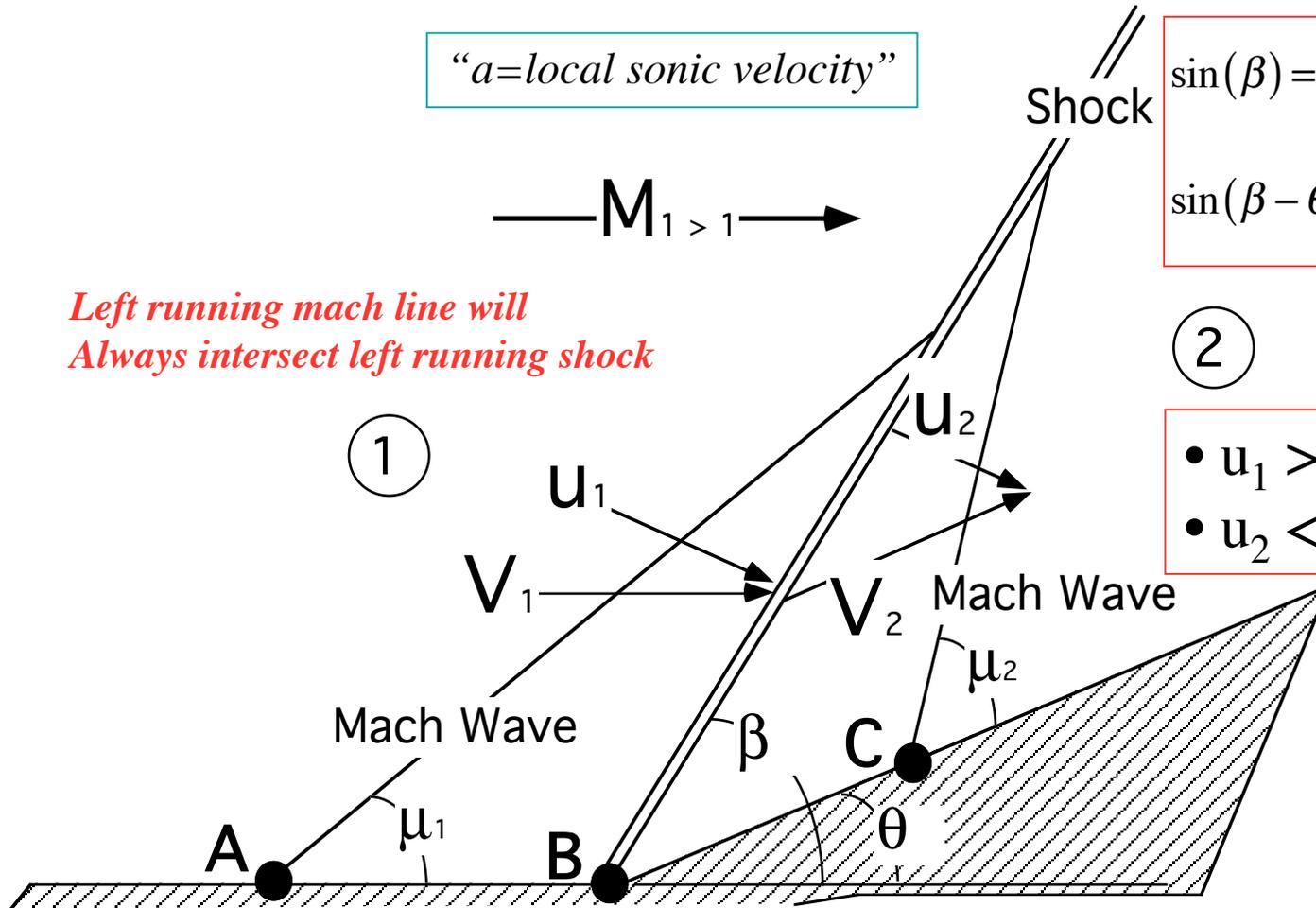
$$\sin(\beta) = \frac{u_1}{V_1} \rightarrow \sin(\mu_1) = \frac{a_1}{V_1}$$

$$\sin(\beta - \theta) = \frac{u_2}{V_2} \rightarrow \sin(\mu_2) = \frac{a_2}{V_2}$$

②

- $u_1 > a_1 \rightarrow \mu_1 < \beta$
- $u_2 < a_2 \rightarrow \mu_2 > \beta - \theta$

• **yes!**

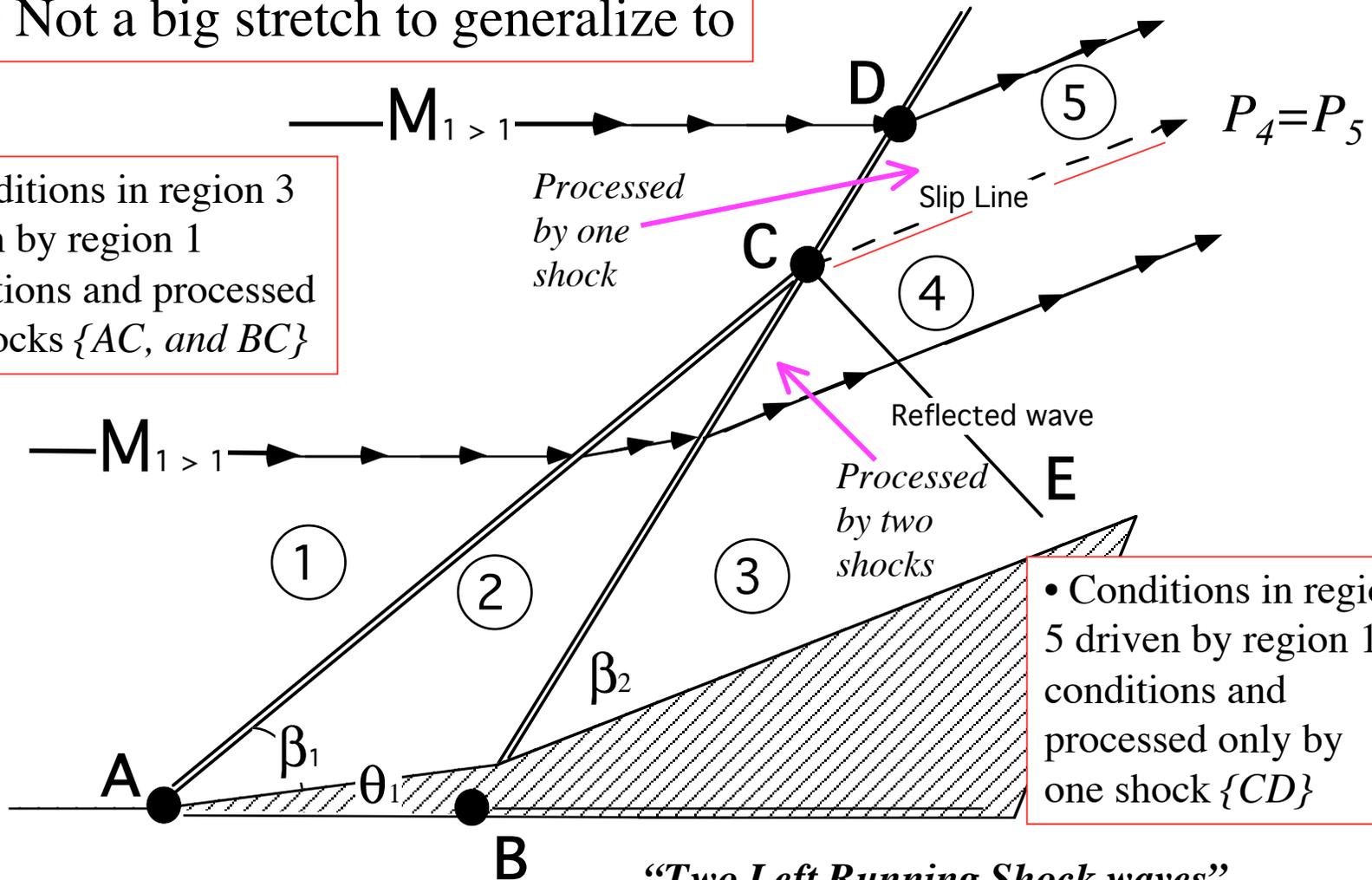


# Intersection of Shocks of The Same Family

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- Not a big stretch to generalize to

- Conditions in region 3 driven by region 1 conditions and processed by shocks {AC, and BC}



- Conditions in region 5 driven by region 1 conditions and processed only by one shock {CD}

“Two Left Running Shock waves”

# Intersection of Shocks of The Same Family

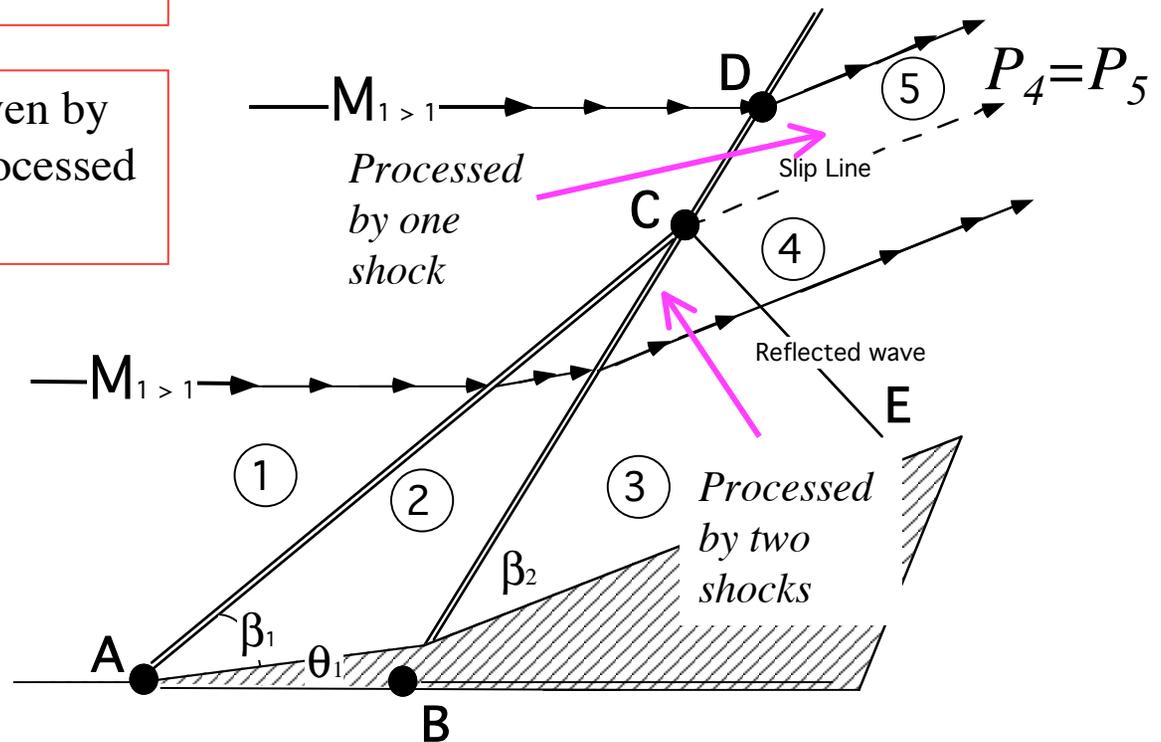
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- Conditions in region 3 driven by Upstream conditions and processed by shocks {AC, and BC}

- Conditions in region 5 driven by Upstream conditions and processed Only by shock {CD}

- Entropy change across {CD}  $\neq$  entropy change across Shocks {AC, and BC} ....

Creates "slip line" emanating From C between regions 4 and 5



*"Two Left Running Shock waves"*

# Intersection of Shocks of The Same Family

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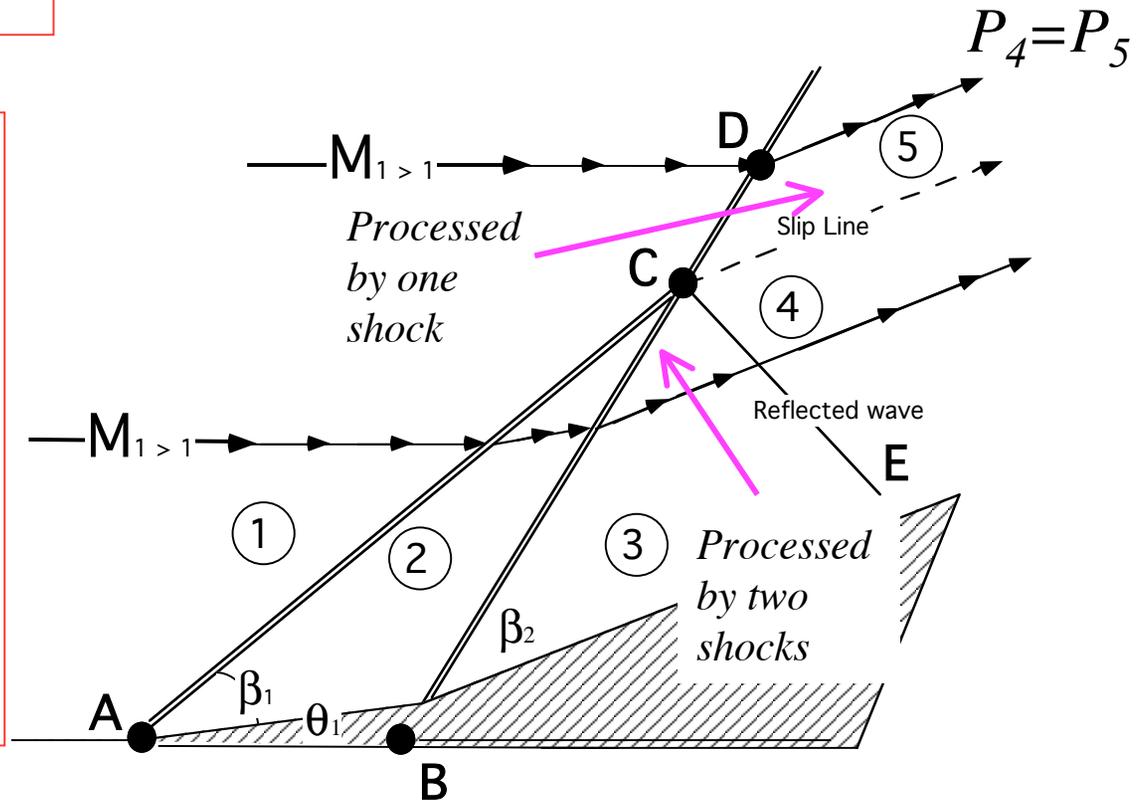
- within slip zone  $P_4 = P_5$   
and  $\theta_4 = \theta_5$ ,

- in general for arbitrary Shock waves ...  $P_3 \neq P_5$

But ..  $P_4 = P_5$

... How?...Reflected wave E...

... weak shock or  
Expansion wave depending  
On relationship of  $P_3$  to  $P_5$



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# Intersection of Shocks of The Same Family

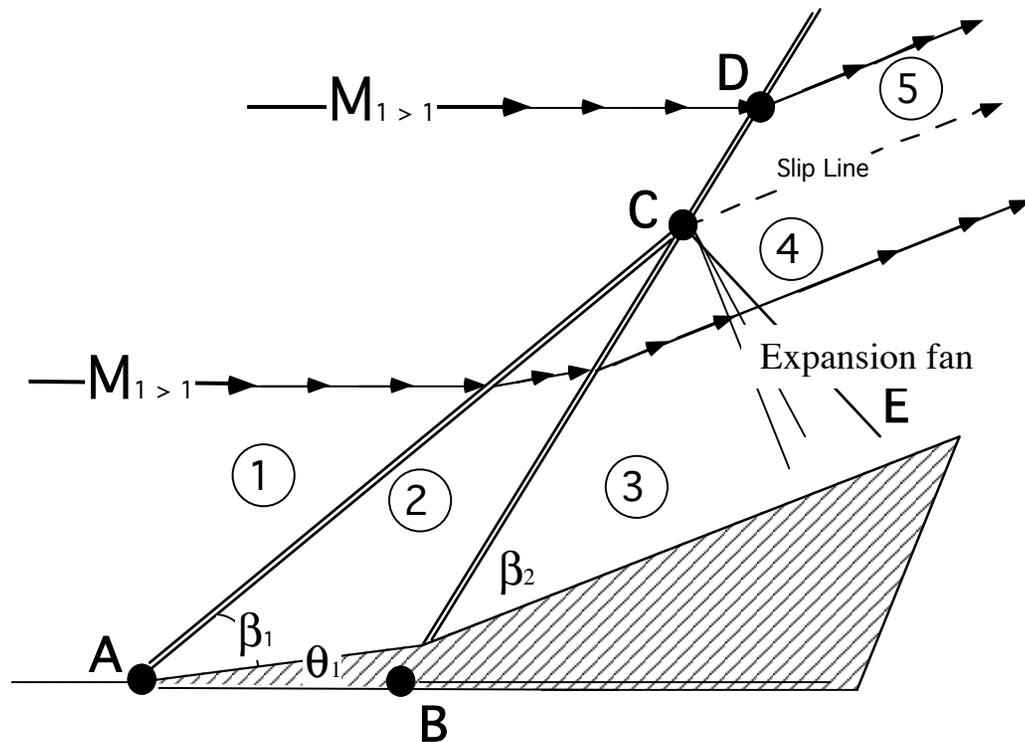
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- within slip zone  $P_4 = P_5$   
and  $\theta_4 = \theta_5$ , also  $\theta_3 = \theta_5$

$$P_3 > P_5$$

... expansion fan drops

$$P_3 \text{ to } P_3 (= P_5)$$



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# Intersection of Shocks of The Same Family

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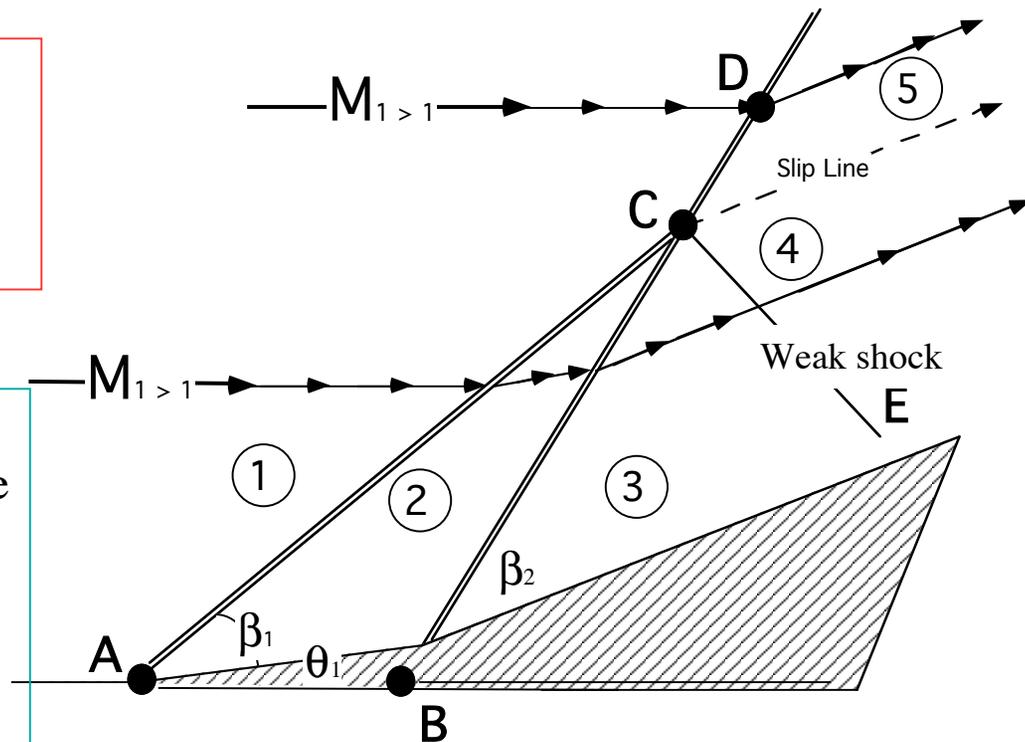
- within slip zone  $P_4 = P_5$   
and  $\theta_4 = \theta_5$ , also  $\theta_3 = \theta_5$

$$P_3 < P_5$$

... weak shock wave  
compresses  $P_3$  to  $P_4 (= P_5)$

- Model must be smart enough  
To accommodate this difference

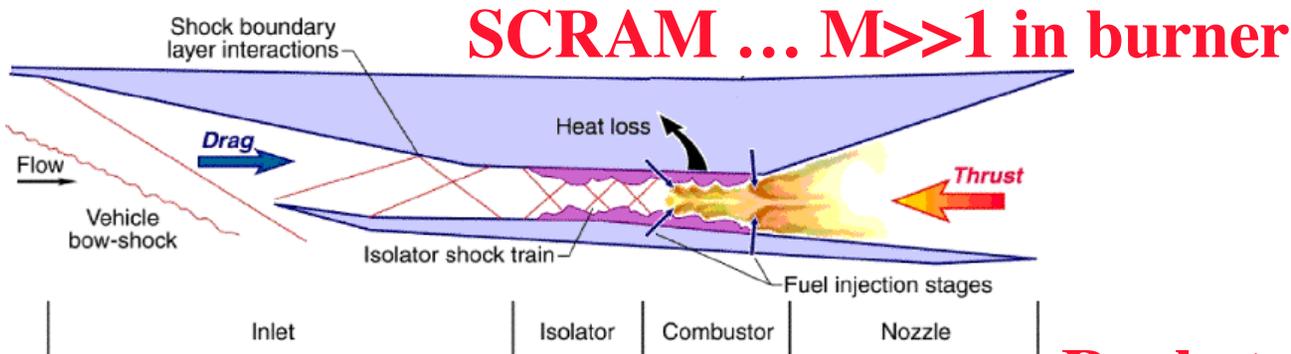
Must iteratively adjust  
Strength of waves CD and CE  
Until  $P_4 = P_5$  on output side



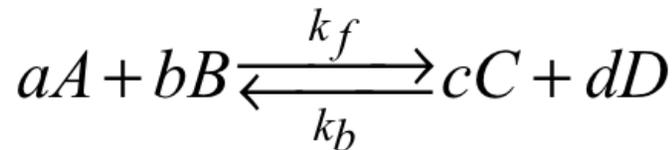
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## Scramjet Design Issues, II

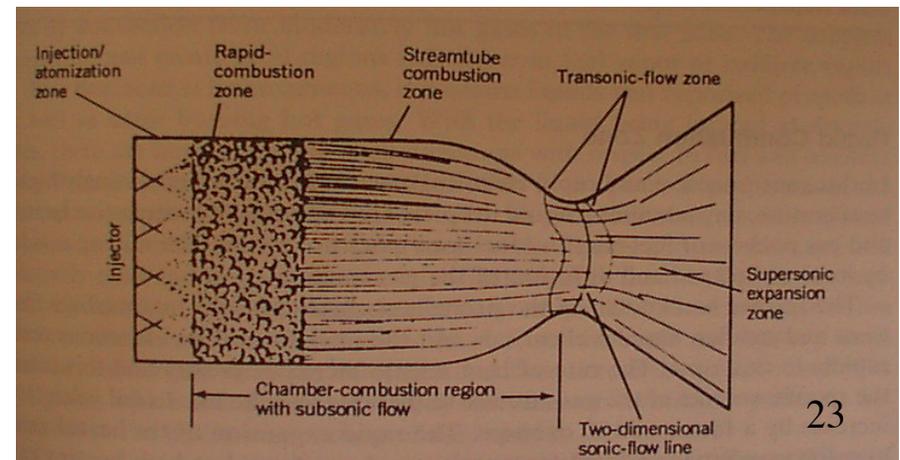
- Supersonic flow makes flow control within the combustion chamber more difficult.
- Massflow entering combustion chamber must mix with fuel and have sufficient time for initiation and reaction, while traveling supersonically through combustion chamber, before the burned gas is expanded through the thrust nozzle.



**Rocket ...  $M \ll 1$  in burner**

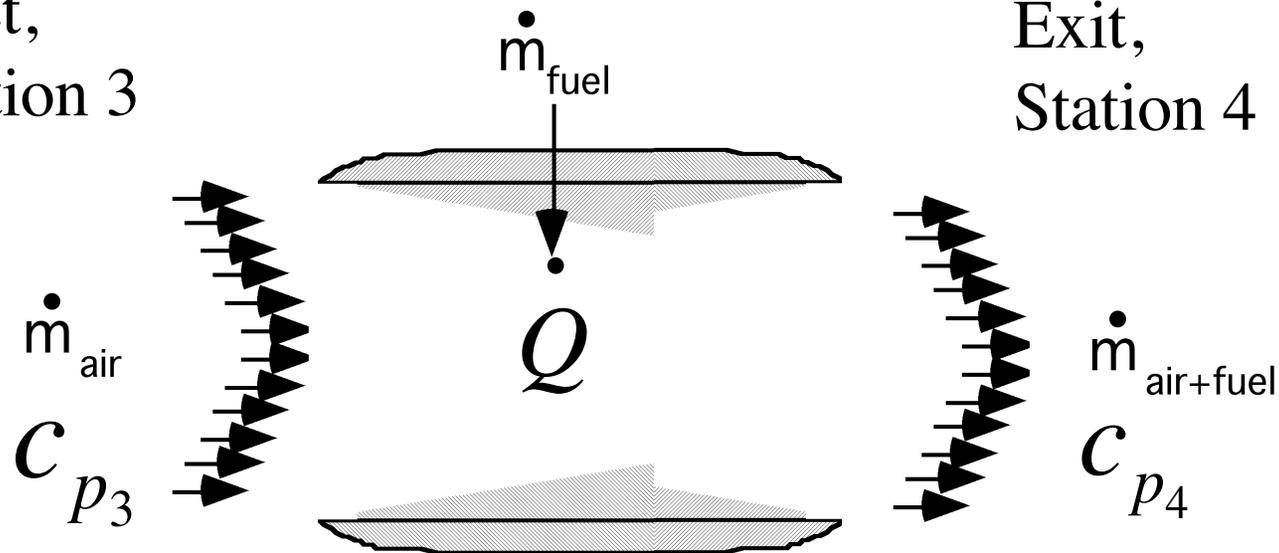


**Reaction times are  
Critically tuned to  
Flow path mach number**



## Review of 1-D Combustion Model

Inlet,  
Station 3



Exit,  
Station 4

Consider generic combustor model

i) *Enthalpy Balance*

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}_{fuel} \cdot h_{fuel} \rightarrow \dot{Q} + \dot{m}_{air} \left( h_3 + \frac{V_3^2}{2} \right) = (\dot{m}_{air} + \dot{m}_{fuel}) \left( h_4 + \frac{V_4^2}{2} \right)$$

## Review of 1-D Combustion Model (2)

Consider generic combustor model

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}_{fuel} \cdot h_{fuel} \rightarrow \dot{Q} + \dot{m}_{air} \left( h_3 + \frac{V_3^2}{2} \right) = \left( \dot{m}_{air} + \dot{m}_{fuel} \right) \left( h_4 + \frac{V_4^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\dot{m}_{fuel} \cdot h_{fuel} + \dot{m}_{air} \left( h_3 + \frac{V_i^2}{2} \right) = \left( \dot{m}_{air} + \dot{m}_{fuel} \right) \left( h_e + \frac{V_e^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}_{fuel}}{\dot{m}_{air}} \cdot h_{fuel} + \left( h_3 + \frac{V_3^2}{2} \right) = \left( 1 + \frac{\dot{m}_{fuel}}{\dot{m}_{air}} \right) \left( h_4 + \frac{V_4^2}{2} \right) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{f} \cdot h_{fuel} + \left( h_3 + \frac{V_3^2}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{f+1}{f} \right) \left( h_4 + \frac{V_4^2}{2} \right) \rightarrow f = \frac{\dot{m}_{air}}{\dot{m}_{fuel}}$$

## Review of 1-D Combustion Model (3)

- Stagnation Pressure Ratio Across Combustor is Proportional to the ratio of the fuel enthalpy and the incoming air stagnation enthalpy

$$\frac{T_{0_4}}{T_{0_3}} = \left( \frac{f}{f+1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{f} \cdot \frac{h_{fuel}}{c_{p_4} T_{0_3}} + \frac{c_{p_3}}{c_{p_4}} \right) = \left( \frac{f}{f+1} \right) \left( \frac{c_{p_3}}{c_{p_4}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{f} \cdot \frac{h_{fuel}}{c_{p_3} T_{0_3}} \right)$$

- Resulting Mach Number Change Across Combustor

$$\frac{M_4^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma_4 - 1}{2} M_4^2 \right]}{\left[ 1 + \gamma_4 M_4^2 \right]^2} = \left( \frac{f+1}{f} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{T_{0_4}}{T_{0_3}} \right] \left[ \frac{\gamma_3 R_{g_4}}{\gamma_4 R_{g_3}} \right] \frac{M_3^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma_3 - 1}{2} M_3^2 \right]}{\left[ 1 + \gamma_3 M_3^2 \right]^2}$$

## Review of 1-D Combustion Model (4)

$$F(M_3) \equiv \left( \frac{f+1}{f} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{T_{04}}{T_{03}} \right] \left[ \frac{\gamma_3 R_{g4}}{\gamma_4 R_{g3}} \right] \frac{M_3^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma_3 - 1}{2} M_3^2 \right]}{\left[ 1 + \gamma_3 M_3^2 \right]^2}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} - \gamma^2 F(M_{inlet}) \right] M_{exit}^4 + [1 - F(M_{inlet}) 2\gamma] M_{exit}^2 - F(M_{inlet}) = 0$$

→ use quadratic formula

$$M_{exit} = \sqrt{\frac{-[1 - F(M_{inlet}) 2\gamma] \pm \sqrt{[1 - F(M_{inlet}) 2\gamma]^2 + 4 \left[ \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} - \gamma^2 F(M_{inlet}) \right] F(M_{inlet})}}{2 \left[ \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} - \gamma^2 F(M_{inlet}) \right]}}$$

# On the Difference Between Subsonic and Supersonic Combustion

$$M_{exit} = \sqrt{\frac{-[1 - F(M_{inlet})2\gamma] \pm \sqrt{[1 - F(M_{inlet})2\gamma]^2 + 4\left[\frac{\gamma-1}{2} - \gamma^2 F(M_{inlet})\right]F(M_{inlet})}}{2\left[\frac{\gamma-1}{2} - \gamma^2 F(M_{inlet})\right]}}$$

*two solutions...pick subsonic solution if ( $M_{inlet} < 1, \Delta q > 0$ )*

*...pick supersonic solution if ( $M_{inlet} > 1, \Delta q > 0$ )*

Cannot cross over Mach = 1

Otherwise second law of thermodynamics is violated

# On the Difference Between Subsonic and Supersonic Combustion (2)

- MAE 5320 Lecture 5.4 (Anderson Chapter 3), Rayleigh Equations

$$H_0^{(*)} = \frac{c_p \cdot T_0}{c_p \cdot T_0^{(*)}} = 2(1 + \gamma) \cdot \frac{M^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2 \right]}{\left[ 1 + \gamma M^2 \right]^2}$$

$$H^{(*)} \equiv \left[ \frac{c_p \cdot T}{c_p \cdot T^{(*)}} \right] = \left[ \frac{(1 + \gamma) \cdot M}{1 + \gamma \cdot M^2} \right]^2$$

$$\frac{s - s^{(*)}}{c_p} = \ln \left[ M^2 \cdot \left( \frac{1 + \gamma}{\left[ 1 + \gamma \cdot M^2 \right]} \right)^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\Delta q^{(*)}}{c_p \cdot T_o} = \frac{T_o^*}{T_o} - 1 = \frac{1 - H_0^*}{H_0^*}$$

- Set of Parametric curves with property ratios as a function of Mach number

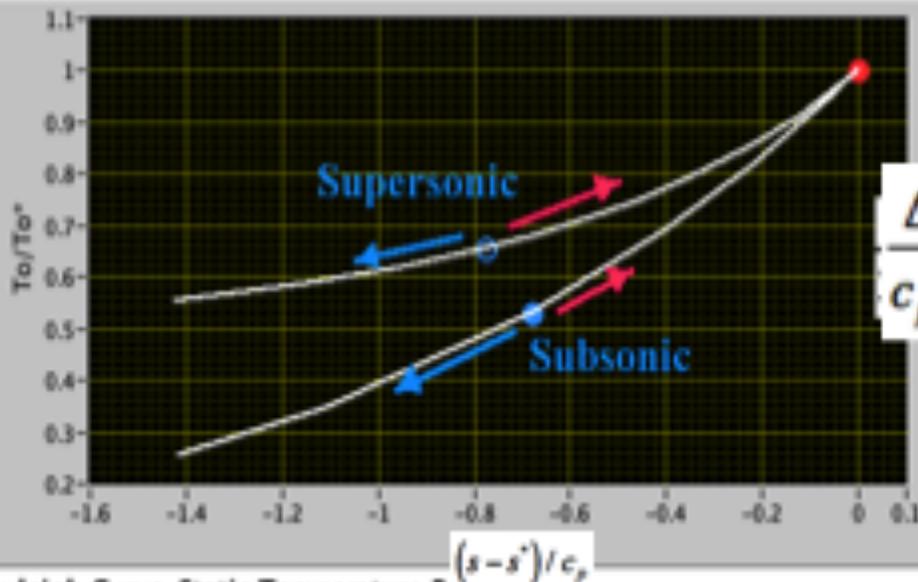
- Relates current conditions to those that occur for thermal choke point

- Entirely at function of Current Mach number

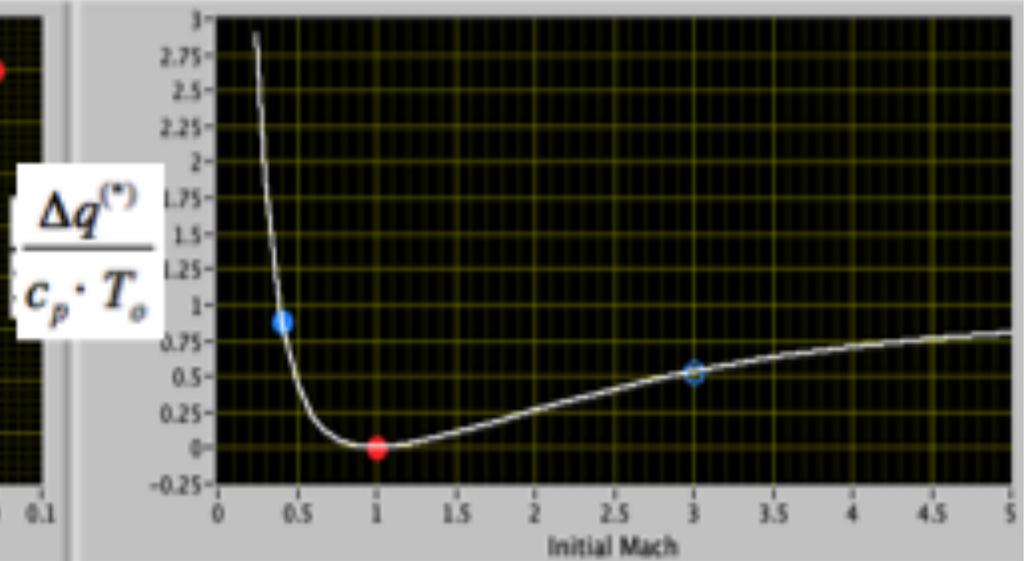
- Prescribed heat addition Necessary to thermally choke flow

# Rayleigh Flow Curves (4)

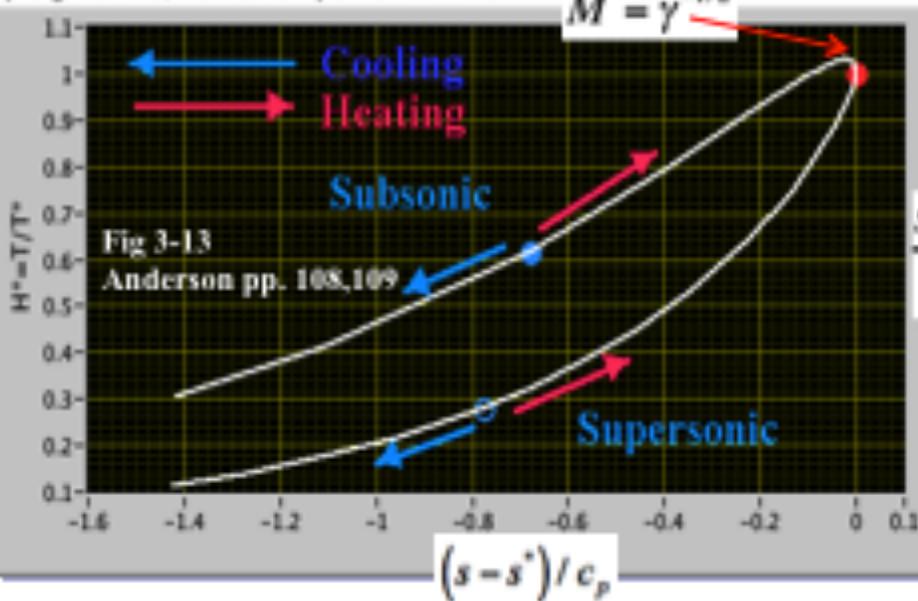
Rayleigh Curve, Stagnation Temperature Ratio



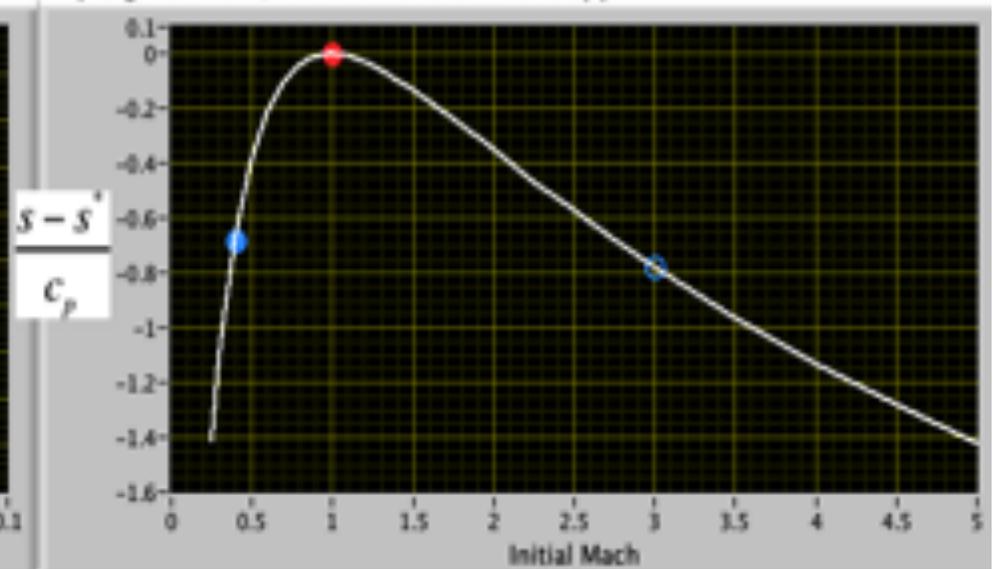
Rayleigh Curve 3, Non-Dimensional Heat Addition



Rayleigh Curve, Static Temperature Ratio



Rayleigh Curve 4, Non-Dimensional Entropy



# On the Difference Between Subsonic and Supersonic Combustion (4)

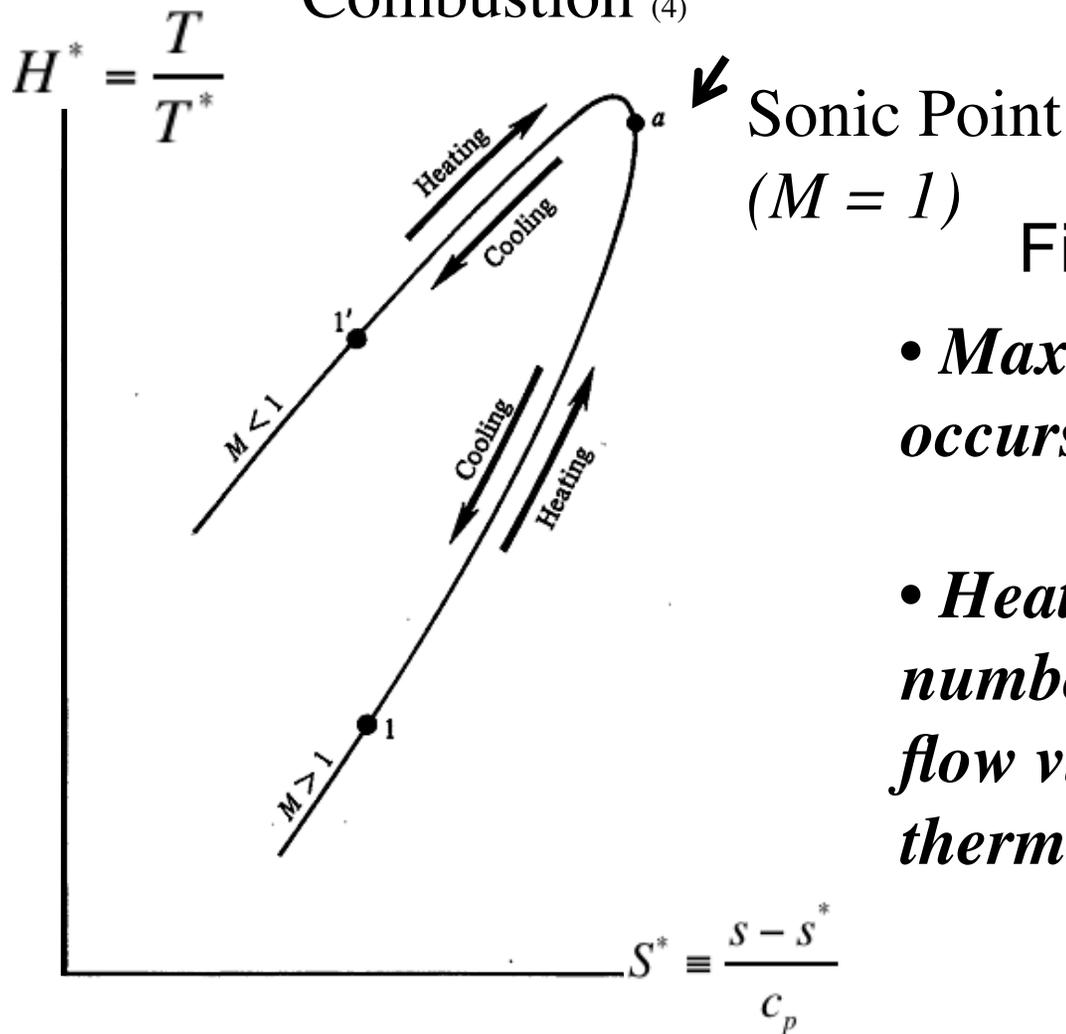


Figure 3-13 From Anderson

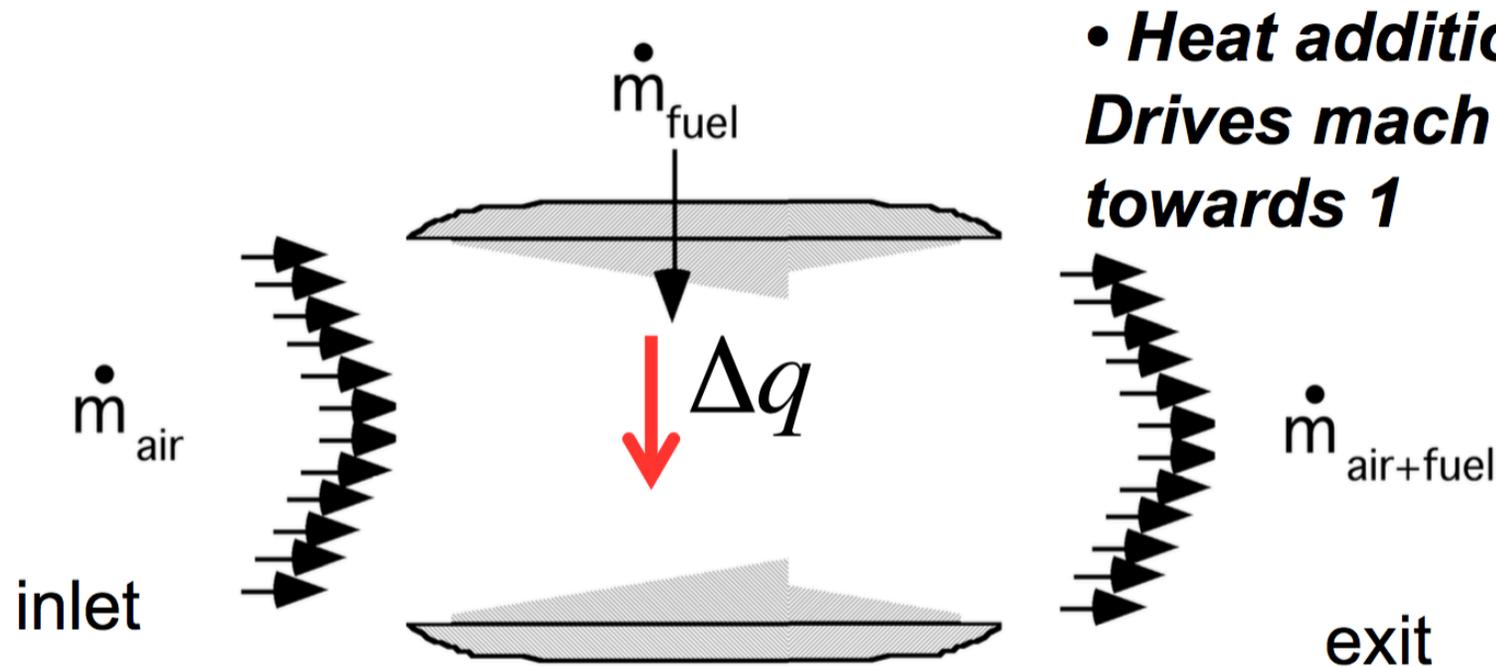
- *Maximum entropy change occurs at sonic point*
- *Heating to supersonic Mach numbers starting from subsonic flow violates second law of thermodynamics*

Figure 3.13 | The Rayleigh curve.

## On the Difference Between Subsonic and Supersonic Combustion <sup>(5)</sup>

### Rayleigh Curve (Anderson pp. 108,109)

1. For *supersonic flow* in region 1, i.e.,  $M_1 > 1$ , when heat is added
  - a. Mach number decreases,  $M_2 < M_1$
  - b. Pressure increases,  $p_2 > p_1$
  - c. Temperature increases,  $T_2 > T_1$
  - d. Total temperature increases,  $T_{o2} > T_{o1}$
  - e. Total pressure decreases,  $p_{o2} < p_{o1}$
  - f. Velocity decreases,  $u_2 < u_1$
  
2. For *subsonic flow* in region 1, i.e.,  $M_1 < 1$ , when heat is added
  - a. Mach number increases,  $M_2 > M_1$
  - b. Pressure decreases,  $p_2 < p_1$
  - c. Temperature increases for  $M_1 < \gamma^{-1/2}$  and decreases for  $M_1 > \gamma^{-1/2}$
  - d. Total temperature increases,  $T_{o2} > T_{o1}$
  - e. Total pressure decreases,  $p_{o2} < p_{o1}$
  - f. Velocity increases,  $u_2 > u_1$



• **Heat addition always Drives mach number towards 1**

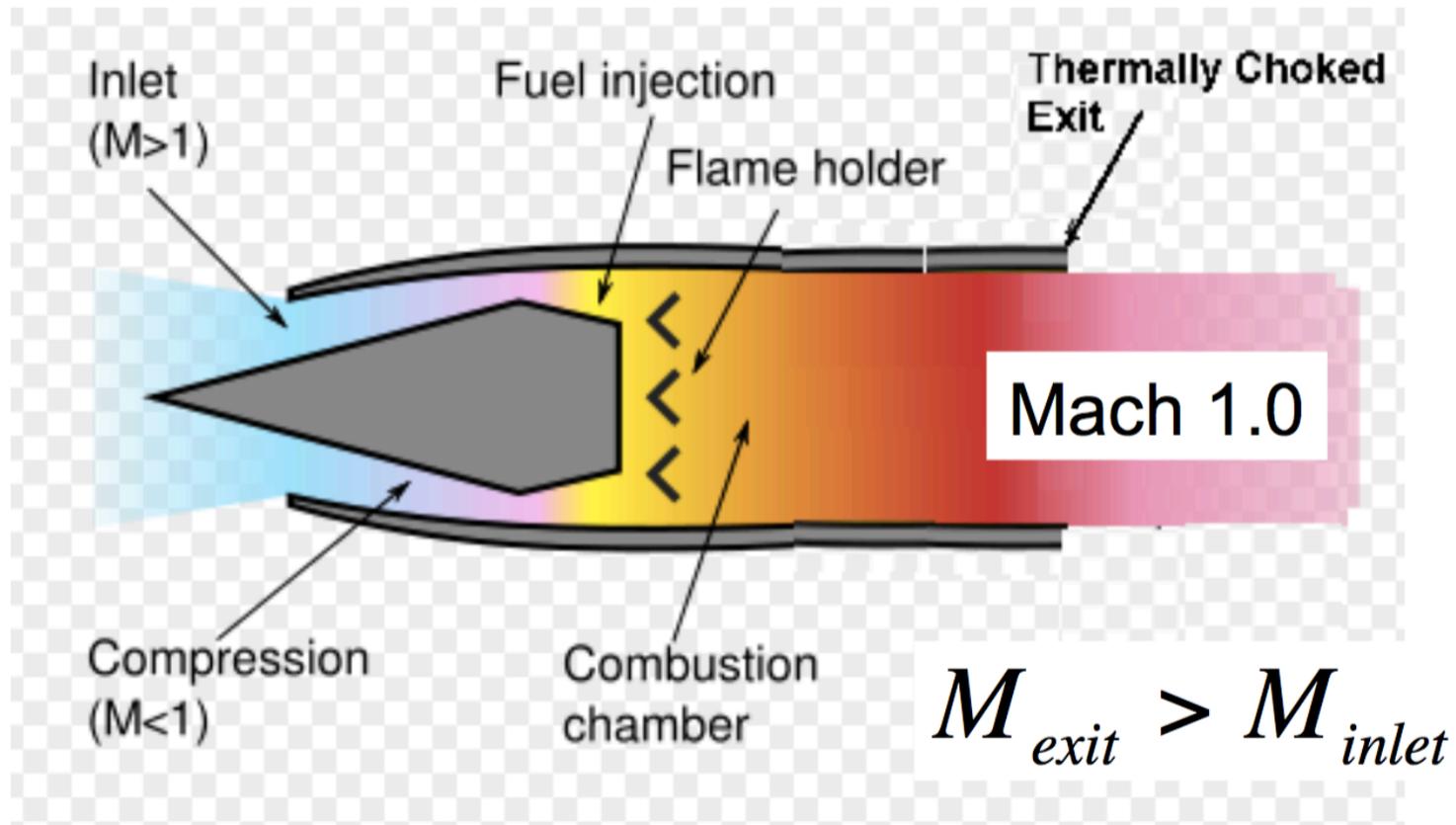
$$M_{inlet} < 1 \Leftrightarrow +\Delta q \text{ increases Mach} \rightarrow M_{exit} > M_{inlet}$$

$$M_{inlet} > 1 \Leftrightarrow +\Delta q \text{ decreases Mach} \rightarrow M_{exit} < M_{inlet}$$

$$M_{inlet} < 1 \Leftrightarrow -\Delta q \text{ decreases Mach} \rightarrow M_{exit} < M_{inlet}$$

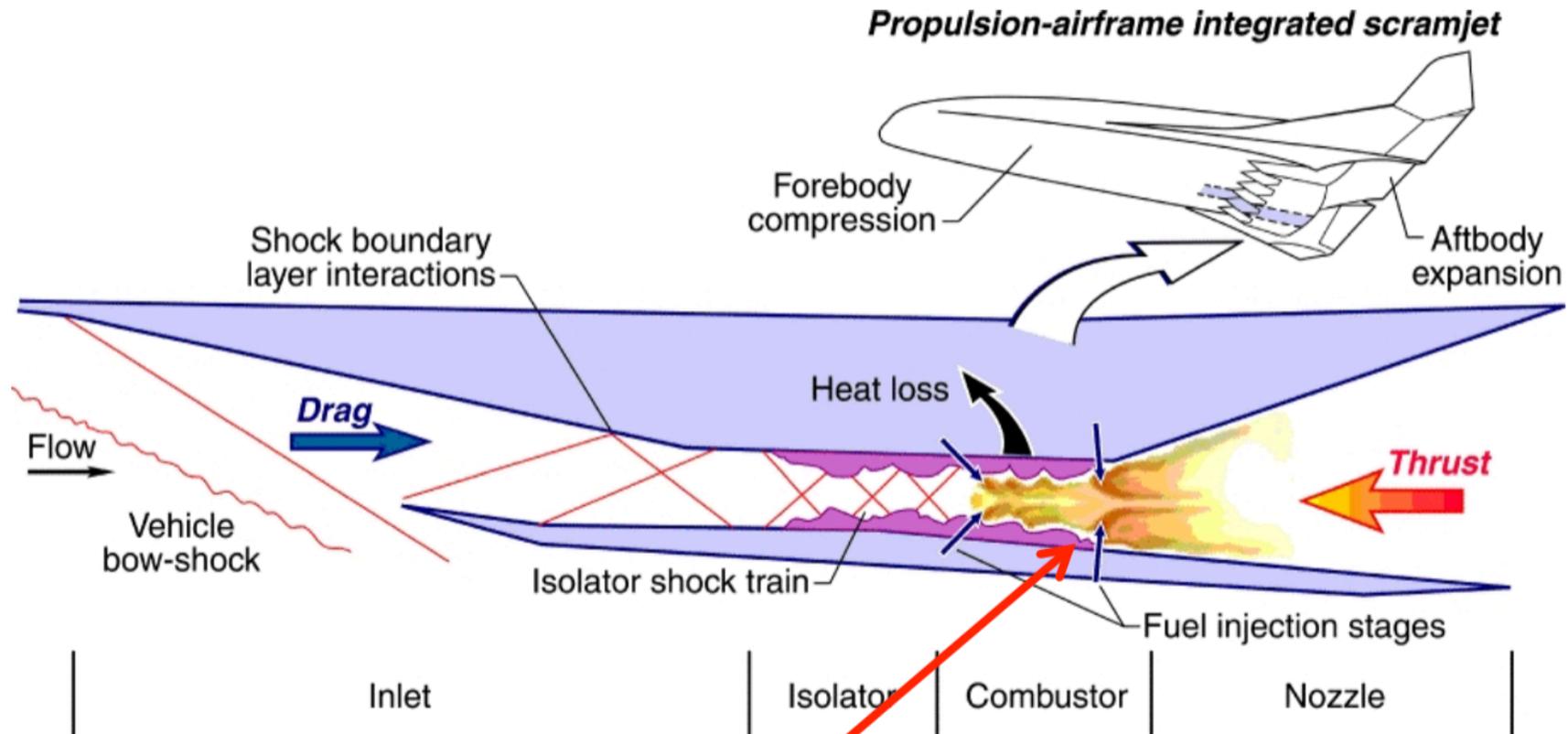
$$M_{inlet} > 1 \Leftrightarrow -\Delta q \text{ increases Mach} \rightarrow M_{exit} > M_{inlet}$$

# Thermal Choking in Ramjet



Non-adiabatic flow is accelerated to mach 1 without divergent nozzle by adding heating

# Thermal Choking in SCRAMjet



Sufficient Heat Must be to Drive  
Combustor Exit Flow to Mach 1

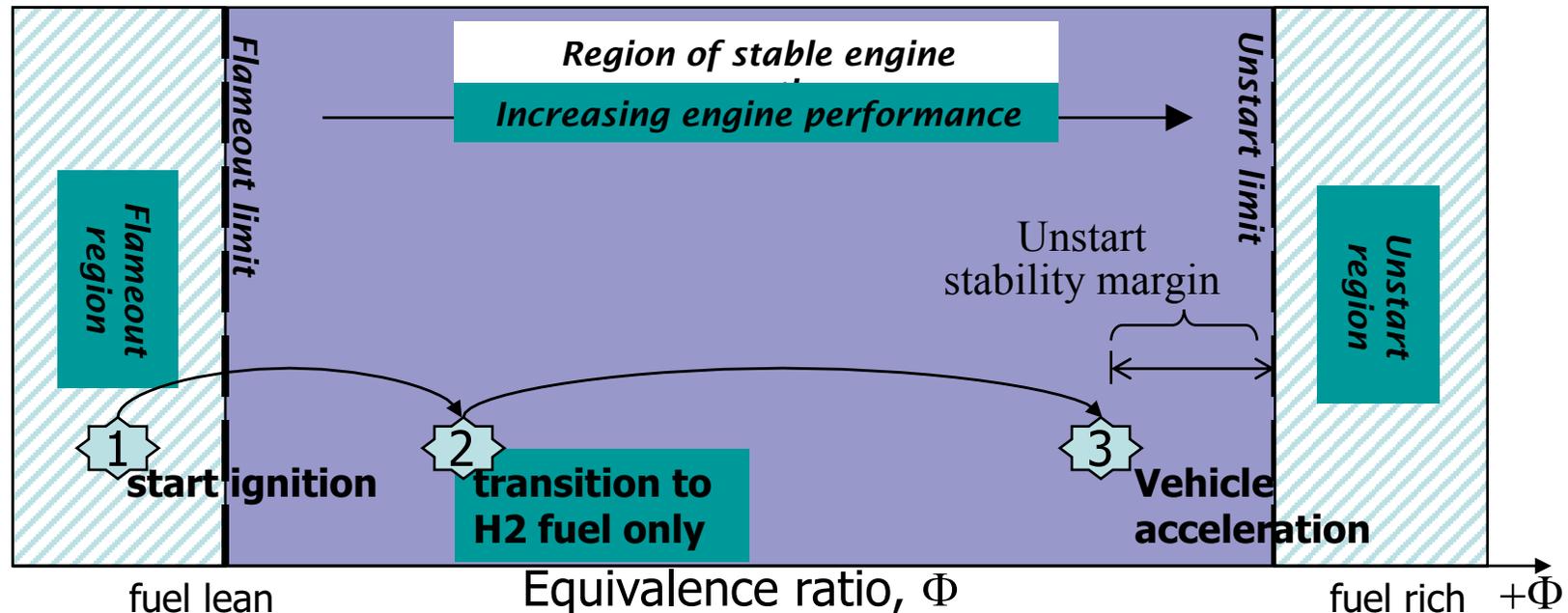
$$M_{exit} < M_{inlet}$$

## Thermal Choking Comparisons

- Looking at slide 30 ... There are several features shown in these plots that have important implications for the ramjet flow.
- First is that much more heat can be added to a subsonic flow than to a supersonic flow before thermal choking occurs.
- Second stagnation pressure losses due to heat addition in subsonic flow are relatively small and cannot exceed about 20% of the stagnation pressure of the flow
- ScramJets are inherently Thermally inefficient!

## Scramjet design issues, II (cont'd)

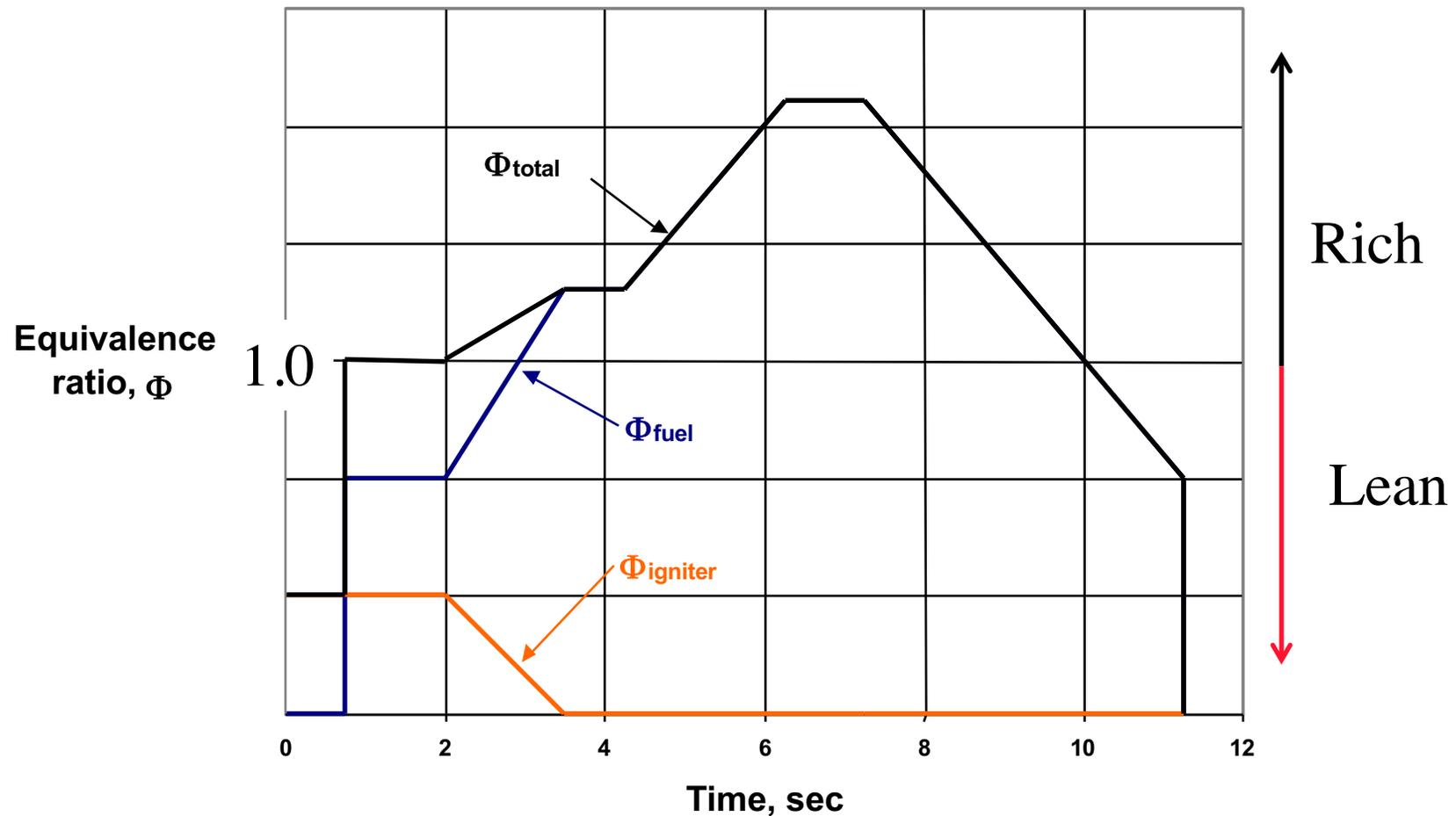
- Supersonic flow places stringent requirements on the pressure and temperature of the flow, and requires that the fuel injection and mixing be extremely efficient.



- Propulsion controller designed to maintain stable operation while achieving necessary performance
  - Flameout - low fuel flow condition where hydrogen-only combustion is not sustained
  - Unstart - high fuel flow condition where shock train moves through isolator causing causing normal shock to Occur .. Choked Nozzle result ... with flow spill out ... likely that shockwave forced back up to inlet .. *Very bad*

## Scramjet design issues, II (cont'd)

- Typical Equivalence Ratio Schedule for Scramjet Burn



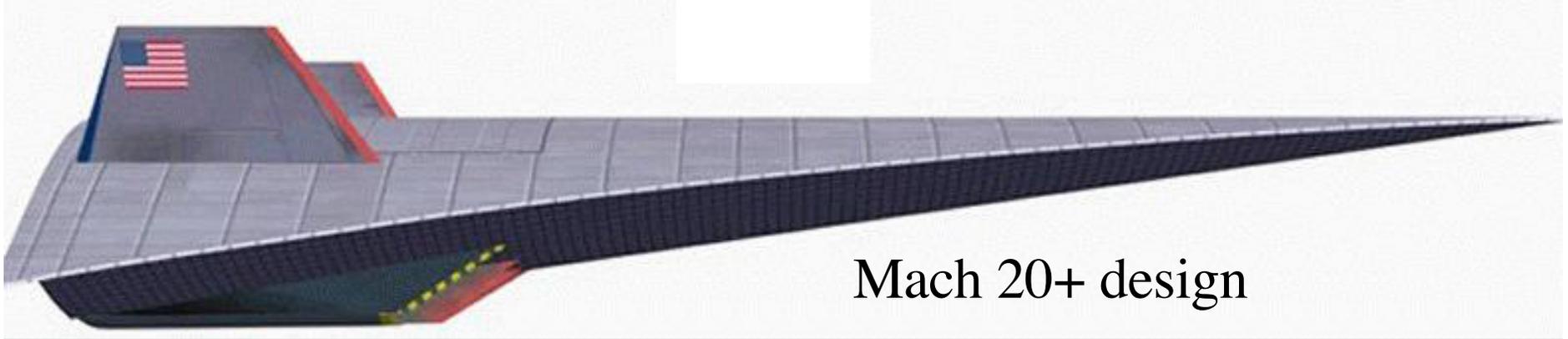
## Scramjet design issues, II (cont'd)

- In typical ramjet inflow is decelerated to subsonic speeds and then reaccelerated via nozzle to supersonic speeds to produce thrust. This deceleration, which is produced by a normal shock, creates a total enthalpy loss which limits the upper operating point of a ramjet engine.
- In supersonic combustion, enthalpy of freestream air entering the scramjet engine is large compared to the heat energy released by the combustion reaction
- Depending on fuel, combustion equivalence ratio, and freestream altitude, potential combustion heat release is equal to freestream flow enthalpy between Mach 8 and Mach 10.
- Heat released from combustion at Mach 25 is only 10% of total enthalpy of working fluid.
- Design of a scramjet engine is as much about minimizing drag as maximizing thrust.

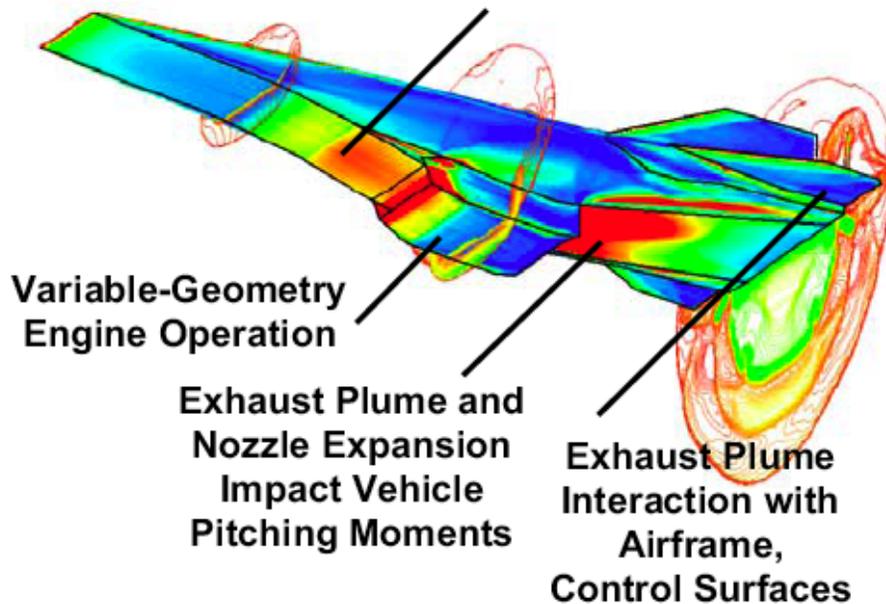


• **Integration of engine into airframe is Key**

## Scramjet design issues, II (cont'd)



Mach 20+ design



Mach 7-10 design

- Integration of engine into airframe is Key

## Example Enthalpy Calculation

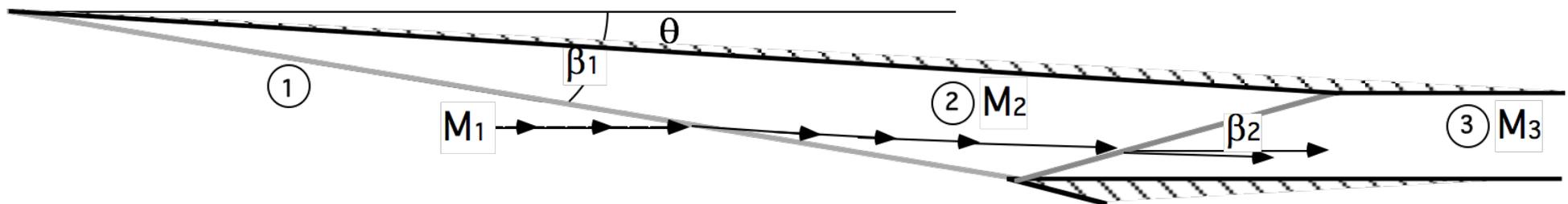
- Air enters Mach 10 SCRAM inlet at 30 km altitude

$$p_{\infty} = 1.17180 \text{ kPa}, 226.65 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{K}, \theta_{ramp} = 4^{\circ}$$

**Conditions at 2:**

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{2 \{ M_1^2 \sin^2(\beta) - 1 \}}{\tan(\beta) [ 2 + M_1^2 [\gamma + \cos(2\beta)] ]} \rightarrow$$

$\beta_1$	=	$8.6531^{\circ}$
$M_2$	●	$8.622746$
$p_{\square}/p_{\infty}$	●	$2.474152$
$T_{\square}/T_{\infty}$	●	$1.323222$
$P_{0_2}/P_{0_{\infty}}$	=	$0.928350$

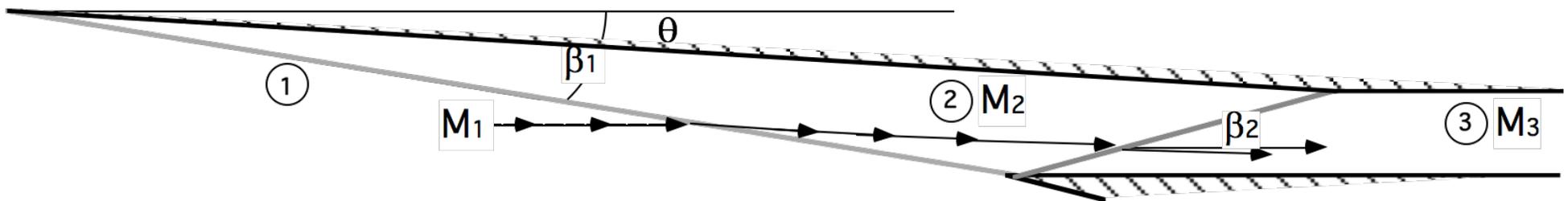


## Example Enthalpy Calculation (cont'd)

$\beta_1$	$= 8.6531^\circ$	$\beta_2$	$= 9.521^\circ$	$p_3/p_\infty$	$\bullet 5.4960$
$M_2$	$\bullet 8.622746$	$M_3$	$\bullet 7.576$	$T_3/T_\infty$	$\bullet 1.6831$
$p_{\square}/p_\infty$	$\bullet 2.474152$	$p_3/p_2$	$\bullet 2.20665$	$P_{03}/P_{0_\infty}$	$= 0.8832$
$T_{\square}/T_\infty$	$\bullet 1.323222$	$T_3/T_2$	$\bullet 1.271723$		
$P_{02}/P_{0_\infty}$	$= 0.928350$	$P_{03}/P_{0_2}$	$= 0.951393$		

$$P_3 = 5.496 \cdot 1.1718 = 6.550 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_3 = 1.6831 \cdot 226.65 = 381.47 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$



## Example Enthalpy Calculation (cont'd)

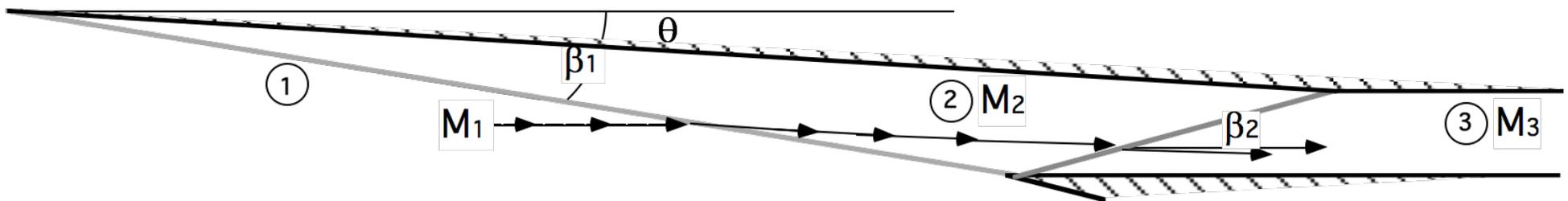
- Specific Enthalpy of flow entering combustor:

$$h_3 = C_p T_3 + \frac{\left[ \sqrt{\gamma R_g T_3} M_3 \right]^2}{2} = \frac{\left( (1.4 \cdot 287.056 \cdot 381.47)^{0.5} 7.576 \right)^2}{2} + 1004.7 \cdot 381.47$$

$$= 4.7828 \text{ MJ/kg}$$

$$p_3 = 5.496 \cdot 1.1718 = 6.550 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_3 = 1.6831 \cdot 226.65 = 381.47 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$



## Example Enthalpy Calculation (cont'd)

- CEA Calculation:  $\text{GH}_2$  fuel,  $\Phi=1$

$$p_3 = 6.550 \text{ kPa}$$

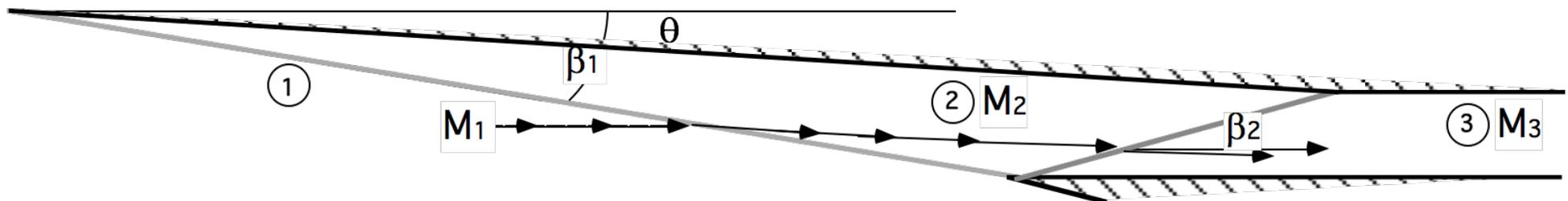
$$T_3 = 381.47 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$

<b>T, K</b>	<b>2238.92</b>
<b>MW, (1/n)</b>	<b>24.519</b>
<b>GAMMA</b>	<b>1.1565</b>

Combustion  
Enthalpy is  
Less than  
Freestream  
Enthalpy!

$$\Delta h_{\text{combustion}} = C_p [T_{\text{combustion}} - T_3] = \frac{R_u}{M_w} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} [T_{\text{combustion}} - T_3] =$$

$$\left( \frac{8314.4126}{24.519} \right) \left( \frac{1.1565}{1.1565 - 1} \right) (2238.92 - 381.47) = 4.655 \text{ MJ/kg}$$



## Example Enthalpy Calculation (cont'd)

- Calculate thermodynamic efficiency of engine

$$T_B = 381.47 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$

$$T_c = 2238.92 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$

$$p_3 / p_\infty \quad \bullet \quad 5.4960$$

$$T_3 / T_\infty \quad \bullet \quad 1.6831$$

$$P_{03} / P_{0_\infty} = 0.8832$$

$$\gamma \sim (1.1565 + 1.4) / 2 = 1.27825$$

$$\eta = 1 - \left( \frac{p_\infty}{p_3} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \frac{\left( T_c - \left( \frac{P_{03}}{P_{0_\infty}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} T_3 \right)}{(T_c - T_3)} =$$

$$1 - \left( \frac{1}{5.4960} \right)^{\frac{1.27825-1}{1.27825}} \frac{\left( 2239.92 - \left( \left( 0.8832 \right)^{\frac{1.27825-1}{1.27825}} \right) 381.47 \right)}{(2239.92 - 381.47)} = 0.3061$$

About 50% as efficient as our previous ramjet design  
(section 9.1) Operating at Mach 4 and 10km altitude ( $\eta=0.6$ )

## ScrRamjet Design Issues, III

- look at Mach 4 Ramjet problem (Section 9.1) ...

$$\text{let } P_{0B} / P_{0A} = 1$$

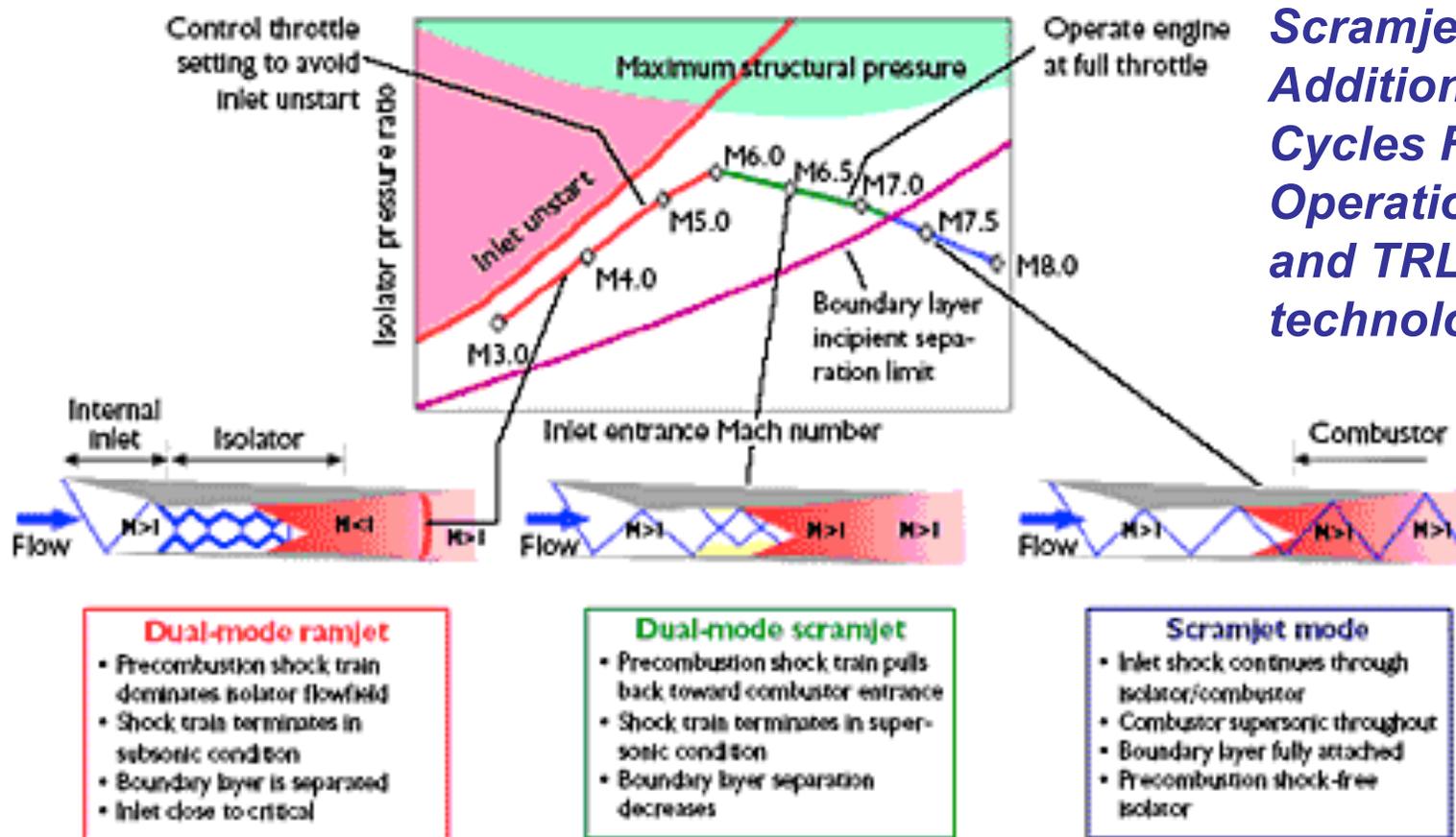
$$\eta = 1 - \left( \frac{P_A}{P_B} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \frac{\left( T_C - \left( \frac{P_{0B}}{P_{0A}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} T_B \right)}{(T_C - T_B)} =$$

**8% increase in Efficiency ...  
Compared to Ramjet  
... but can we  
Do this? ... no!**

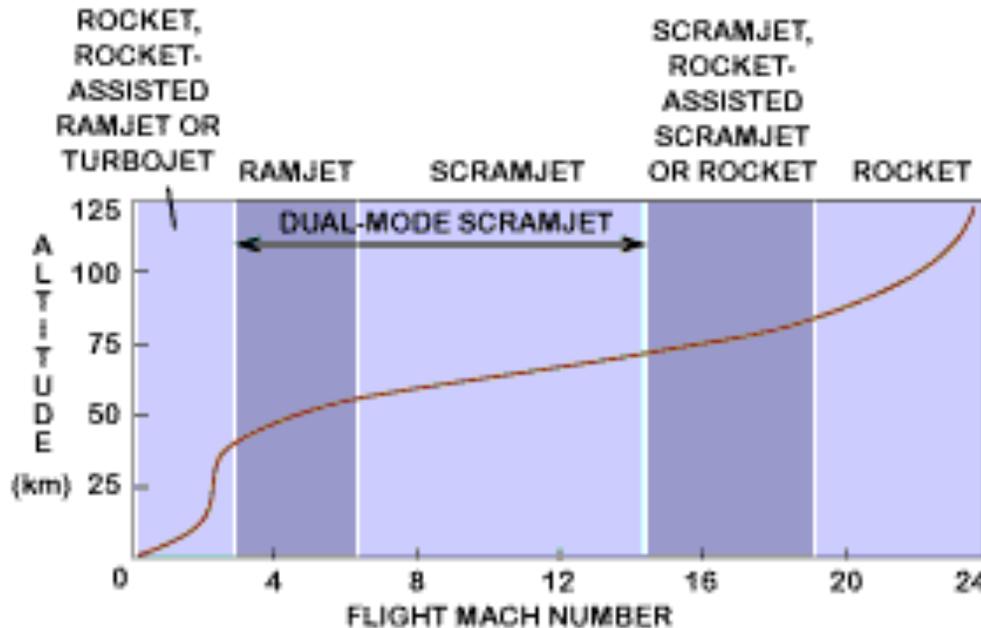
$$1 - \frac{38.422 \cdot \frac{-(1.4-1)}{1.4} (2662.82 - 1 \cdot 856.61)}{(2662.82 - 856.61)} = 0.6475$$

# Scramjet design issues, III (cont'd)

- Supersonic flow cannot maintain stable combustion below ~ Mach 6
- Scramjets are feasible only for sustaining hypersonic speeds, not for achieving them from zero velocity



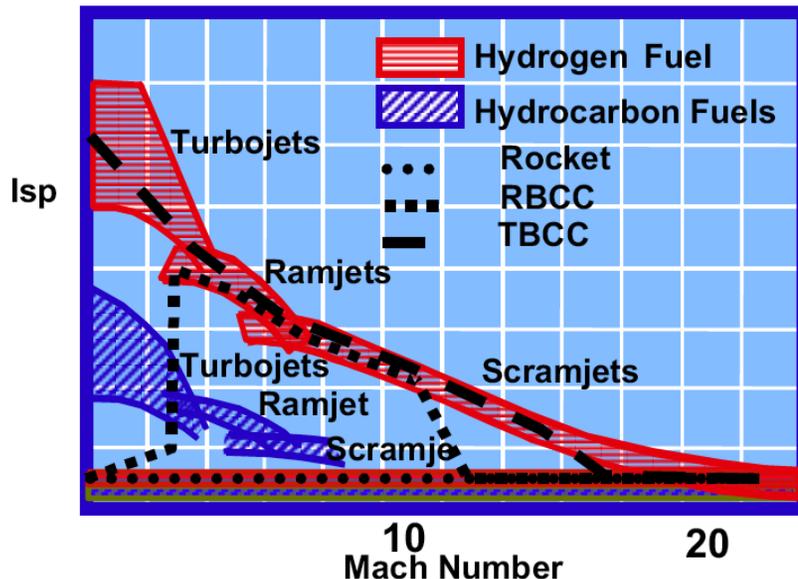
# ScrRamjet design issues, III (cont'd)



**Combined cycle rocket engines**

**... Engines that are part jet engine  
And part rocket motor!**

**... or part turbojet and part  
SCRAMjet**



**Rocket + Scramjet =**

*Rocket Based Combined Cycle  
(RBCC)*

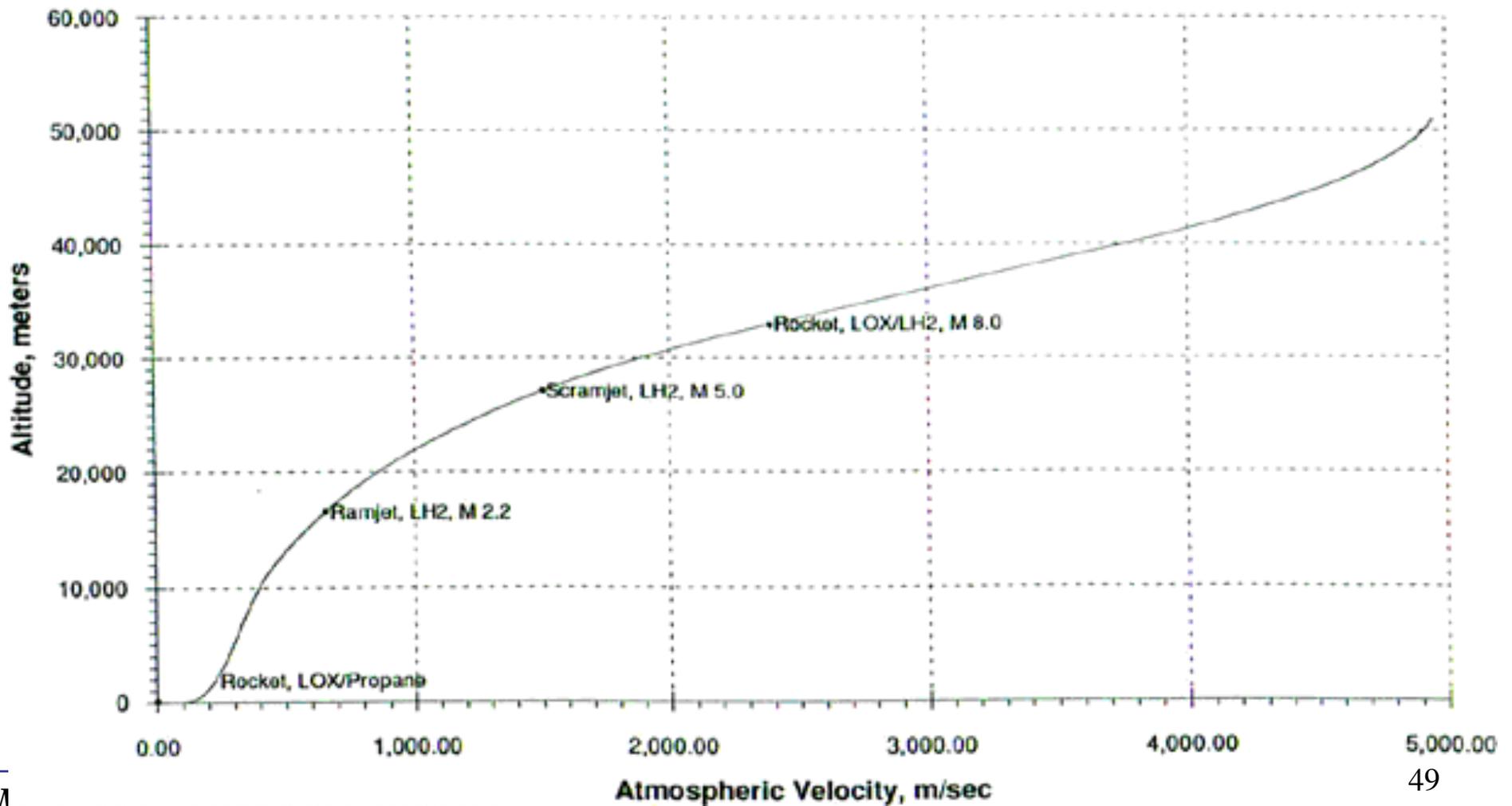
**OR**

**Turbine + Scramjet =**

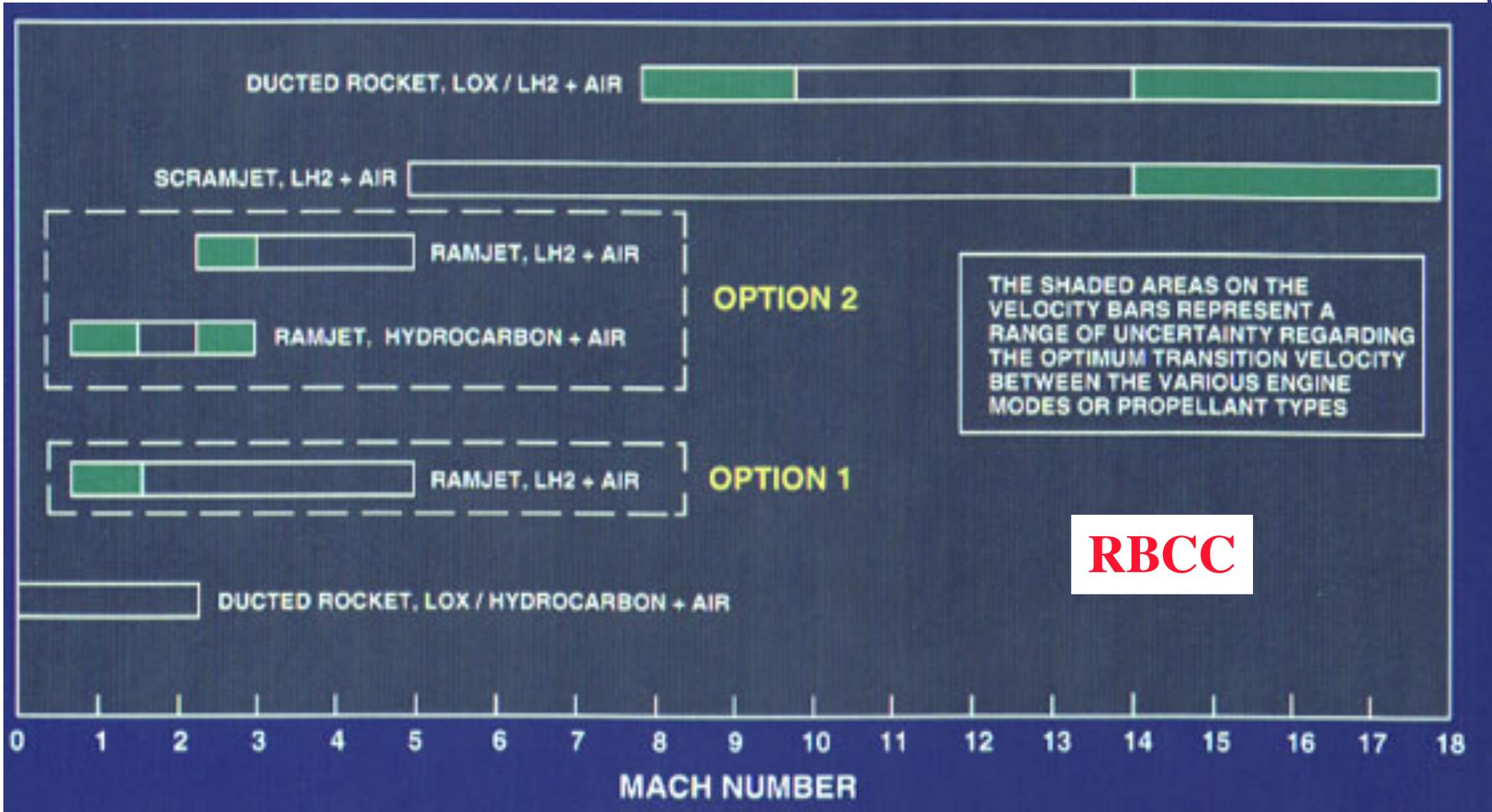
*Turbine Based Combined Cycle  
(TBCC)*

# Rocket-Based Combined Cycle (RBCC) Mission Profile

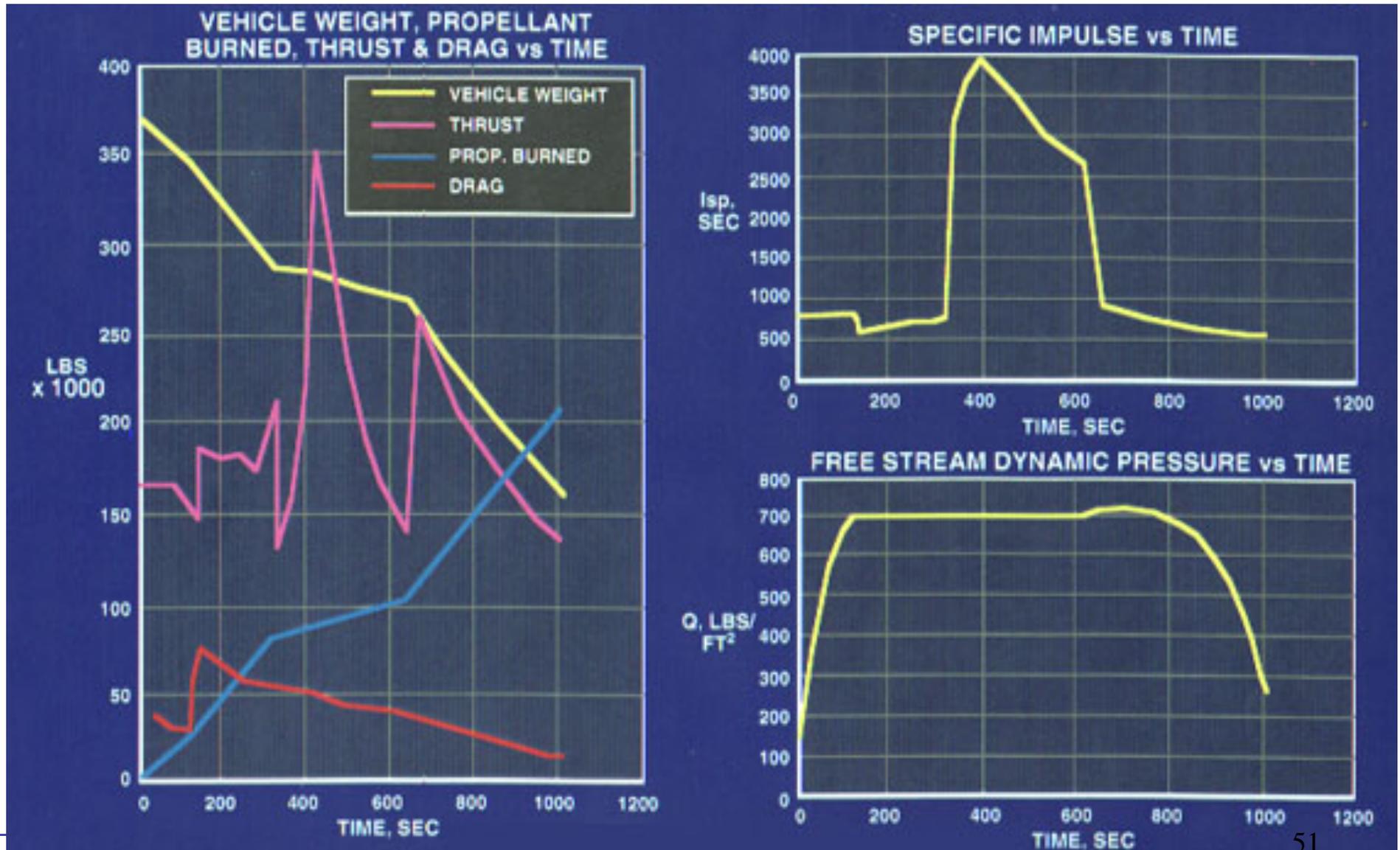
Velocity as a Function of Altitude, HTOHL Dual-Fuel Strutjet, 65% Vc  
LOX/Propane Rocket, LH2 RamScramjet, LOX/LH2 Rocket



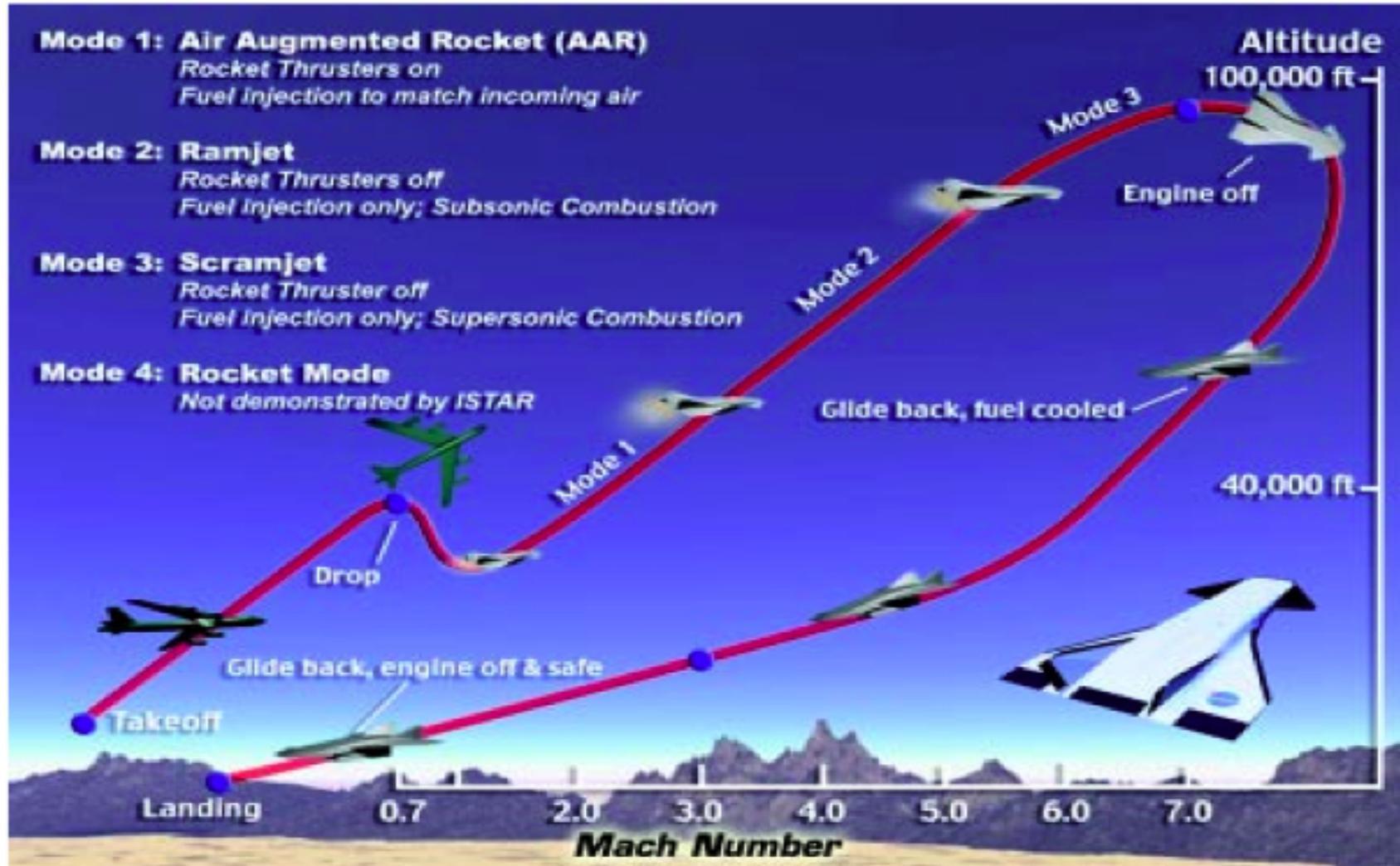
# RBCC Mission Profile (2)



# RBCC Mission Profile (3)



# Proposed RBCC Demo Program



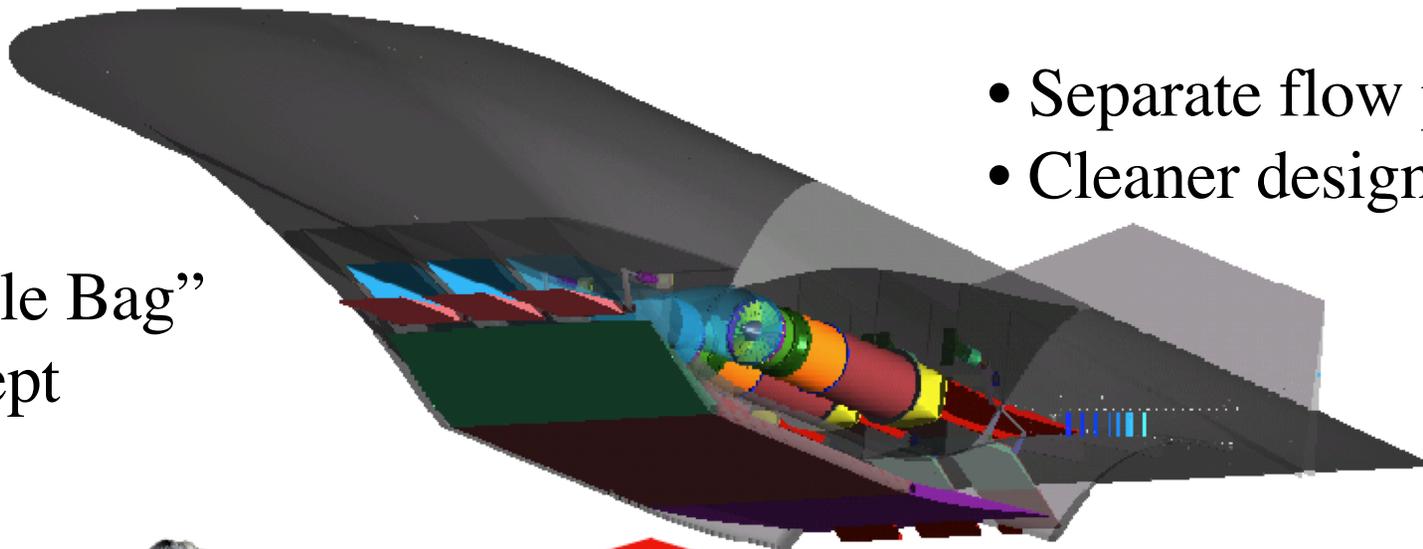
## Integrated System Test of an Air-breathing Rocket (ISTAR)

# Turbine Based Combined Cycle (TBCC), I

## Turbine-Scramjet Combination Engine

- Separate flow paths
- Cleaner design

“Saddle Bag”  
Concept



**Low-Speed**

**Supersonic RTA (Mach 0-4+)**

Revolutionary Turbine Accelerator

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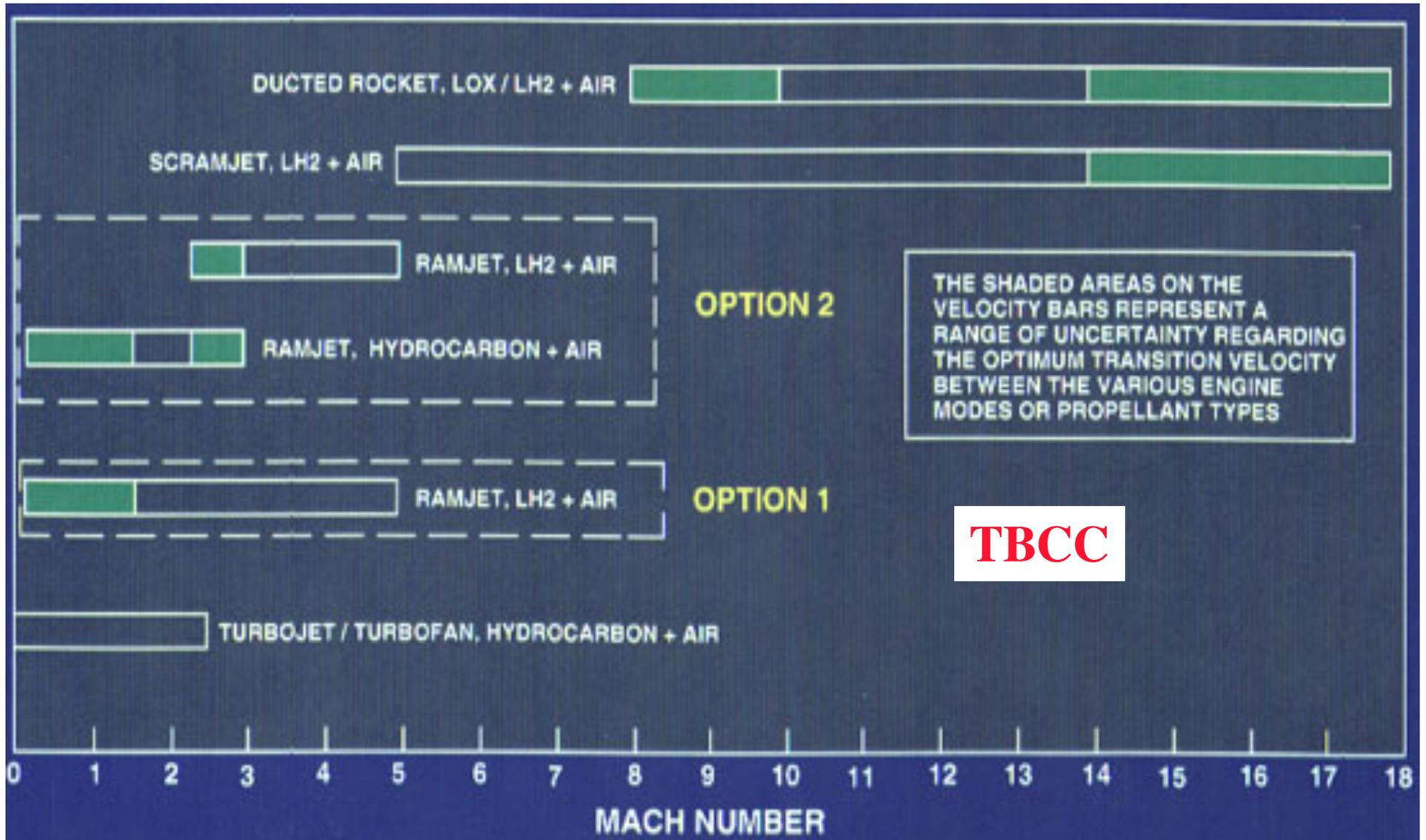


**High-Speed**

**Hypersonic Scramjet (Mach 4-15)**

Credit: Chuck McClinton NASA

# TBCC Mission Profile

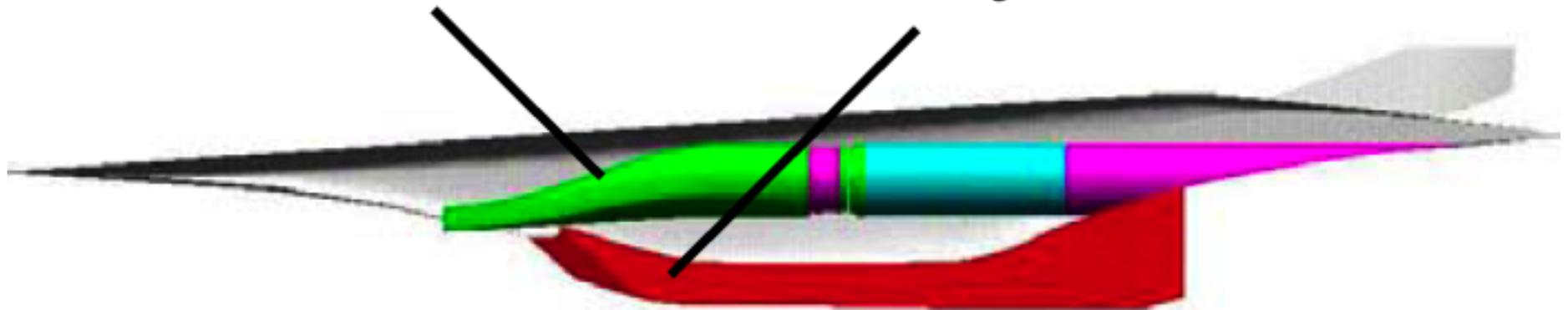


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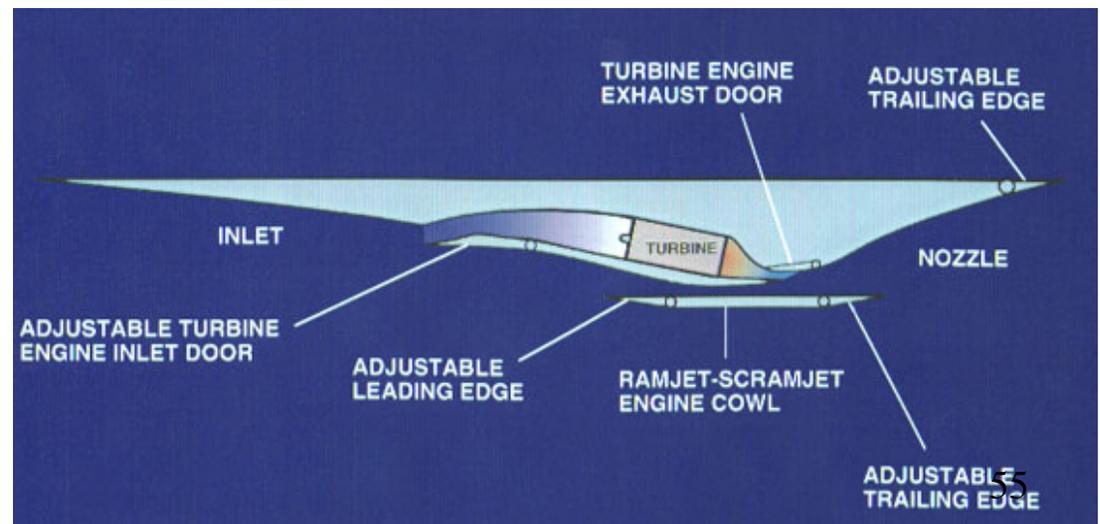
Turbojet

Scramjet



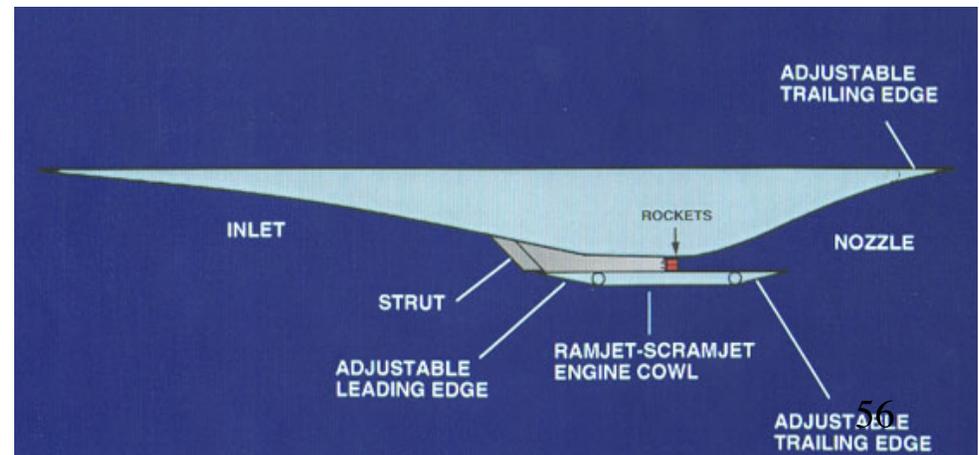
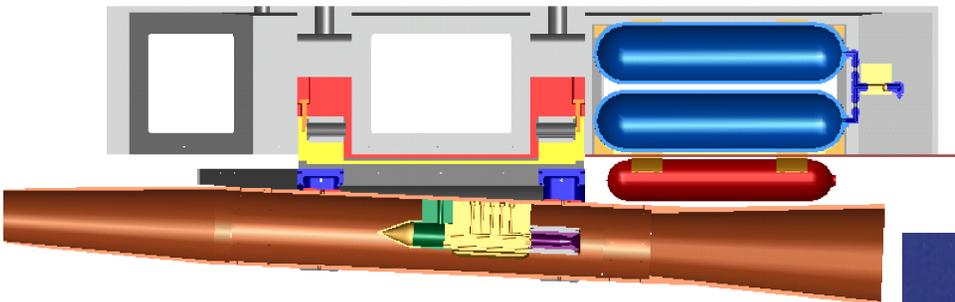
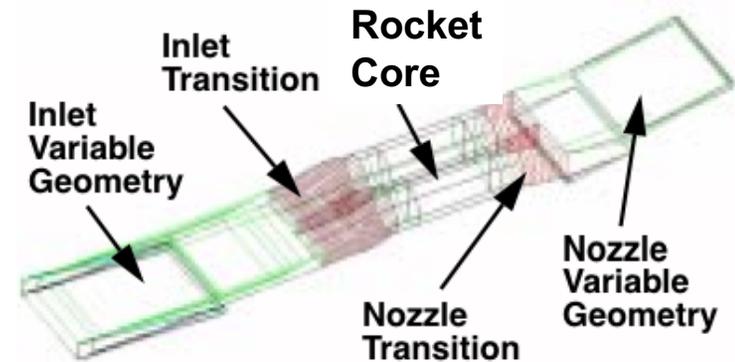
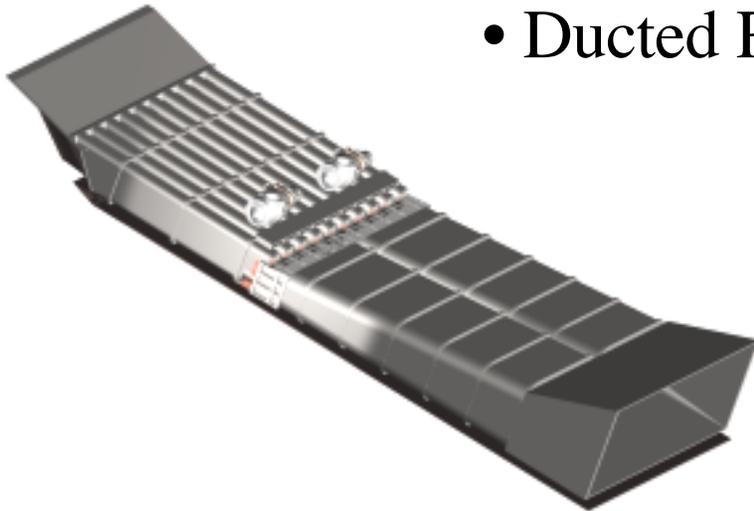
Over/Under Combination Cycle Concept.

- Share parts of same flow path
- Weight savings



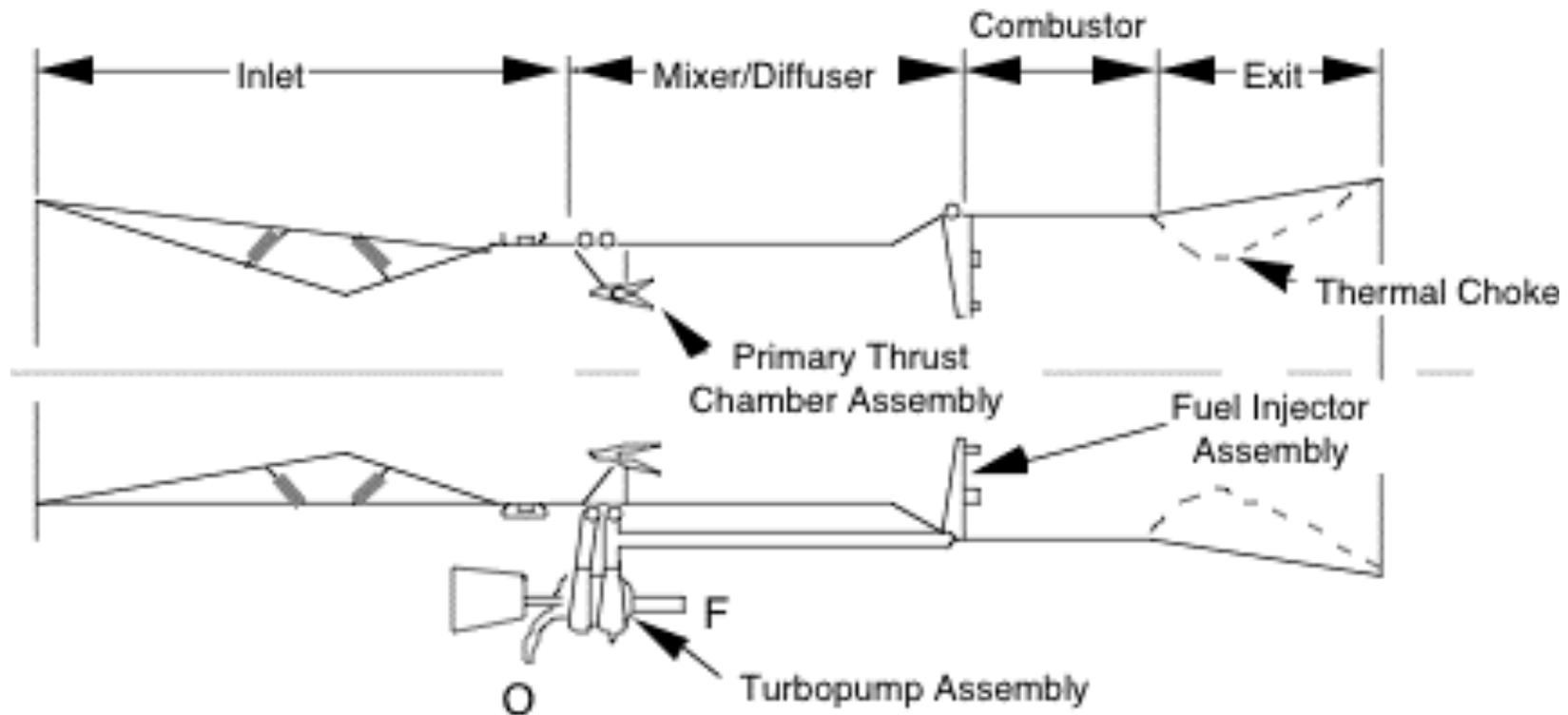
# Rocket Based Combined Cycle (RBCC), I

- Ducted Rocket Approach



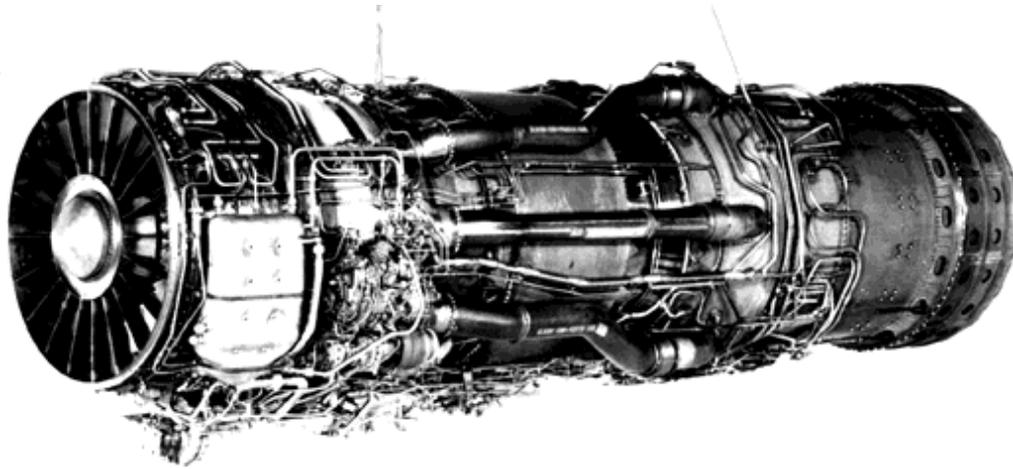
# Rocket Based Combined Cycle (RBCC), II

- Dual Combustor Approach



- There is a precedent for this design

# Pratt and Whitney J58 Turbojet/Ramjet Combined Cycle Engine



Part Turbo-jet

Part Ram-jet

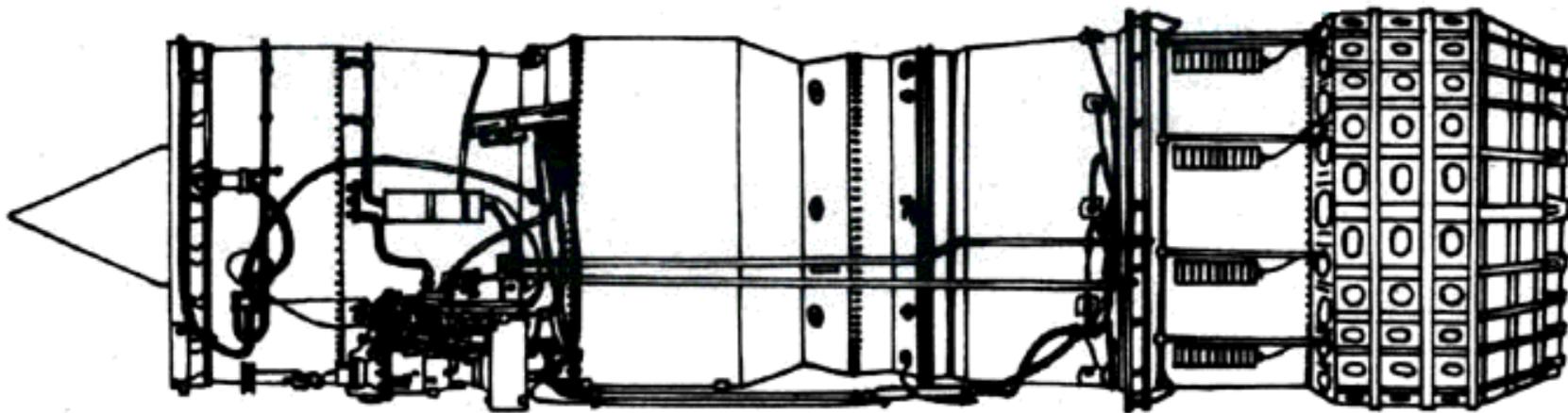
Dual Burner ... Same flow path



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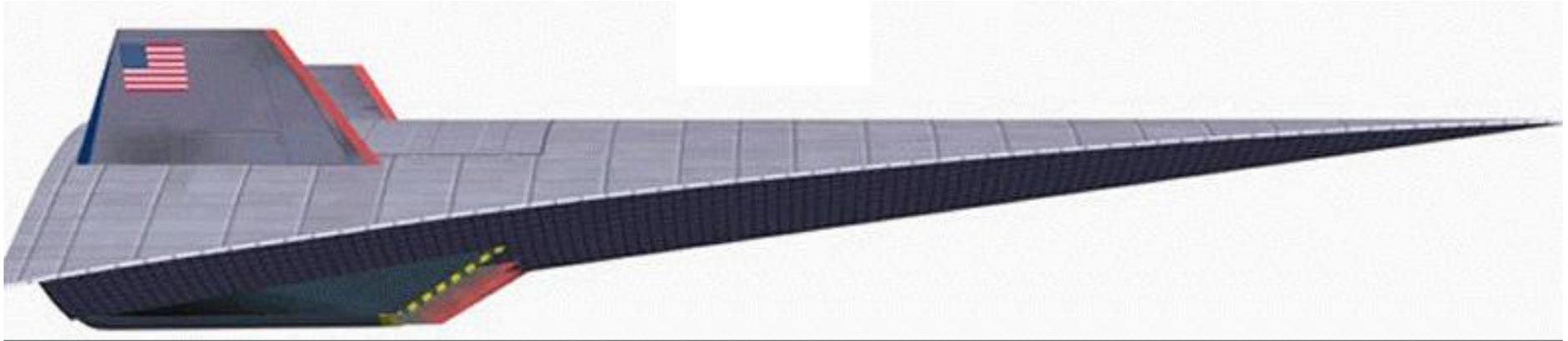
## Pratt and Whitney J58 Turbojet/Ramjet Combined Cycle Engine (cont'd)

- Above mach 3 a portion of the flow bypasses the turbine and burns Directly in afterburner providing about 80% or thrust ...
- At lower speeds the engine operates as a normal supersonic Turbojet ... same nozzle used by both operational modes



## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV

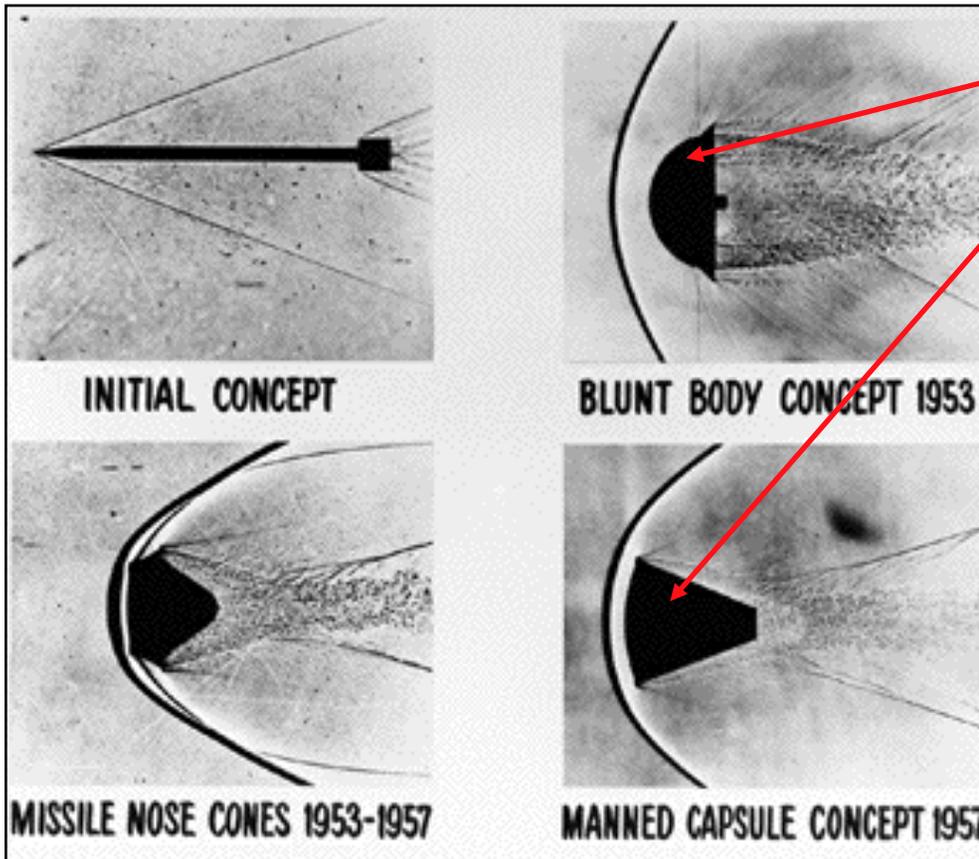
### Thermal management



- The nature of the inlet design and need to minimize wave drag  
Mandate very sharp leading edges
- Leading edges generate extreme hypersonic heating rates  
In excess of 100 watts/cm<sup>2</sup>

## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

### Heating is Minimized by Blunt Body

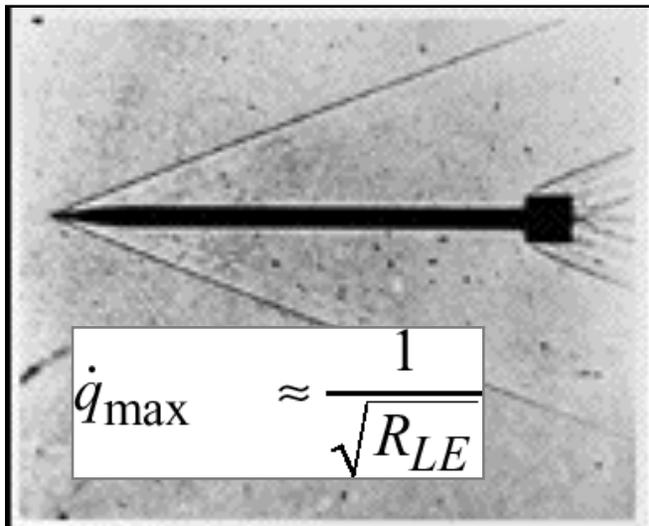


- Detached Normal Shockwave On Blunt Leading Edge Produces High level of Drag and Dissipates significant Portion of heat into flow

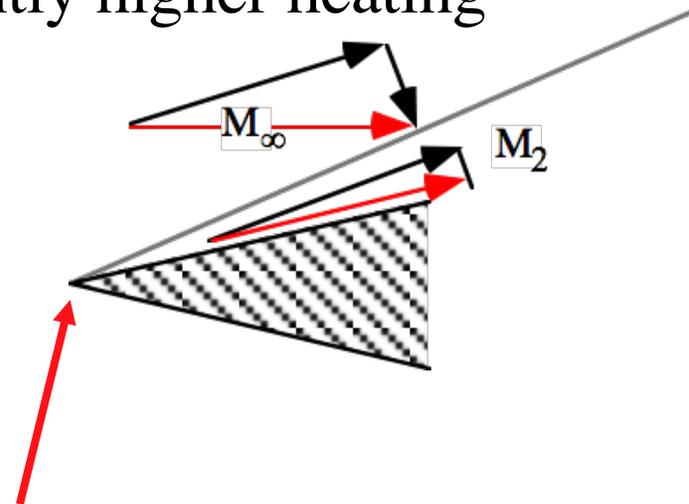
- High Drag Profiles Have Lower Levels of Total Hypersonic Heating

## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

- Sharp Leading Edge ...Much Higher Hypersonic Lift-to-Drag, but also significantly higher heating



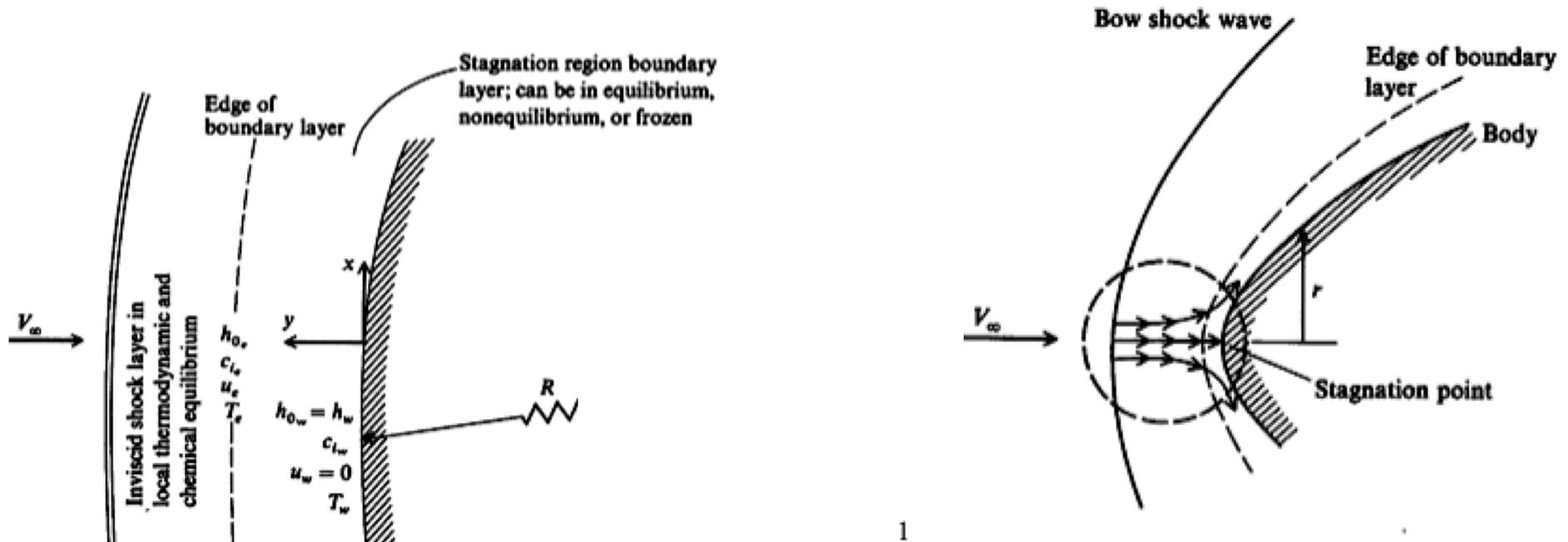
Oblique Shockwave



- Flow attached at leading edge  
Heating impinges directly
- More Exotic Thermal Protection Systems Required

## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

- Sharp leading Edge has very high heating because of small radius
- Mach number and flow density are also Key players



$$\dot{q}_{LE} = H_{if} [h_0 - h_{wall}] \left[ \frac{1}{R_{LE}} \sqrt{2 \frac{(P_{0_2} - P_\infty)}{\rho_{0_2}}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ C_{p\infty} T_\infty + \frac{V_\infty^2}{2} - C_{p_{wall}} T_{wall} \right]$$

**Stagnation heating Rate**

## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

- Small LE radius also has lower thermal capacity and the problem is compounded

Equilibrium temperature is a function of heat in  
And heat out

$$\dot{T}_{wall} = \frac{(\Phi(\theta)H_{tf}) \left[ C_p T_\infty + \frac{V_\infty^2}{2} - C_{p_{wall}} T_{wall} \right] + \left[ \frac{\alpha}{2} \sigma T_2^4 - \varepsilon \sigma T_{wall}^4 \right]}{\left[ \rho_{LE} C_{pLE} \tau_{LE} \right]}$$

- Shuttle tile manages heat by having high emissivity and very high heat capacity .. But it limited to < 2000°K

# SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

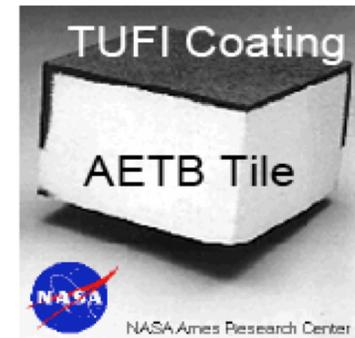
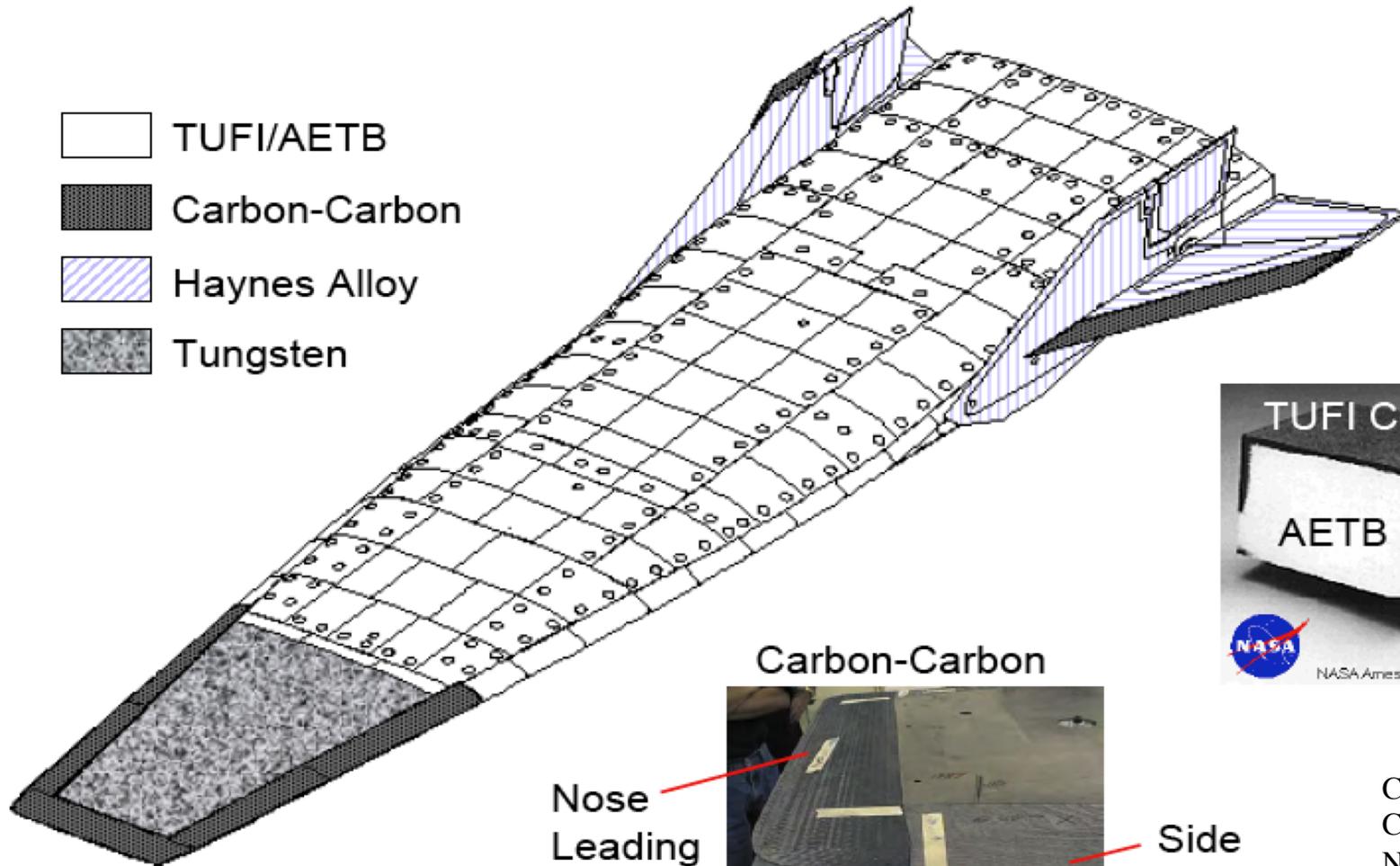


## X-43 Thermal Protection



Mach 7 Vehicles (M 10 Vehicle has C-C Vertical Tail LE)

-  TUFU/AETB
-  Carbon-Carbon
-  Haynes Alloy
-  Tungsten



Carbon-Carbon



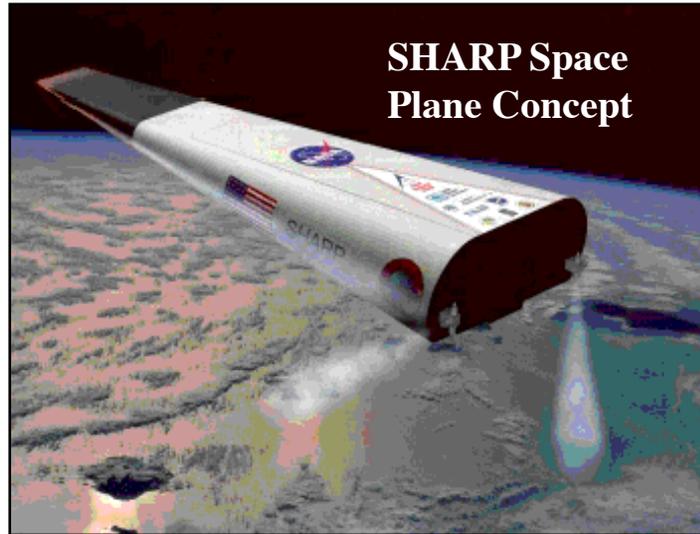
Nose Leading Edge

Side Chine

Credit: Chuck McClinton NASA

TUFU =Toughened Uni-piece Fibrous Insulation  
AETB=Alumina Enhanced Thermal Barrier

## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)



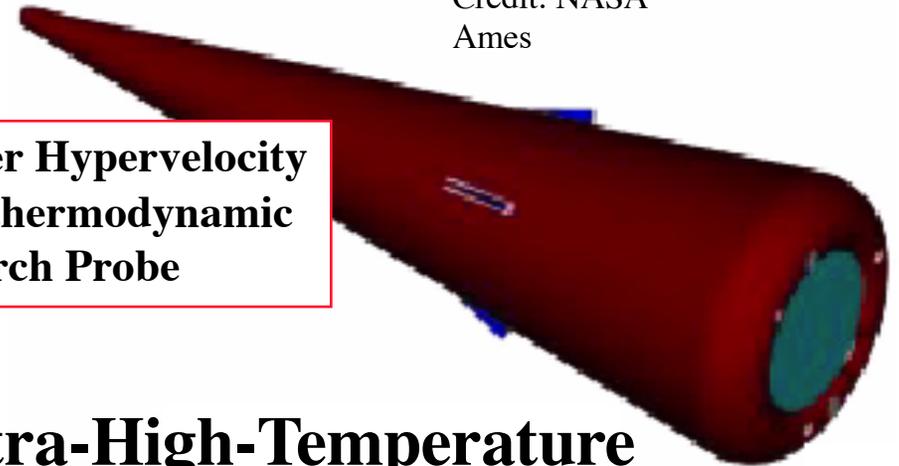
- Technology readiness level (TRL) for UTHC TPS systems very low < 3/10

Mach 12+ TPS for sharp leading edge

Credit: NASA Ames

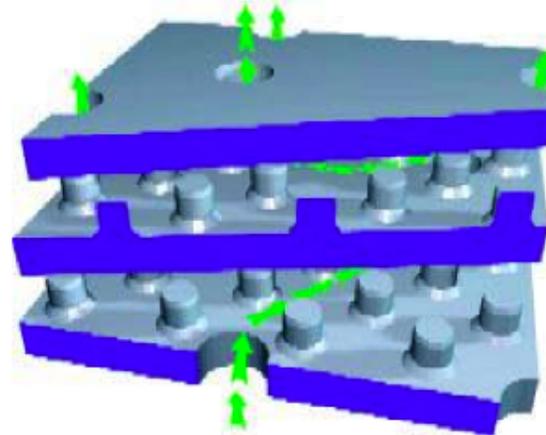
**Slender Hypervelocity  
Aero-thermodynamic  
Research Probe**

**“Ultra-High-Temperature  
Ceramics” (UHTC)**



## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

- Even with matured UTHC TPS heating will have to be actively managed for long duration hypersonic flight ...



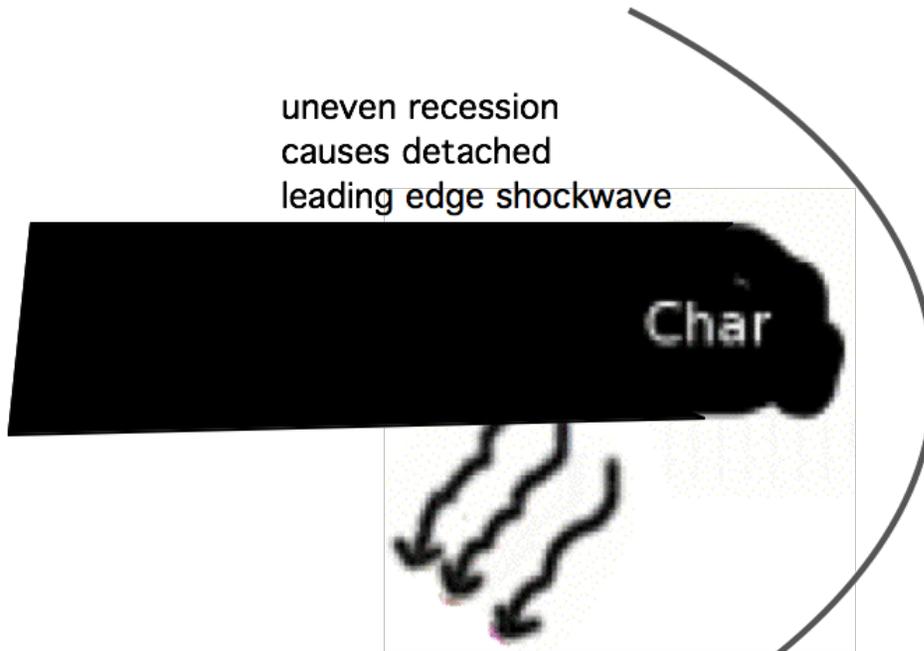
$$\dot{T}_{wall} = \frac{(\Phi(\theta)H_{tf}) \left[ C_p T_\infty + \frac{V_\infty^2}{2} - C_{p_{wall}} T_{wall} \right] + \left[ \frac{\alpha}{2} \sigma T_2^4 - \varepsilon \sigma T_{wall}^4 \right] - \left( \dot{q} \right)_{removed}}{\left[ \rho_{LE} C_{pLE} \tau_{LE} \right]}$$

**Where do you put the heat you remove?**

## SCRAMJET DESIGN ISSUES, IV (cont'd)

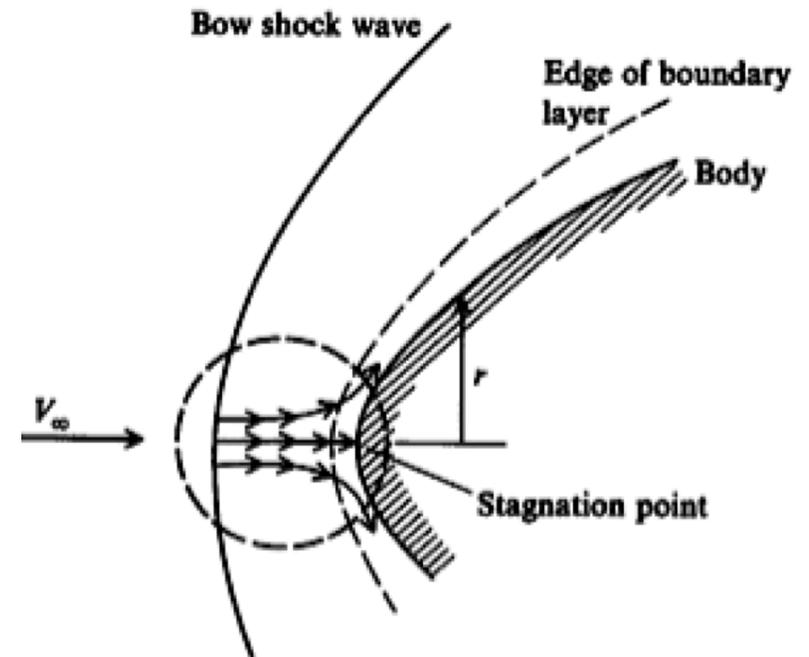
- How About Ablative leading edges

uneven recession  
causes detached  
leading edge shockwave



- Non-receding charring ablative (NRCA)

- Detached shockwave effects inlet flow path increases drag
- Emitted gases can effect mixture ratio of engine



# SCRAMjet flight tests

- The high cost of flight testing and the unavailability of full enthalpy ground facilities have hindered scramjet development.
- A large amount of the experimental work on scramjets has been undertaken in cryogenic facilities, direct-connect tests, or burners, each of which simulates one aspect of the engine operation.
- Further, vitiated facilities, storage heated facilities, arc facilities and the various types of shock tunnels each have limitations which have prevented perfect simulation of scramjet operation.
- Full Enthalpy, full dynamic pressure data is a *REAL RARITY*

## SCRAMjet flight tests (cont'd)

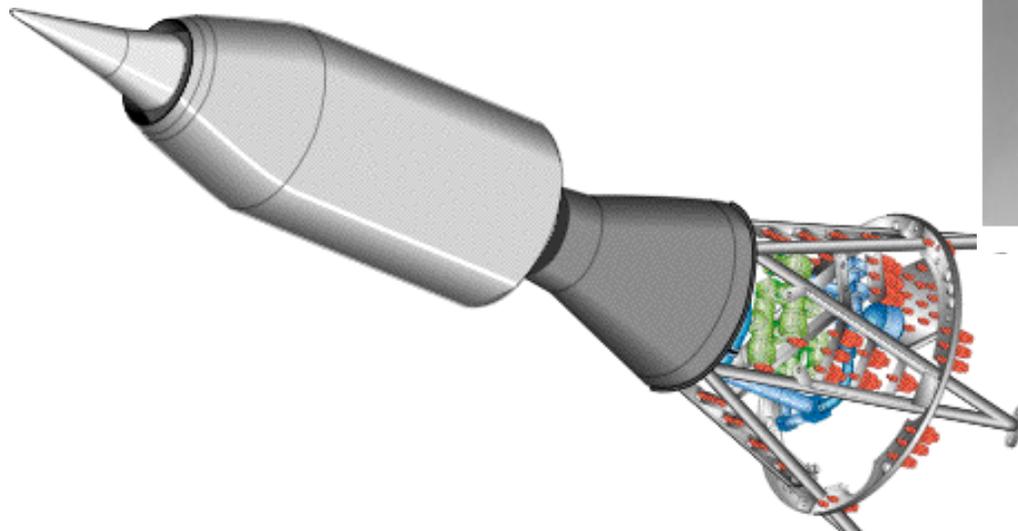
### WHY FLIGHT TESTS?

*"...to separate the real from the imagined and to make known the overlooked and the unexpected problems..." Hugh L. Dryden*

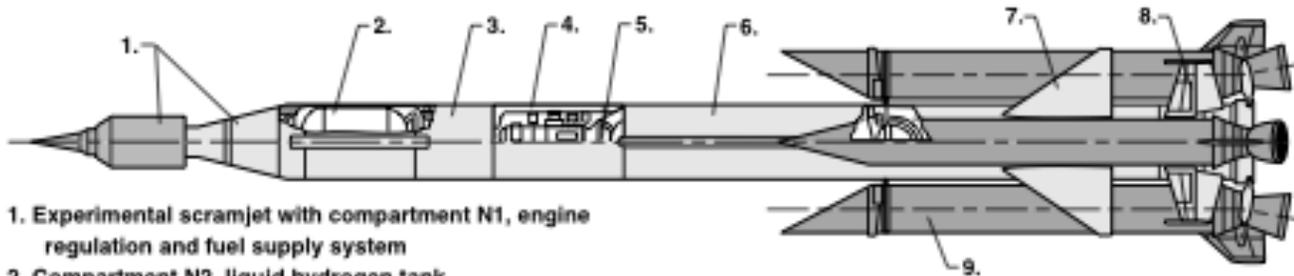


# SCRAMjet flight tests, CIAM

- Russian CIAM ... mid 1990's



- Supersonic Combustion  
Never verified by peer  
review ... debate rages



1. Experimental scramjet with compartment N1, engine regulation and fuel supply system
2. Compartment N2, liquid hydrogen tank
3. Compartment N3A, nitrogen/helium pressure supply system
4. Compartment N3B, flight control system and power supply
5. Propellant tank control system
6. SA-5 rocket motor
7. Fin
8. Roll control surface
9. Solid booster rocket

Central Institute for Aviation Motors (CIAM)

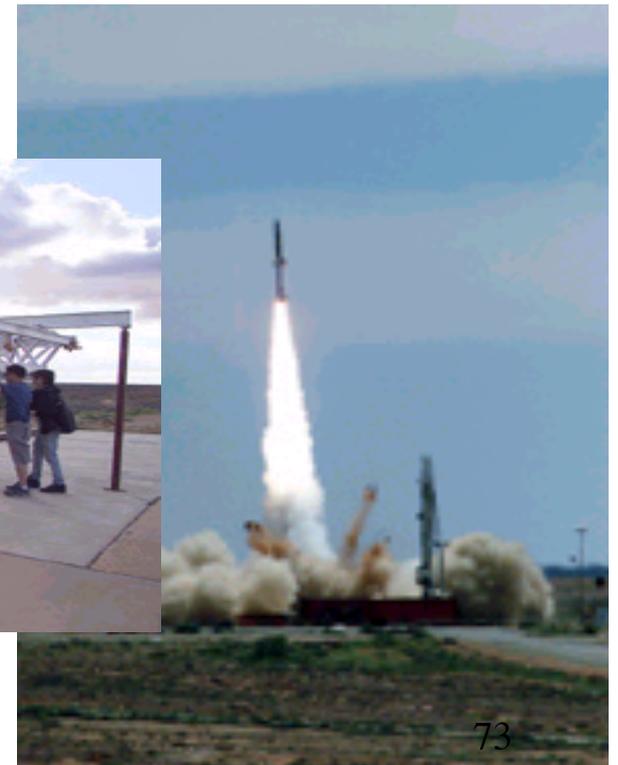


## SCRAMjet flight tests, HyShot (cont'd)

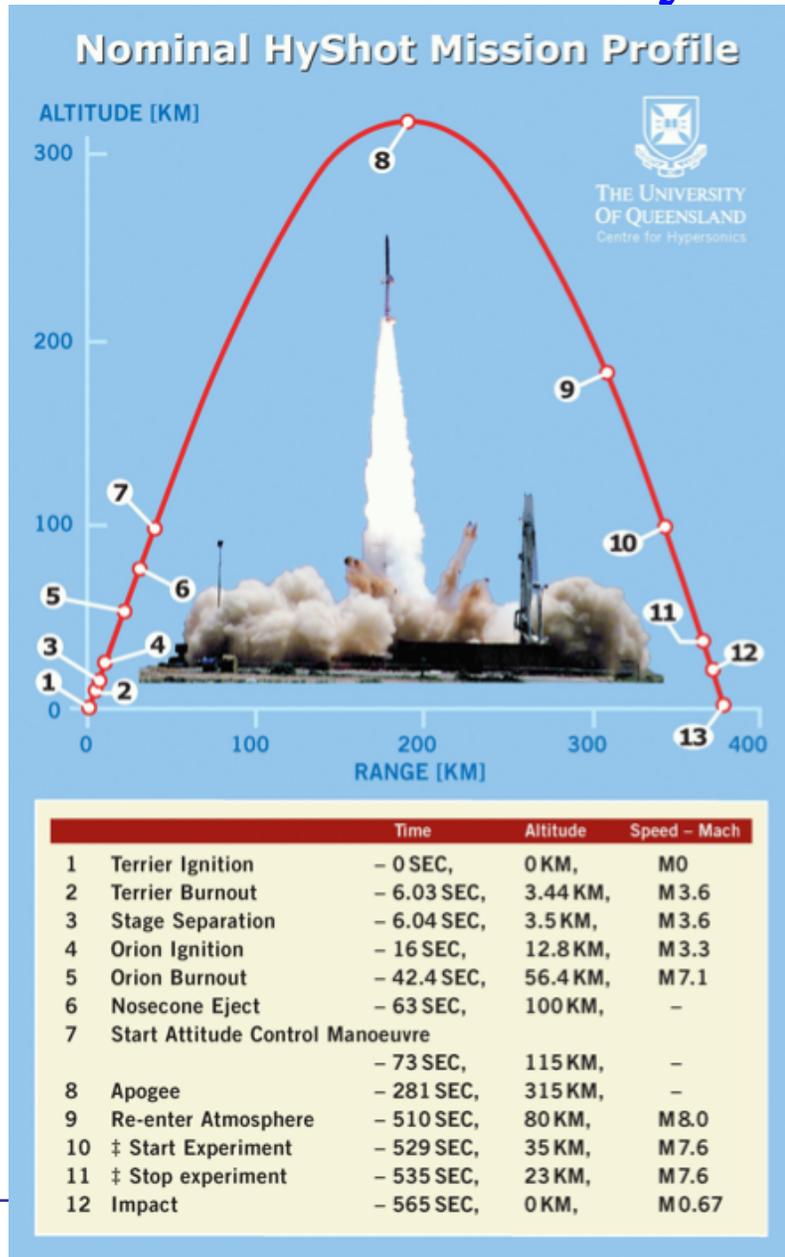
- U. Queensland (Australian) Hyshot Flight tests
- Hyshot II First verified SCRAM flight operation July 30, 2002
- Engine only tests, not an integrated vehicle .. Hyshot I, II  
Flowpath tests ...Never intended to produce more thrust than drag



Terrier-Orion sounding rocket



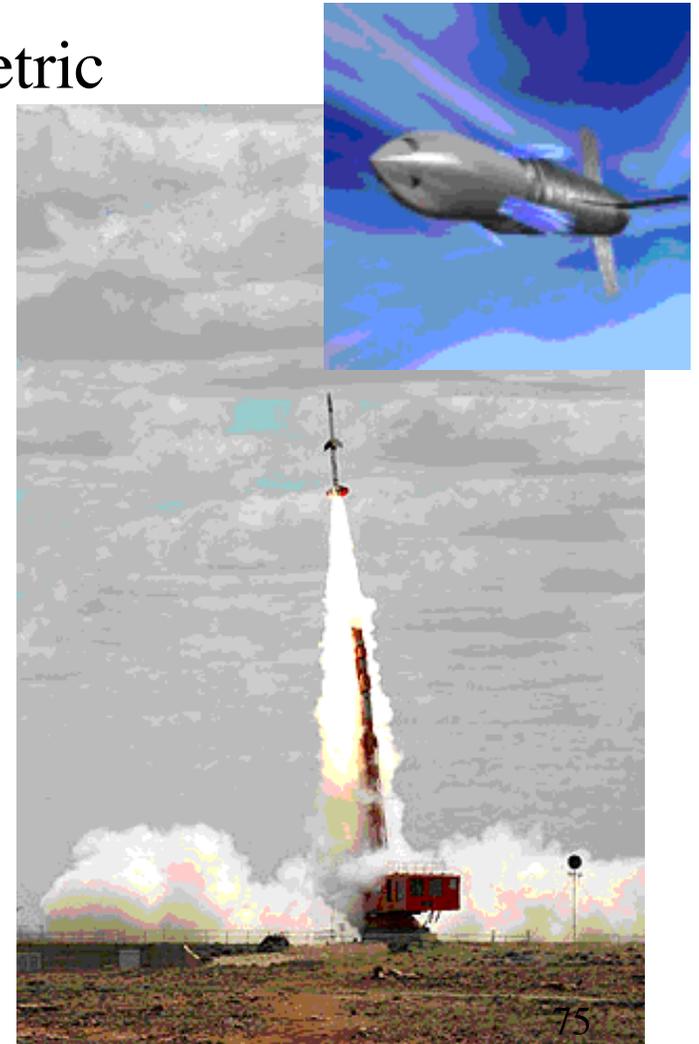
## HyShot II Mission Profile



- Terrier-Orion Mk 70 rocket
- Max liftoff spd: Mach 8+
- Liftoff accl: 22 g (60 g for 0.5 s)
- Apogee: 330 km
  - ◆ Nose is pushed over, cone
  - ◆ ejected (Bang-Bang maneuver)
- Max descent spd: Mach 7.6
  - ★ Scramjet stage
  - ★ Hydrogen Fueled

## SCRAMjet flight tests, HyShot (cont'd)

- HyShot III Flight, March 25, 2006
- More Sophisticated 4-chamber axi-symmetric inlet design
- Teaming with British company [Qinetiq](#)
- Positive thrust accelerated vehicle from Mach 6.8 to Mach 8.0
- Hyshot IV data still being analyzed



# SCRAMjet flight tests, HyShot (cont'd)



# SCRAMjet flight tests, X-43A

- NASA X-43A, three flights

Flight 1, June 2 2001 ... booster failure, terminated flight



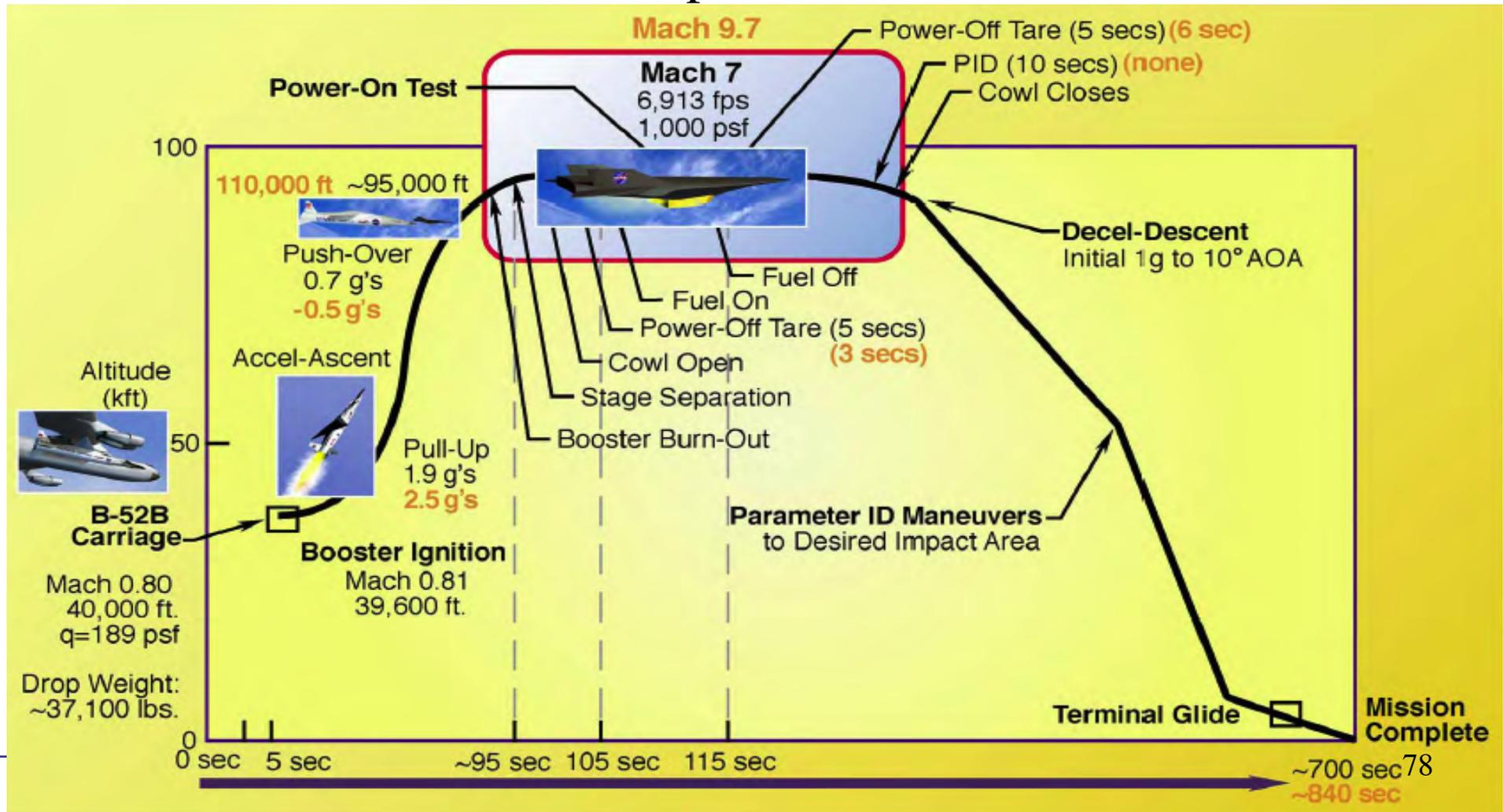
Not a good sign

Here Comes the MIB.

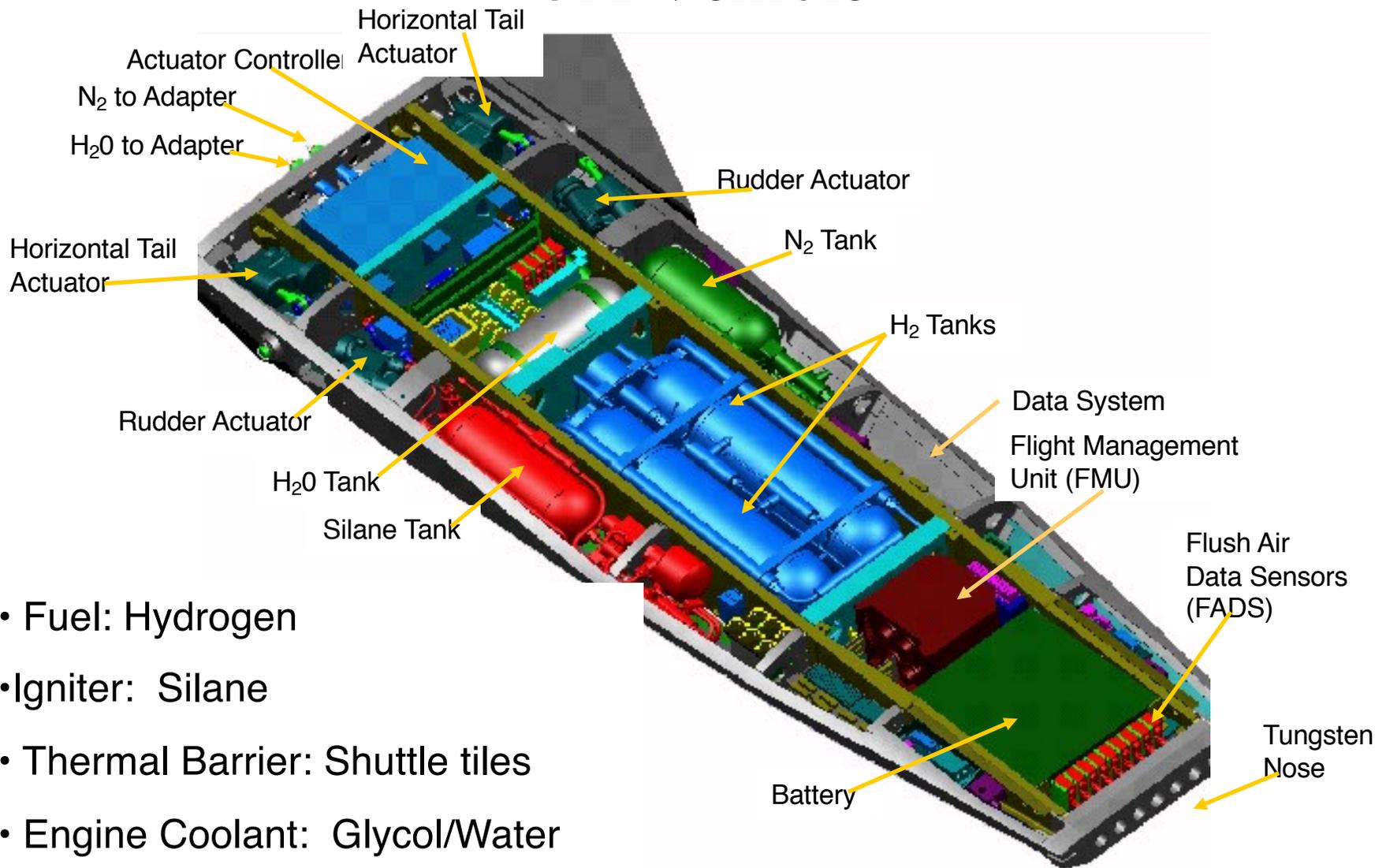


# SCRAMjet flight tests, X-43A (cont'd)

- Took three years to get Problem fixed ... flight 2, *March 27, 2004* successful Mach 7 max engine operation, *Flight 3, November 16, 2004*, Mach 10 successful operation



# X-43A Vehicle



- Fuel: Hydrogen
- Igniter: Silane
- Thermal Barrier: Shuttle tiles
- Engine Coolant: Glycol/Water
- Nitrogen Purge
- Electric Actuators

## X-43A firsts (cont'd)

- **Firsts**
  - First flight of Integrated Scramjet Vehicle
  - **Successful high dynamic pressure, high Mach, non-symmetrical stage separation (required for TSTO)**
- **Verified performance, operability and controllability**
  - **Airframe-integrated Scramjet**
  - **Integrated, powered, hypersonic airbreathing Vehicle**
- **Verified engineering application of NASA-Industry-University hypersonic vehicle design tools**

<u>Tools</u>	<u>Disciplines</u>	<u>Physics</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experimental</li> <li>- Analysis                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CFD - Numerical</li> <li>Analytical</li> <li>Empirical</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>MDOE for engine/vehicle design optimization</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Propulsion</li> <li>- Aerodynamic</li> <li>- Structural</li> <li>- Thermal</li> <li>- Boundary layer transition</li> <li>- Flight and engine controls</li> <li>- Vehicle synthesis</li> </ul>	

## X-43A Lessons learned

- **X-43 airframe drag (and lift) was slightly higher than nominal predicted, but within uncertainty prediction**
- **Scramjet engine performance was very close to preflight predictions (positive acceleration for M 7, Cruise for M 10)**
- **Control deflections to trim engine induced moments were very close to preflight predictions**
- **Other hypersonic vehicle technologies were as predicted**
  - Aerodynamic stability and control
  - Natural and Tripped boundary layer transition
  - Airframe and wing structure
  - Thermal loads/Gap heating
  - TPS
  - Internal environment
  - Launch vehicle stiffness

# USAF X-51A

**X-51A**  
**FIRST FLIGHT**  
May 2010

6+

PERFORMANCE & ALGEBRA POWER

PRATT & WHITNEY  
DEPENDABLE ENGINES

PTE

GDE-1

GDE-2

X-1

X-2

Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne

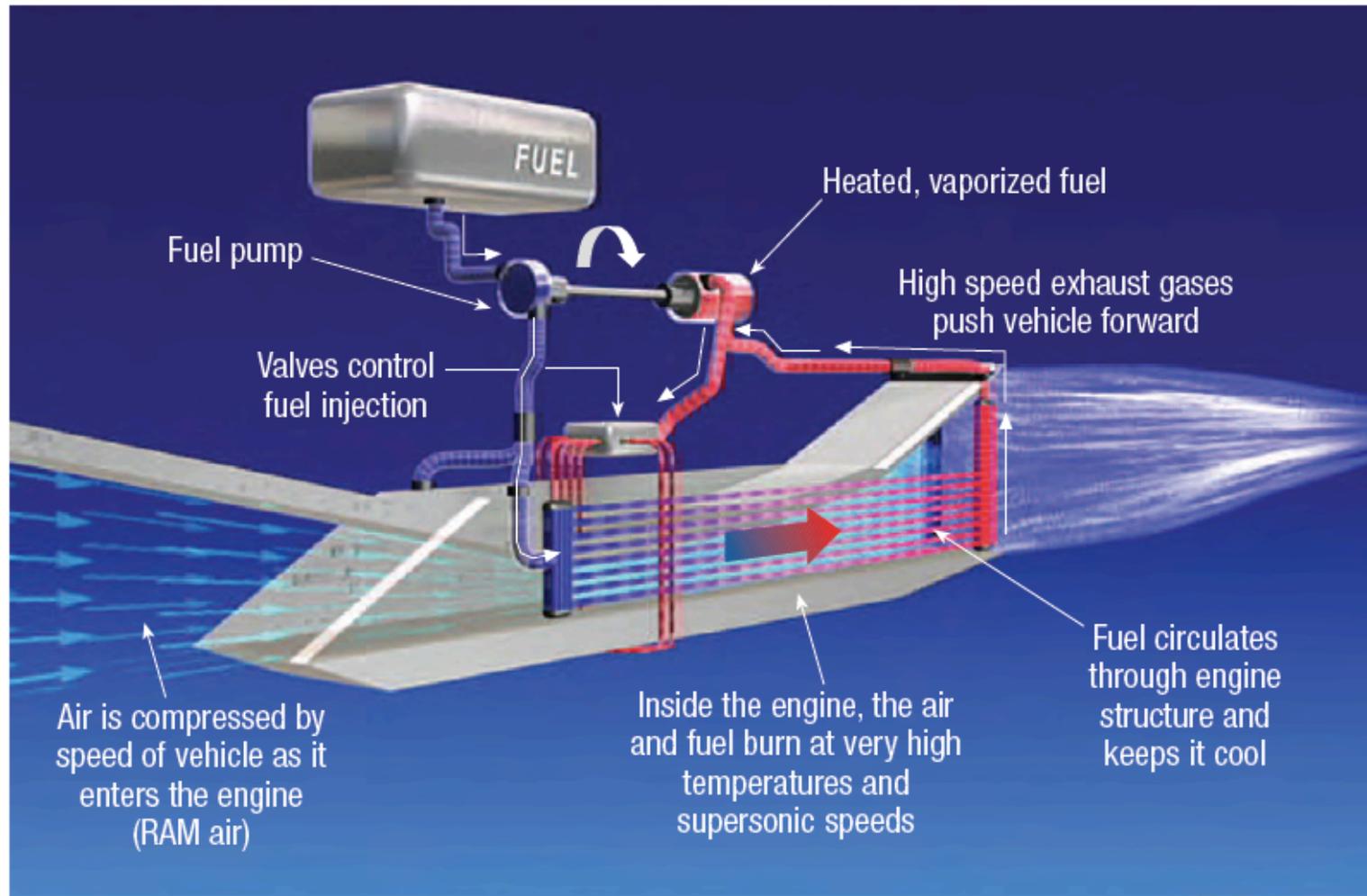
Pratt & Whitney  
A United Technologies Company

PTE = Performance Test Engine • GDE = Ground Demonstrator Engine • X = Experimental

The image is a promotional graphic for the X-51A hypersonic aircraft's first flight in May 2010. It features a large, sleek white aircraft flying through a blue sky with white clouds. The aircraft is shown from a low angle, emphasizing its speed and aerodynamic shape. In the background, a smaller commercial airplane is visible. The text 'X-51A FIRST FLIGHT May 2010' is prominently displayed in the upper left. Two circular logos are in the upper right: one for the X-51 program and another for Pratt & Whitney engines. At the bottom, five small inset images show different components: PTE (Performance Test Engine), GDE-1 and GDE-2 (Ground Demonstrator Engines), and X-1 and X-2 (Experimental aircraft). The Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne logo is at the bottom left, and the Pratt & Whitney logo is at the bottom right. A small disclaimer at the bottom center explains the abbreviations used in the inset images.

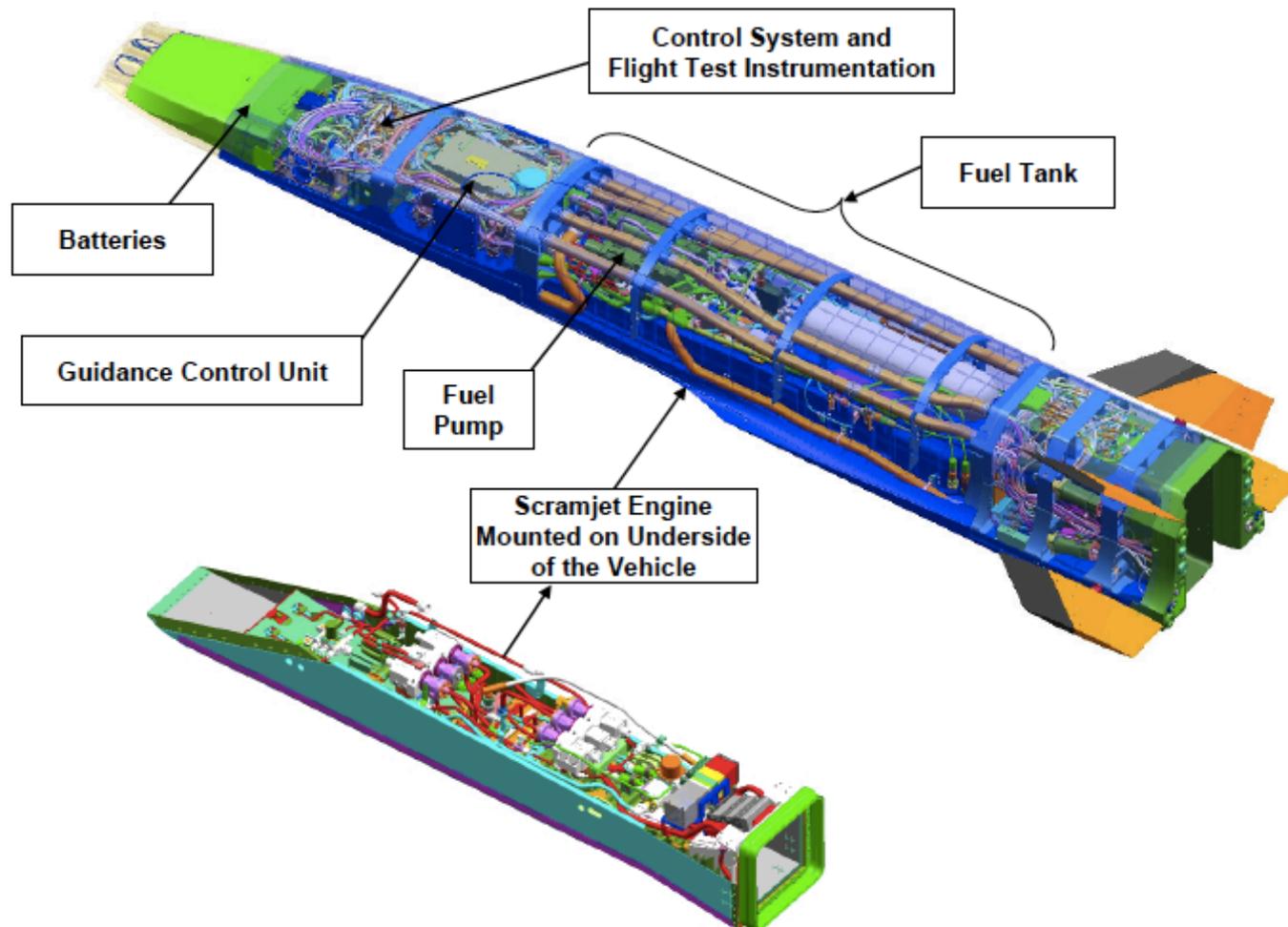
## USAF X-51A (2)

- First Hydrocarbon Fueled ScramJet

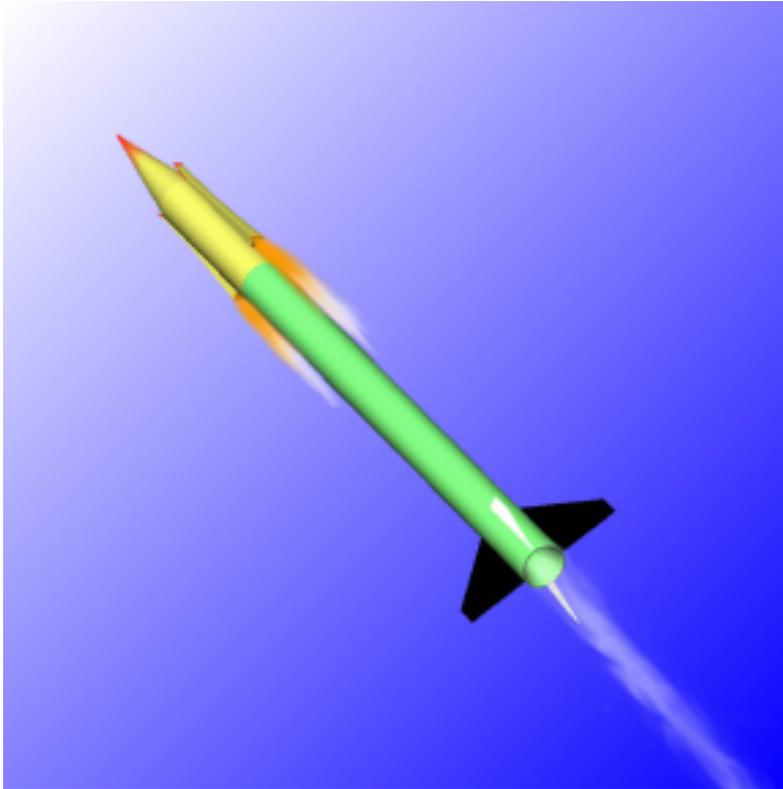


# USAF X-51A (3)

## *X-51A Cruiser Assembly*



# Small Scale SCRAM experiments



- Simplified Approach to Scramjet Testing (SAST)
- Propulsion & Performance Branch (RP), NASA Dryden
- Small directionally-symmetric Mach 6 Scramjet design
- Configuration is aerodynamically stable

# Small Scale SCRAM experiments

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## ***SAST Design / Test Team***

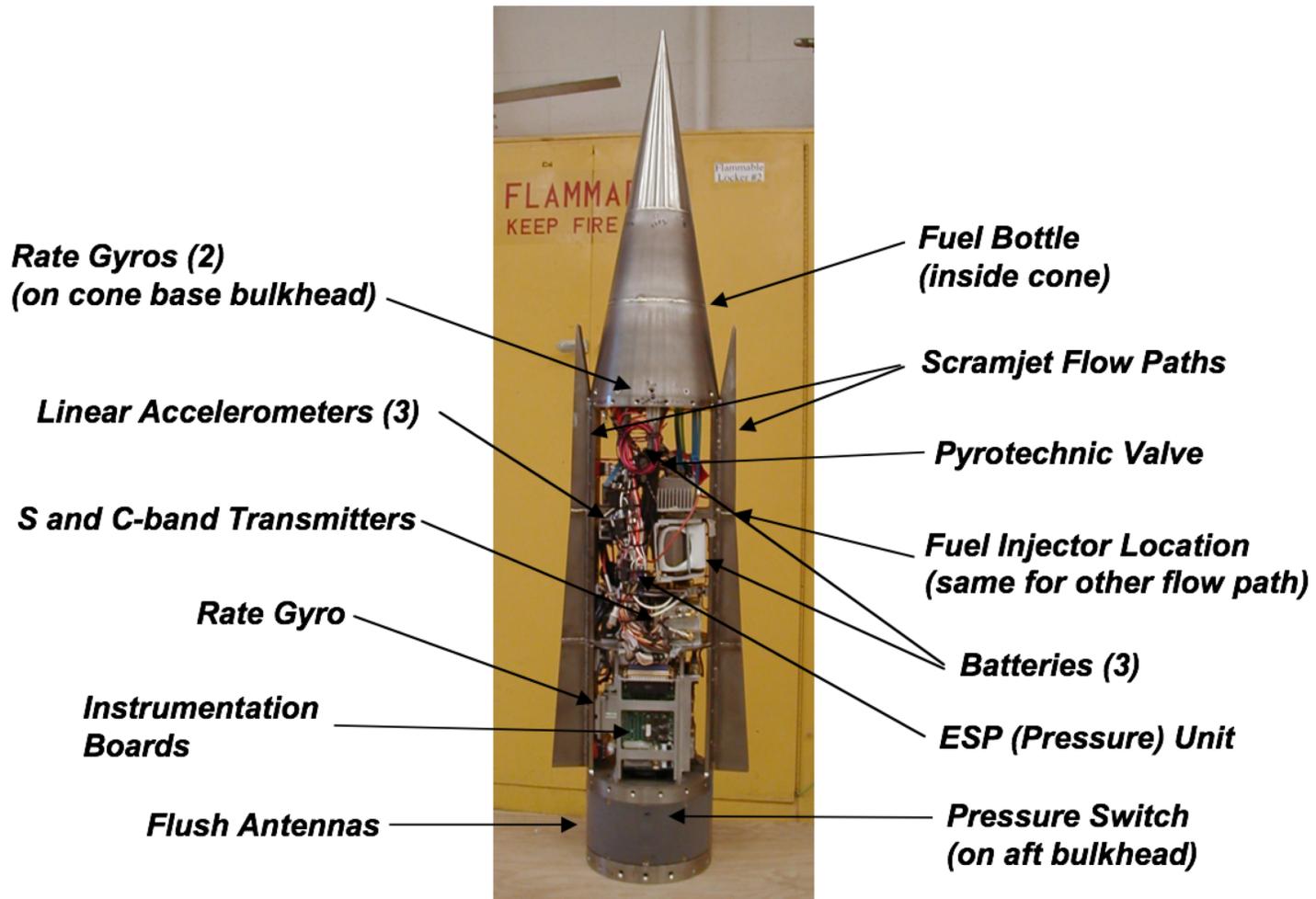
- ***NASA Dryden, Edwards, CA***
  - *Vehicle and experiment design, fabrication, and analysis.*
  - *Data acquisition / telemetry (Code FT).*
- ***NAWC-Weapons Division, Research Rockets Branch, White Sands Missile Range, NM***
  - *Ground, range, and flight operations and safety.*
- ***NAWC-Weapons Division, Pt. Mugu, CA***
  - *Flush mount antenna design, fabrication, and test.*
- ***NAWC, China Lake, CA***
  - *Payload welding.*
- ***Industrial Solid Propulsion (ISP), Las Vegas, NV***
  - *Rocket motors.*

# SAST Objectives

- Build experience with hypersonic flight test techniques and instrumentation at NASA Dryden.
- Evaluate the feasibility and value of a simple, low cost hypersonic flight testbed.
- Obtain hypersonic propulsion flight data for a simplified scramjet engine.
- Get operational expertise through high flight rate

# Simplified Approach to SCRAMjet Testing (SAST)

## **SAST Payload Internal Arrangement**



# Simplified Approach to SCRAMjet Testing (SAST)

## Scramjet Engine Design

- **Simple cone (9.5°) forebody**
  - High dynamic pressure flight delivers high combustor entrance pressure using simple conical shock-on-lip, shock on shoulder configuration.
- **Self-starting scoop inlet**
  - Swept sidewall, spilling design allows fixed geometry inlet to start at about Mach 3 and obtain full capture at design Mach of 6.
- **Diverging isolator (1°)**
  - Diverging isolator prevents combustor-inlet interactions.
- **Single orifice, normal fuel injection**
  - Fuel injection scheme chosen for simplicity but is easily changed to more optimum designs.
- **High pressure, gaseous hydrogen-silane fuel**
  - Proven hydrogen-silane pyrophoric fuel used for auto-ignition.
- **Diverging combustor / nozzle (4°)**
  - Conservative expansion ratio provides measurable engine thrust with low external aerodynamic drag.



# Simplified Approach to SCRAMjet Testing (SAST)

## **SAST Trajectory**

- ***Launch at elevation angle,  $Q_E$ , of 79 deg.***
- ***Ballistic trajectory to impact. As directed by WSMR, no destruct system will be used.***
- ***Test point (at rocket motor burnout) of Mach 5.2, 17,000 ft. approx. 6 seconds after launch.***
- ***Maximum altitude of approx. 150,000 ft.***
- ***Impact point approx. 18 nmi. downrange.***
- ***Total flight time of approx. 220 seconds.***
- ***Dispersion footprint within WSMR range.***

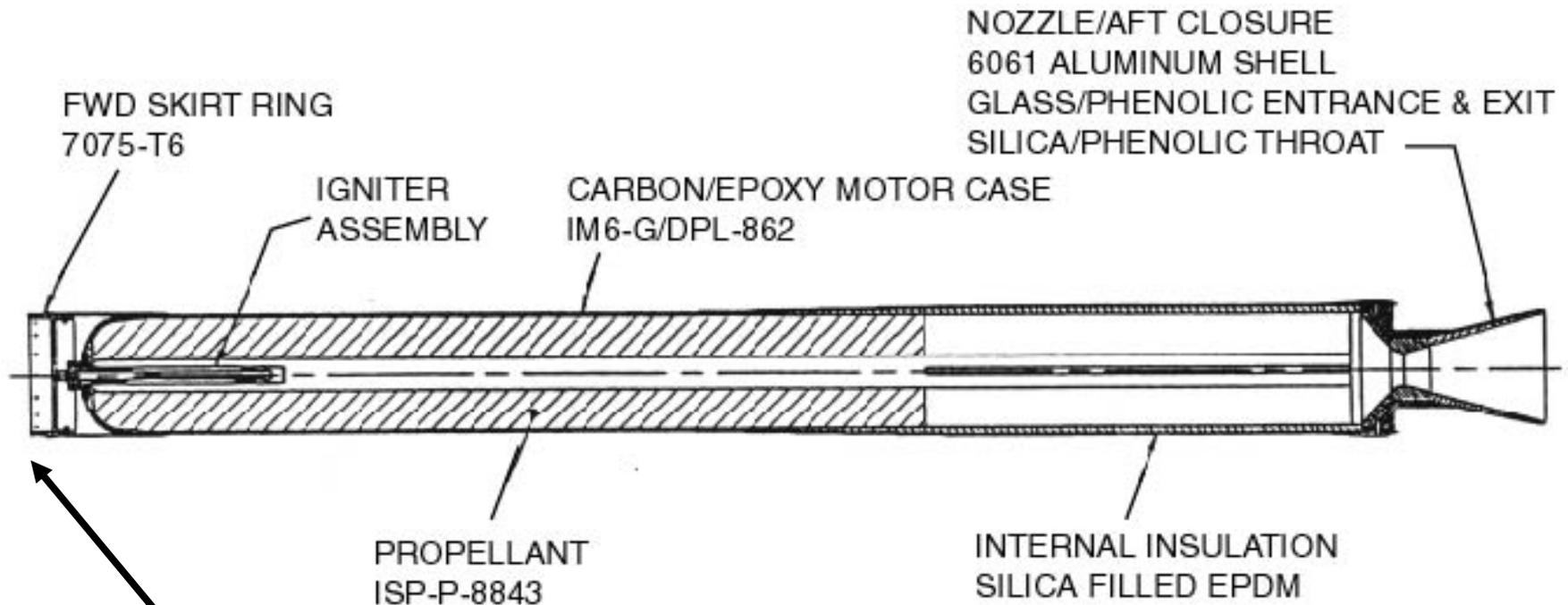
# Rocket Motor Description

- Viper-V Block-II solid rocket motor
- Manufacturer -- Industrial Solid Propulsion, Inc.
- Propellant -- 87% solids HTPB/AP/AL
- Dimensions -- 131 in. length and 7 in. dia.
- Weight -- 225 lbs.
- Thrust -- approx. 6,000 lbs for 5.5 seconds
- Motor case -- carbon/epoxy composite
- Launch lugs -- fixed T-rail aft lug, ejectable T-rail forward lug

## Scramjet Fuel System

- High pressure, gaseous blow down system.
- Gaseous hydrogen-silane fuel stored in fuel tank at 1800 psi.
- Pyrotechnic valve used to release fuel to fuel injectors.
- Pressure switch sensing booster burn-out opens pyrotechnic valve.
- Fuel injectors sized for initial  $ER=0.2$ .
- Scramjet burn time of about 2 sec. (with decreasing ER).
- Predicted peak combustion pressure of about 300 psi and change in force of about 150 lbs.

## Viper V Block II Motor Cross Section



Booster Burn through



## First Flight March 2000

- Guess What? Booster Failure



- Dust yourself off, try it again!!!

# Hypersonic Physics - Propulsion

- Natural and forced boundary layer transition
- Turbulence
- Separation caused by shock-boundary layer interaction
- Shock-shock interaction heating (Type 3 and 4)
- Isolator shock trains
- Cold-wall heat transfer
- Fuel injection, penetration and mixing
- Finite rate chemical kinetics
- Turbulence-chemistry interaction
- Boundary layer relaminarization
- Recombination chemistry
- Catalytic wall effects

**• Lot of Promise  
but Long way to go**

- Most of these phenomena were modeled in the design tools. Some were avoided by application of a uncertainty factors.

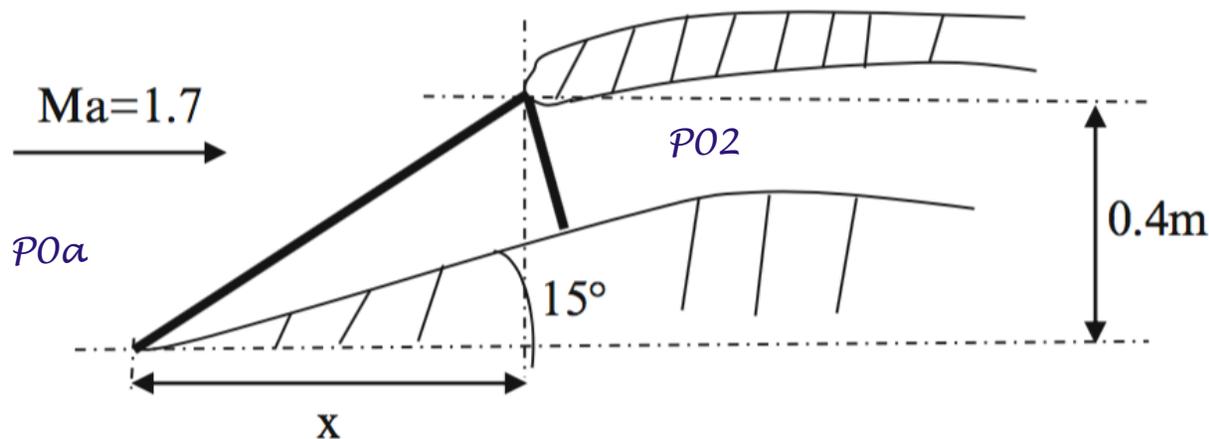
- X-43 success demonstrates an engineering level understanding of “the physics”. A better understanding of these issues will be beneficial for optimization of vehicle performance, but not “enabling”

- All designs share the same physics

Credit: Chuck McClinton NASA

# Homework 4.3, Part 1

A ramjet operates at an altitude of 10,000 m ( $T_a = 223\text{ K}$ ,  $P_a = 0.26\text{ atm}$ ,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ) at a Mach number of 1.7. The external diffusion is based on an oblique shock and on a normal shock, as described in the shown figure.

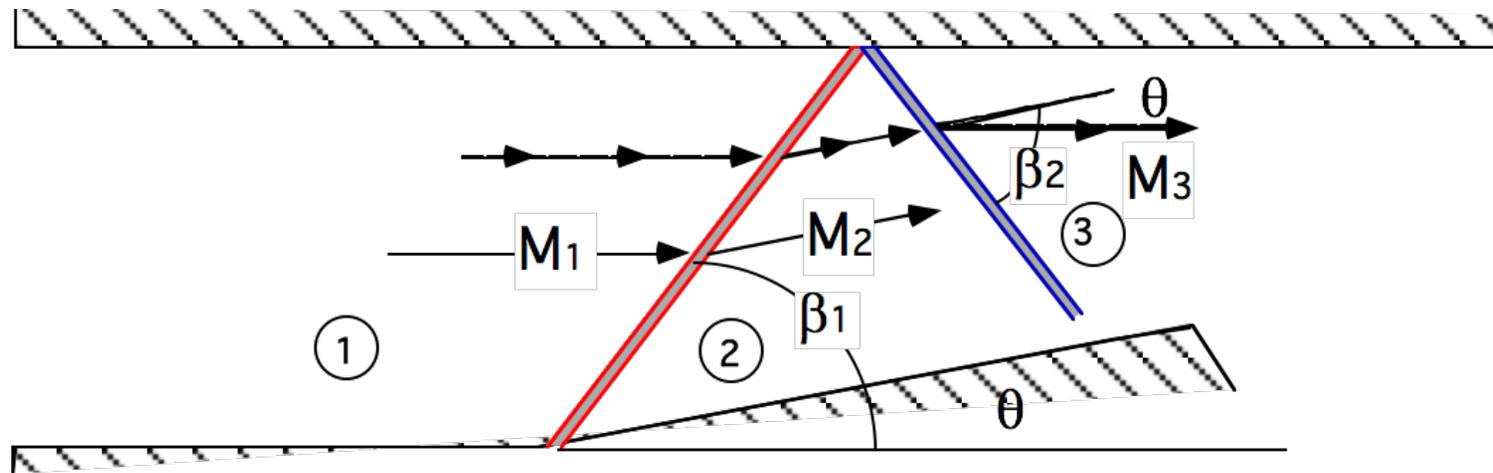


Calculate

*Assume  $\infty = a$*

- Stagnation pressure recovery,  $\frac{P_{02}}{P_{0a}}$  ?
- At what Mach number does the oblique shock become detached?
- What is the distance  $x$ , from the cone tip to the outer inlet lip, for the condition described in the figure?
- What is the best turning angle  $\theta$  in terms of highest pressure ratio,  $\frac{P_{02}}{P_{0a}}$  ?

## Homework 4.3, Part 2



$$\beta_1 = 30^\circ$$

$$M_1 = 2.8$$

$$p_1 = 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$T_1 = 300^\circ\text{K}$$

• Calculate

$$\beta_2$$

$$M_3$$

$$p_3$$

$$T_3$$

• Assume  $\gamma = 1.4$

# Questions??

