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# **ASE 367K: FLIGHT DYNAMICS**

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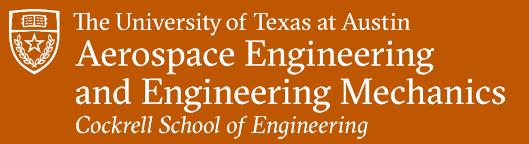
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# Topics for Today

- Topic(s):
  - Term Project
  - Launch Vehicle Dynamics
  - Pre-Reading for Next Class



# TERM PROJECT

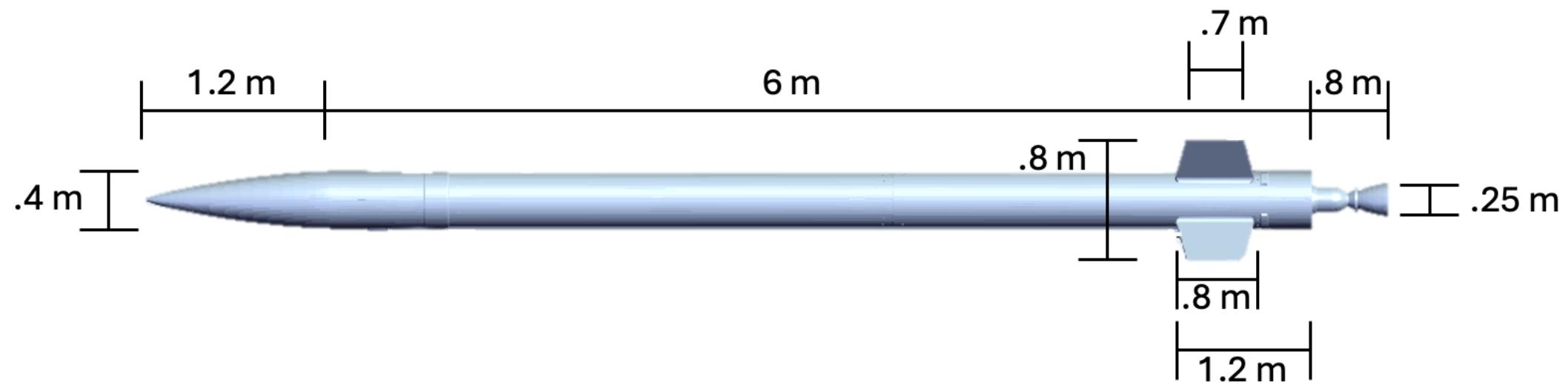
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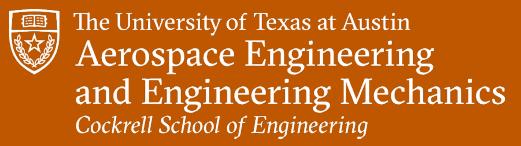
# The Rocket

- Static Thrust: 15.5 kN
- Tolerances: +/- 2mm



# The Challenge

- Compute pdf (probability density function) for the location of the CG and CP as a function of remaining rocket mass.
  - Include the effects of uncertainty in dimensions and mass of the rocket on the location of the points.
- Develop model for the atmosphere as a function of altitude including turbulence (e.g., Dryden Wind Turbulence Model)
  - Include the effects of turbulence on the winds at various altitudes.
- Develop Monte Carlo simulation model for the rocket trajectory.



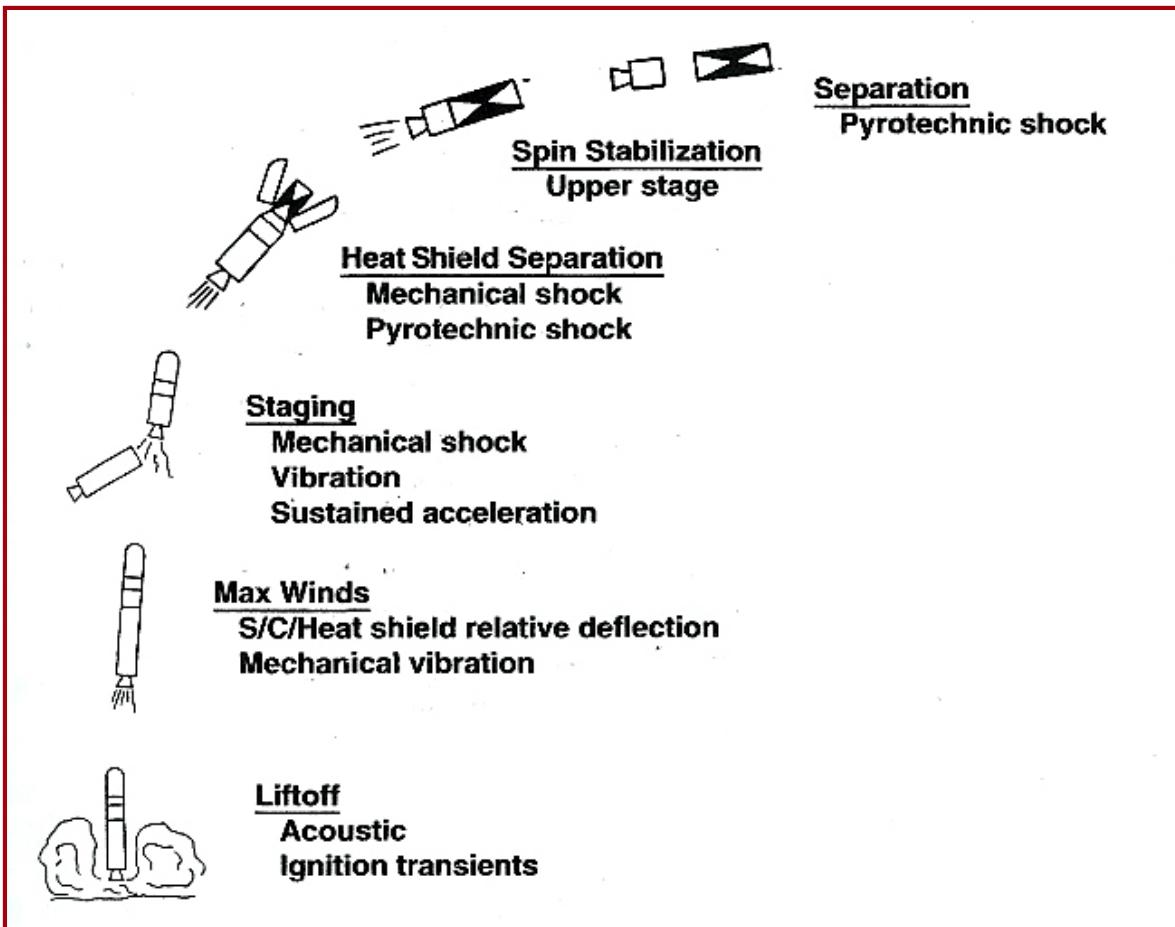
# LAUNCH VEHICLE DYNAMICS

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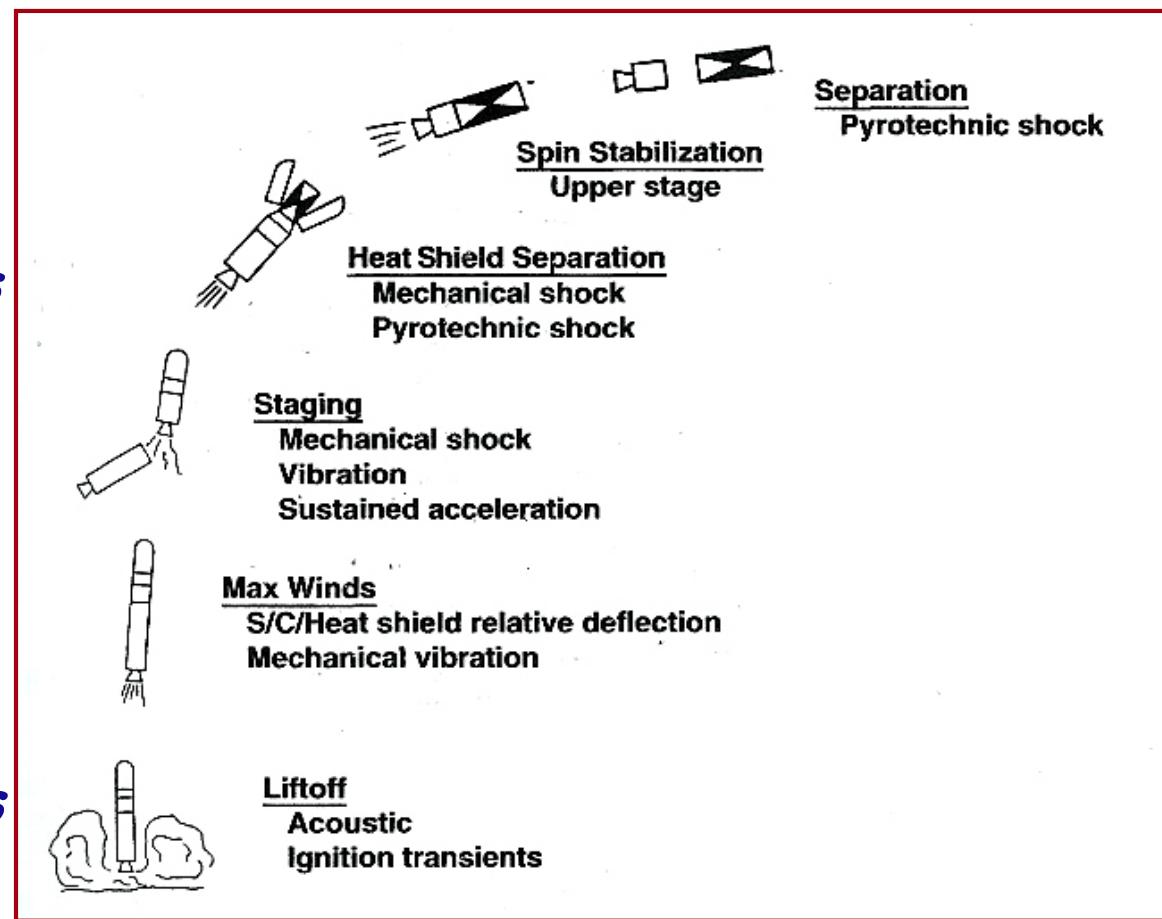
# *Launch Phases and Loading Issues-1*



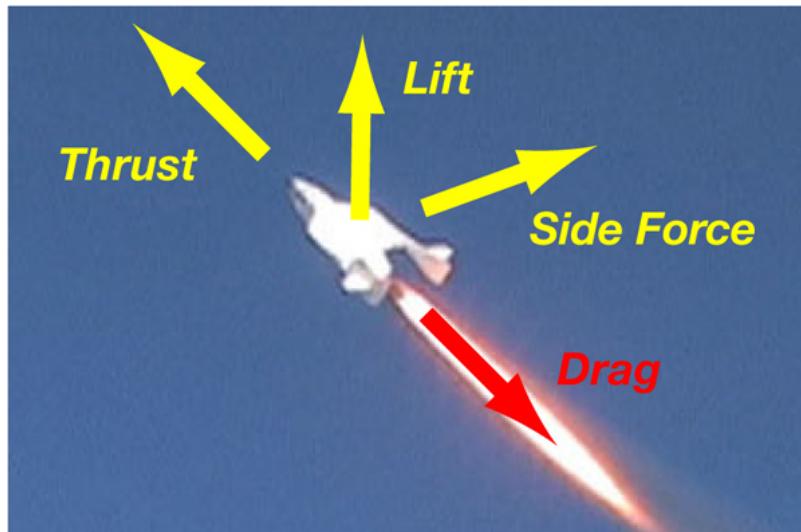
- **Liftoff**
  - Reverberation from the ground
  - Random vibrations
  - Thrust transients
- **Winds and Transonic Aerodynamics**
  - High-altitude jet stream
  - Buffeting
- **Staging**
  - High sustained acceleration
  - Thrust transients

# *Launch Phases and Loading Issues-2*

- ***Heat shield separation***
  - Mechanical and pyrotechnic transients
- ***Spin stabilization***
  - Tangential and centripetal acceleration
  - Steady-state rotation
- ***Separation***
  - Pyrotechnic transients



# Aerodynamic Forces



$$\begin{bmatrix} Drag \\ Side Force \\ Lift \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_D \\ C_Y \\ C_L \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$$

- *V = air-relative velocity = velocity w.r.t. air mass*
- *Drag measured opposite to the air-relative velocity vector*
- *Lift and side force are perpendicular to the velocity vector*

# Aerodynamic Force Parameters

$\rho$  = **air density**, function of height,  $h$

$$= \rho_{\text{sealevel}} e^{-\beta h}$$

$$\rho_{\text{sealevel}} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3; \quad \beta = 1/9,042 \text{ m}$$

$$V = \left[ v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2 \right]^{1/2} = \left[ \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v} \right]^{1/2}, \text{m/s}$$

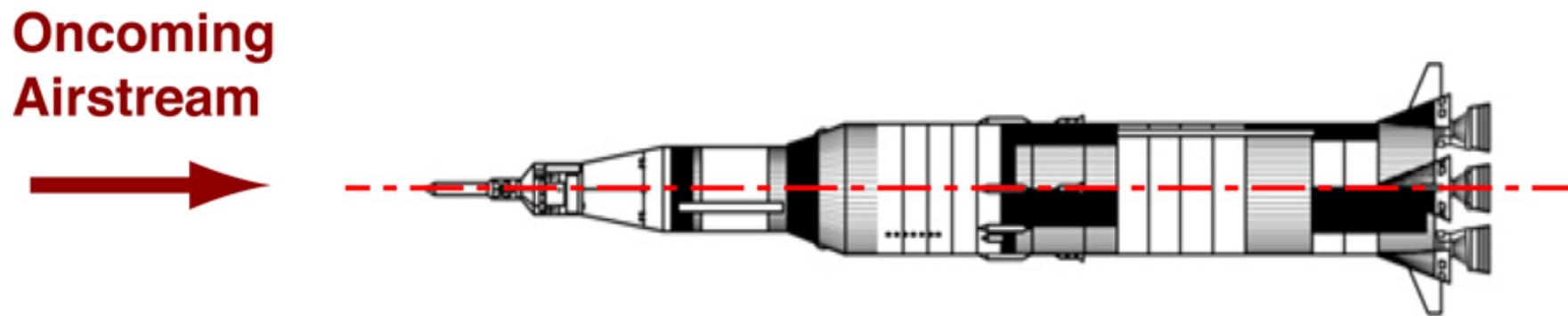
$$\bar{q} = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = \text{Dynamic pressure, } N/m^2$$

$S$  = **reference area**,  $m^2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_D \\ C_Y \\ C_L \end{bmatrix} = \text{non-dimensional aerodynamic coefficients}$$

# Aerodynamic Drag

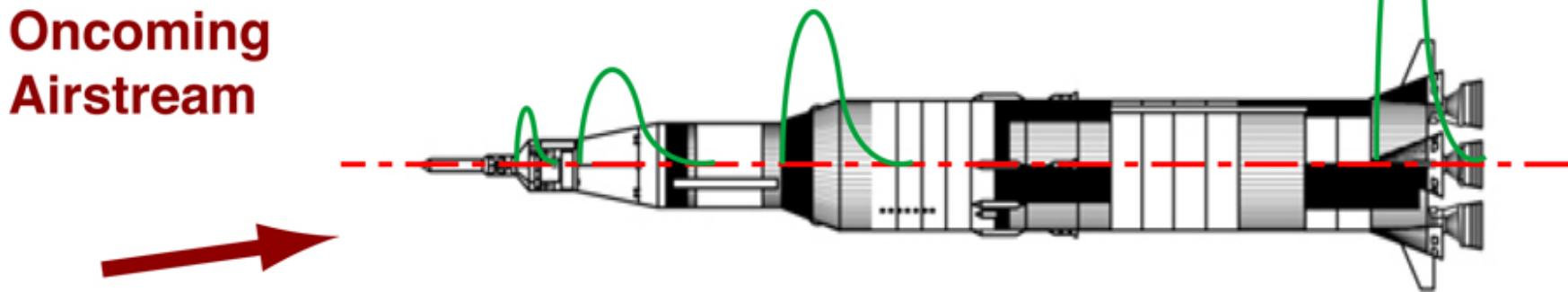
$$Drag = C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$$



- *Drag components sum to produce total drag*
  - Parallel to airstream
  - Skin friction
  - Base pressure differential
  - Forebody pressure differential ( $M > 1$ )

# Aerodynamic Lift Force

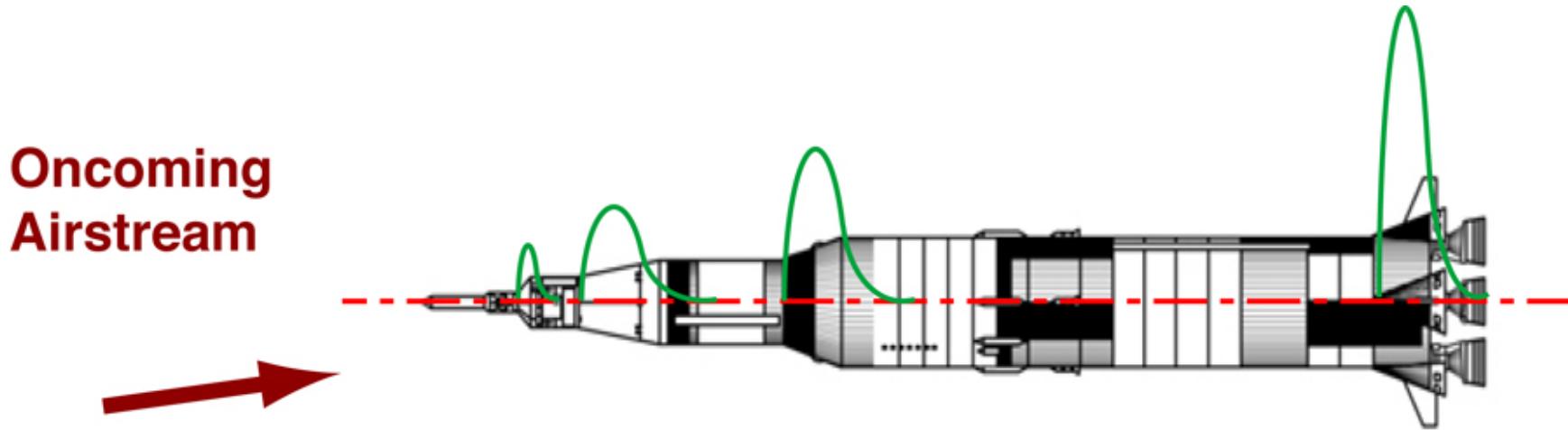
$$Lift = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \approx \frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha} \alpha \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$$



- Perpendicular to airstream
- Angle between  $x$  axis and airstream = angle of attack,  $\alpha$
- Lift components integrate over length to produce net lift
  - Increase in cross-sectional area
  - Tail fins
- For symmetric vehicle, lift = 0 if  $\alpha = 0$

## *Normal Force about equal to Lift*

$$\text{Normal Force} = C_N \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S \approx \frac{\partial C_N}{\partial \alpha} \alpha \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S$$

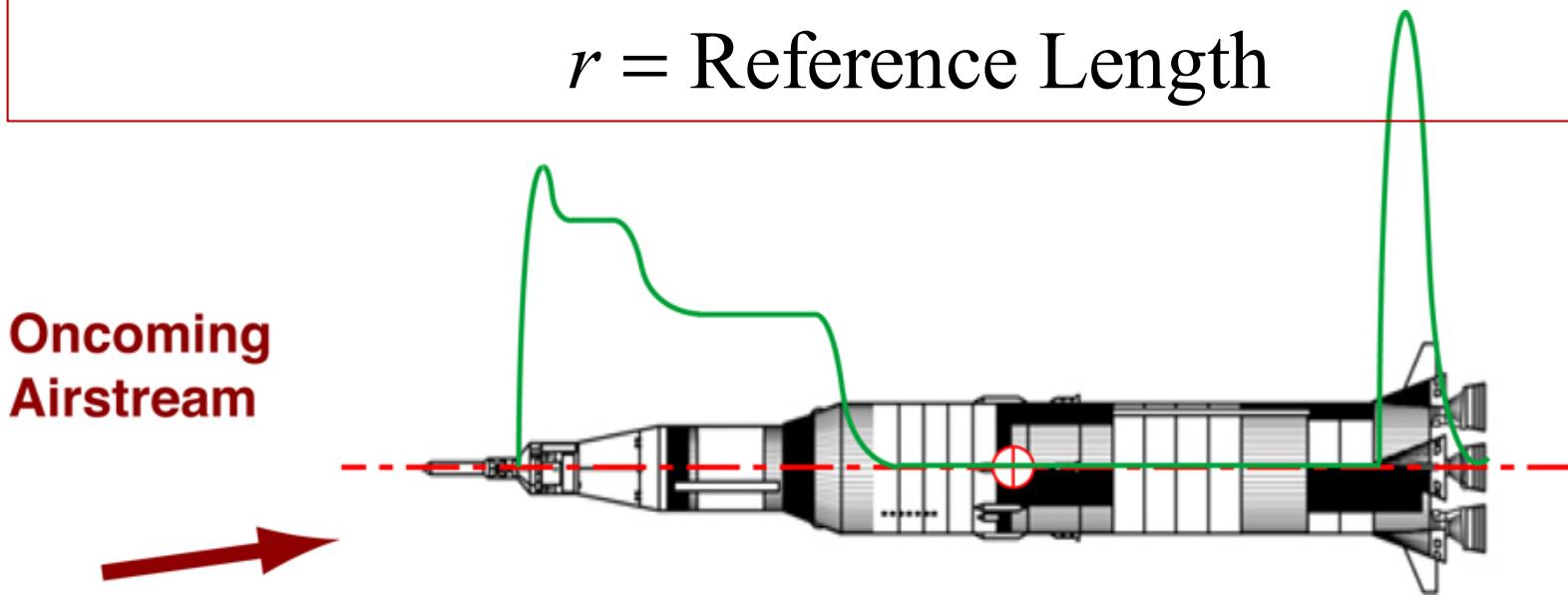


- *Perpendicular to body centerline*
- *For small angle of attack, normal force is approximately the same as lift*

# Aerodynamic Pitching Moment

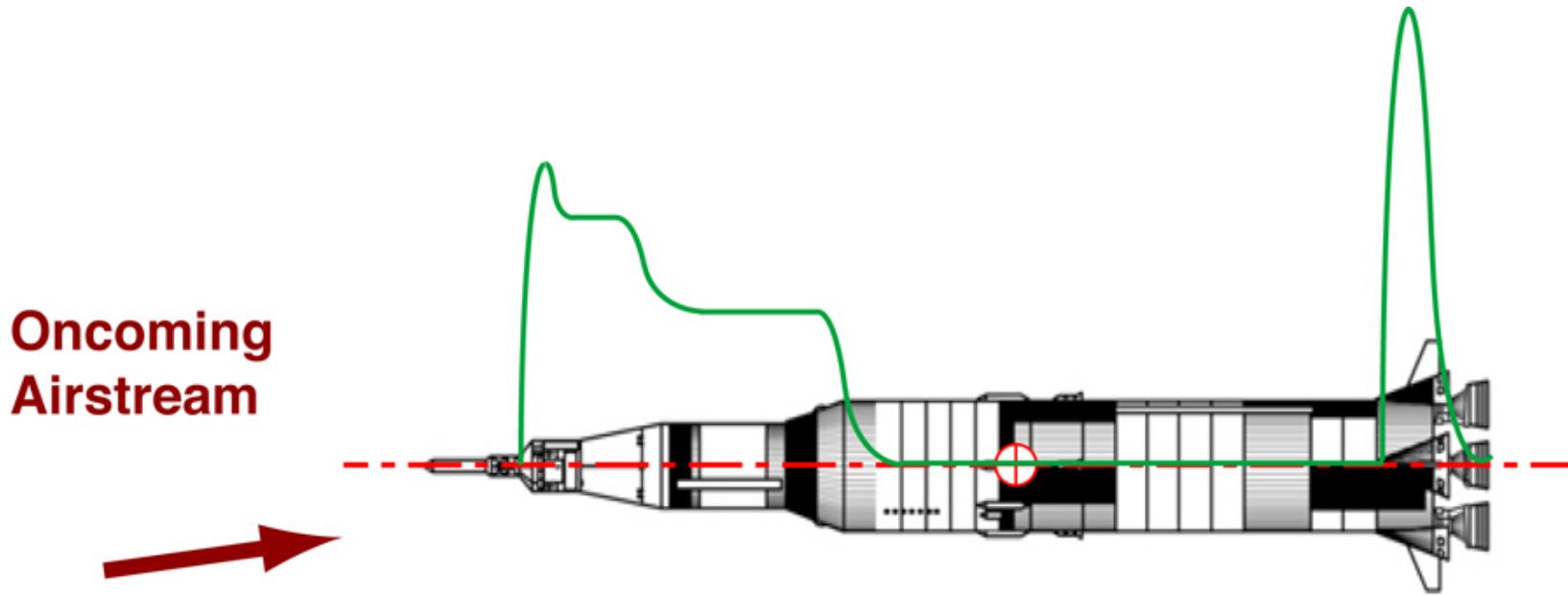
$$\text{Pitching Moment} = C_m \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S r \approx \frac{\partial C_m}{\partial \alpha} \alpha \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S r$$

$r$  = Reference Length



- *Pitching moment components integrate over length to produce net pitching moment*
  - Increase in cross-sectional area
  - Tail fins
- *... plus pitching moment due to thrust vectoring for control*

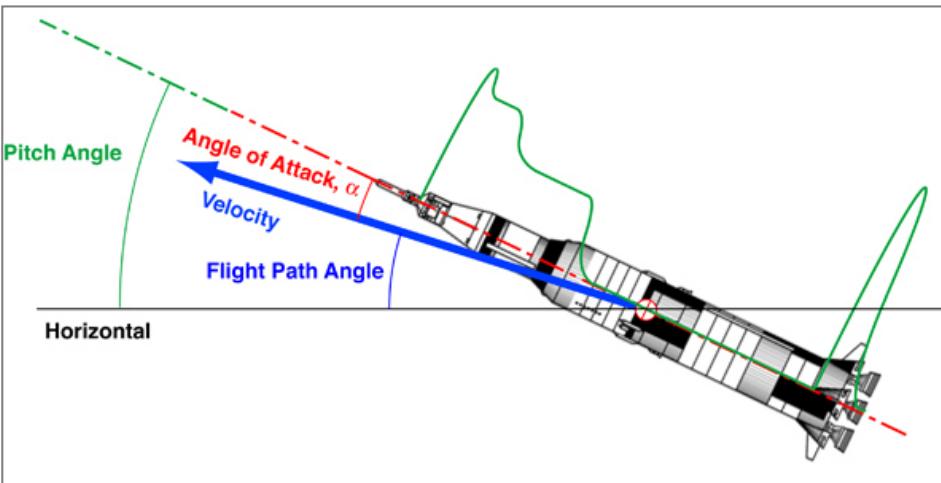
# *Pitching Moment Distribution Causes Large Bending Effects*



*Aerodynamic and thrust-vectoring effects  
bend the vehicle*

*Trajectory shaped to reduce structural loads*

# Angular Attitude Perturbations



- *Pitch-angle perturbation,  $\Delta\theta$ , is about the same as angle-of-attack perturbation,  $\Delta\alpha$*

$$\Delta\ddot{\theta} \approx \Delta\ddot{\alpha} = \frac{\text{Net Pitching Moment}}{\text{Pitching Moment of Inertia}}$$

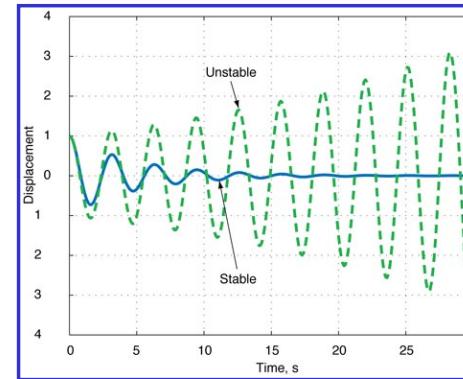
$$\Delta\ddot{\alpha} = \frac{M_{y_{aero}} + M_{y_{thrust}}}{I_{yy}} \approx \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ \frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \dot{\alpha}} \Delta\dot{\alpha} + \frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \alpha} \Delta\alpha \right]$$

# Attitude Stability

$$\Delta \ddot{\alpha} = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \left[ \frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \dot{\alpha}} \Delta \dot{\alpha} + \frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \alpha} \Delta \alpha \right]$$

- Attitude perturbations are stable if

$$\frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \dot{\alpha}} < 0, \quad \frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \alpha} < 0$$



- Oscillatory divergence if
- Non-oscillatory divergence if

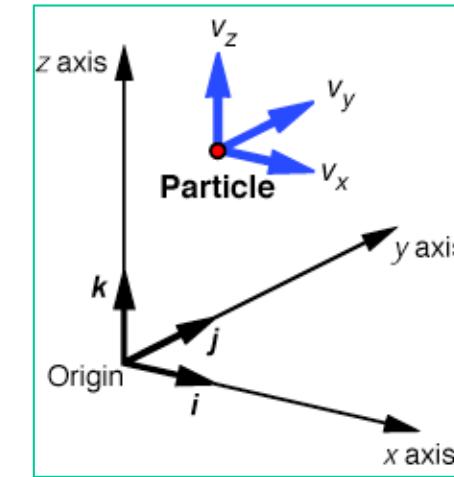
$$\frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \dot{\alpha}} > 0 \quad \text{Dynamic Instability}$$

$$\frac{\partial M_{y_{net}}}{\partial \alpha} > 0 \quad \text{Static Instability}$$

Thrust-vector feedback control normally required  
to provide static and dynamic stability

# *Equations of Motion for a Point Mass*

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# *Equations of Motion for a Point Mass*

*Velocity and position dynamics  
expressed in a single equation*

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{F}]$$

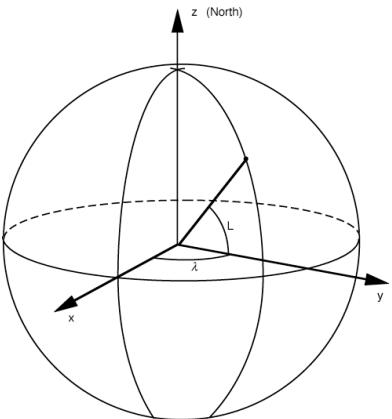
$$\mathbf{x} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Combined Equations of Motion for a Point Mass

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{v}_x \\ \dot{v}_y \\ \dot{v}_z \end{bmatrix}_I = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ f_x/m \\ f_y/m \\ f_z/m \end{bmatrix}_I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}_I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}_I$$

*With*

$$\boxed{\mathbf{F}_I = \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}_I = [\mathbf{F}_{\text{gravity}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{aerodynamics}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{thrust}}]_I}$$



# Math Models of Gravity



- **Flat-earth approximation**
  - *$g$  is gravitational acceleration*
  - *$mg$  is gravitational force*
  - *Independent of position*
- **Round, rotating earth**
  - *Inverse-square gravitation*
  - *"Centripetal acceleration"*
  - *Non-linear function of position*
  - $\mu = 3.986 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^3/\text{s}^2$
  - $\Omega = 7.29 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$

$$m\mathbf{g}_f = m \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g_o \end{bmatrix} ; \quad g_o = 9.807 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\mathbf{g}_r = \begin{bmatrix} g_x \\ g_y \\ g_z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{gravity}} \quad [\text{non-rotating frame}]$$

$$\mathbf{g}_r = \mathbf{g}_{\text{gravity}} + \mathbf{g}_{\text{rotation}} \quad [\text{rotating frame}]$$

$$= \frac{-\mu}{r^3} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} - \Omega^2 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} ; \quad r = [x^2 + y^2 + z^2]^{1/2}$$

# Equations of Motion with Round-Earth Gravity Model (Inertial, Non-Rotating Frame)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{v}_x \\ \dot{v}_y \\ \dot{v}_z \end{bmatrix}_E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\mu/r^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mu/r^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\mu/r^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix}_I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{pmatrix}_{aero} + \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{pmatrix}_{thrust_I}$$

*Position of the vehicle (in spherical coordinates)*

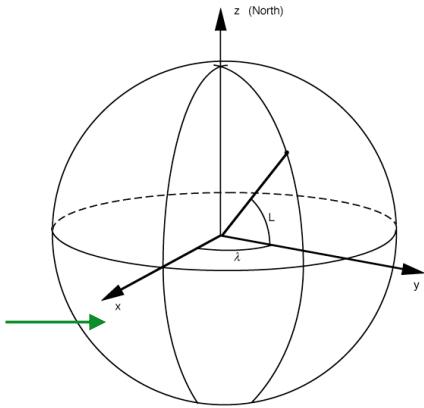
$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos L \cos \lambda \\ \cos L \sin \lambda \\ \sin L \end{bmatrix} (R + h)$$

*R : Earth's radius*

*h : Altitude (height)*

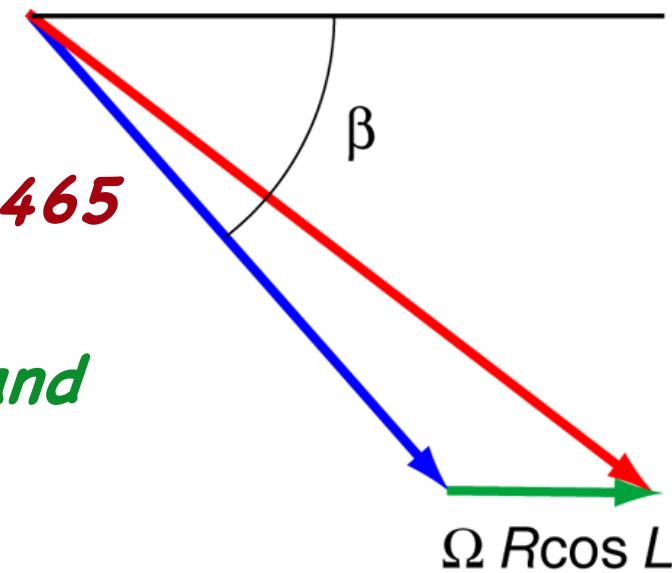
*L : Latitude*

*λ : Longitude*



## Effect of Launch Site on Launch Velocity

- *Launch site and azimuth*
  - *Earth's rotation adds up to 465 m/s to final inertial velocity*
  - *Function of launch latitude and azimuth angles*



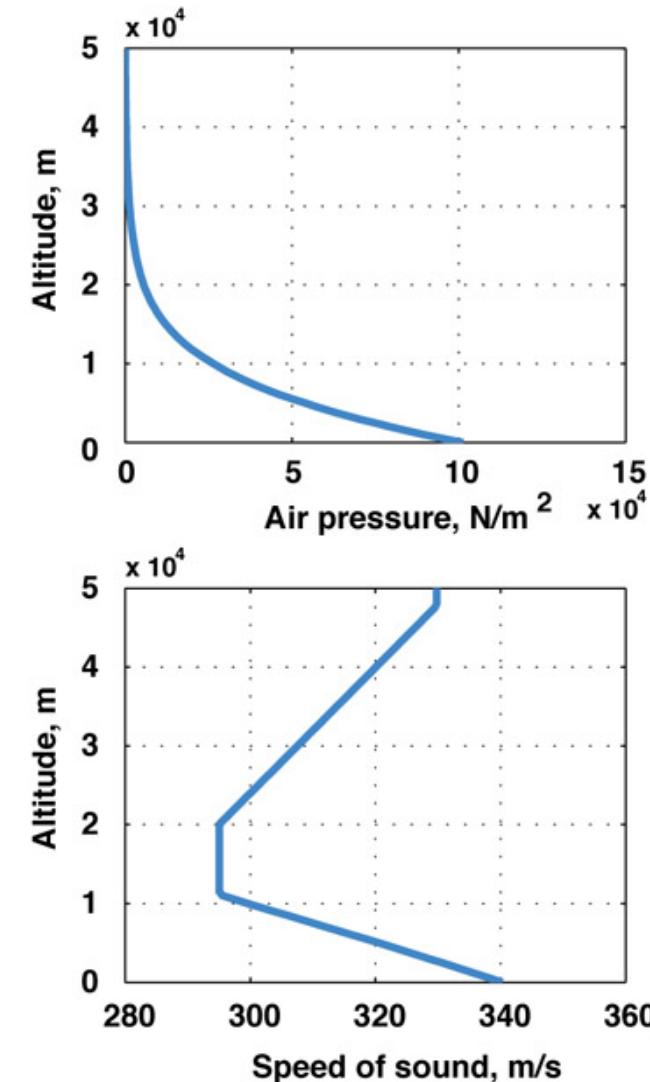
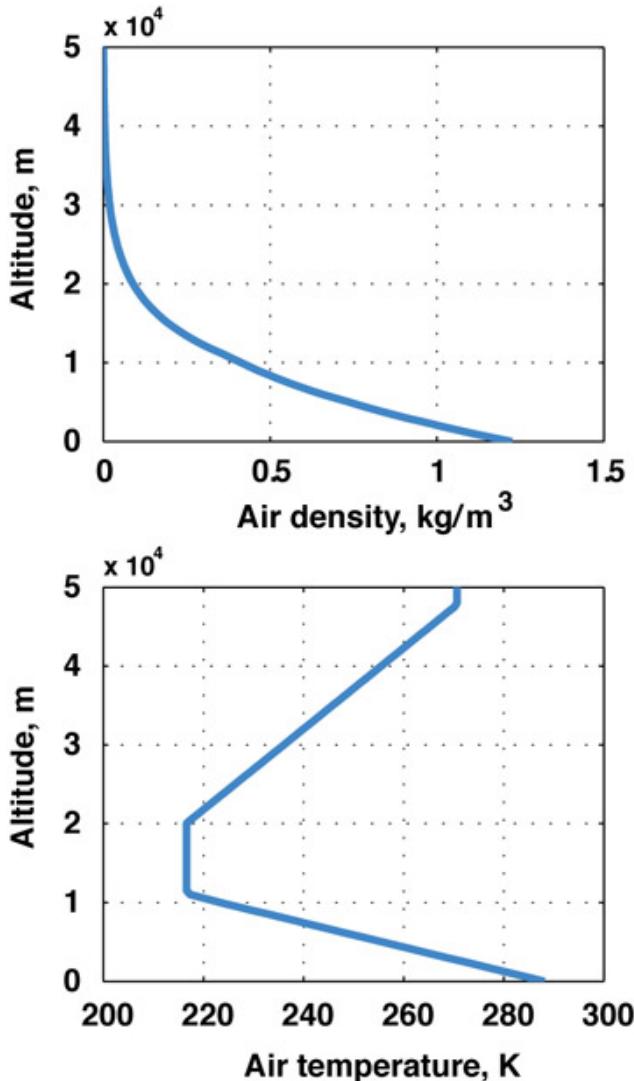
$$\Delta V_{\text{launch}} \approx \Omega R \cos L \cos \beta$$

$\beta$  : Launch azimuth angle (rotating frame, from East)

# *Properties of the Lower Atmosphere*

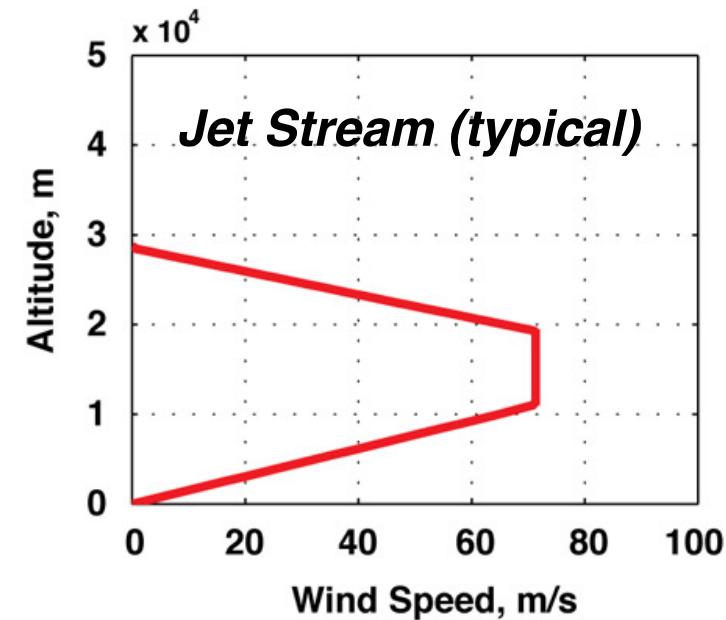
- Air density and pressure decay exponentially with altitude
- Air temperature and speed of sound are linear functions of altitude

US Standard Atmosphere, 1976



# *Lower Atmosphere Rotates With The Earth*

- *Zero wind at Earth's surface = Inertially rotating air mass*
- *Wind measured with respect to Earth's rotating surface*
- *Jet stream magnitude typically peaks at 10-15-km altitude*



# *Flat-Earth 2-D Equations of Motion for a Point Mass*

*Restrict motions to a vertical plane  
(i.e., motions in y direction = 0)*

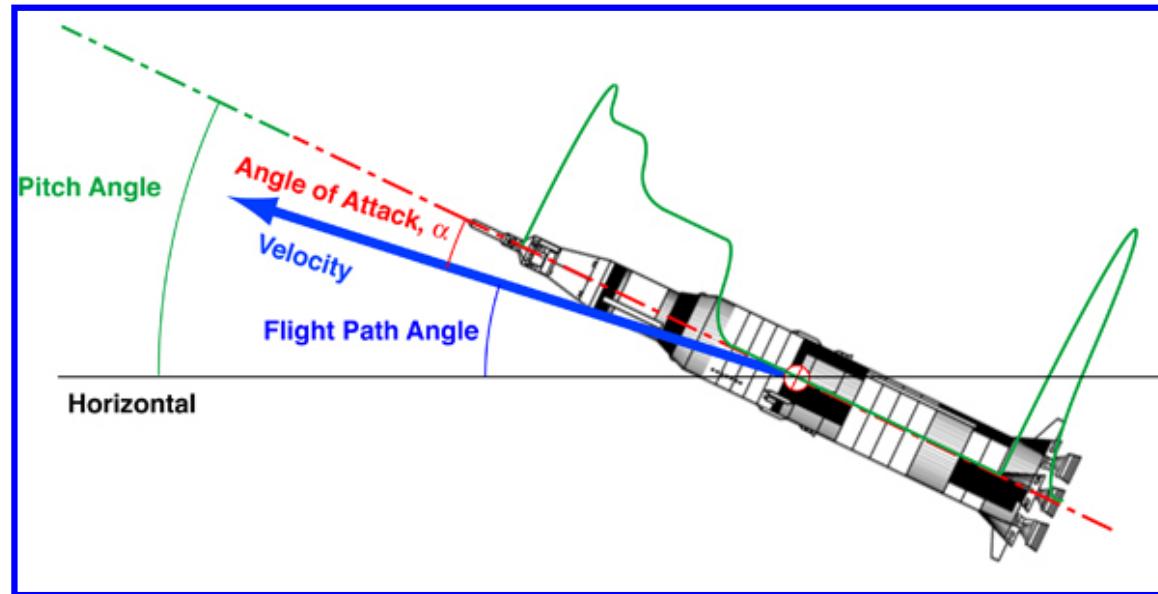
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# *Flat-Earth 2-D Equations of Motion for a Point Mass*

*Transform velocity from Cartesian  
to polar coordinates*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ -\dot{z} \end{bmatrix} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \dot{r} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V \cos \gamma \\ V \sin \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{z}^2} \\ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\dot{h}}{V} \right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Velocity} \\ \text{Flight path angle} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Flat-Earth Model

- *Ignore round, rotating Earth effects (!)*
- *i.e., assume that flat-Earth-relative frame is inertial*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{v}_x \\ \dot{v}_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_z \\ f_x/m \\ f_z/m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ z \\ v_x \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1/m & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_x \\ f_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V \cos \gamma \\ -V \sin \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{z}^2} \\ -\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\dot{z}}{V}\right) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Velocity} \\ \text{Flight path angle} \end{bmatrix}$$

- *Adequate model for investigating early phase of launch*

# *Simplified Launch Trajectory Equations of Motion*

- *Gravity-turn, flat earth, vertical plane*
  - Thrust aligned with velocity vector ( $\alpha = 0$ )
  - Lift = 0
  - Round, rotating earth effects neglected

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(t) &= \frac{\text{Thrust} - [\text{Drag} + m(t)g \sin \gamma(t)]}{m(t)} \\ &= \left[ \left( \text{Thrust} - C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho(h) V^2(t) \right) / m(t) - g \sin \gamma(t) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = -g \cos \gamma(t) / V(t)$$

$$\dot{h}(t) = -\dot{z}(t) = V(t) \sin \gamma(t)$$

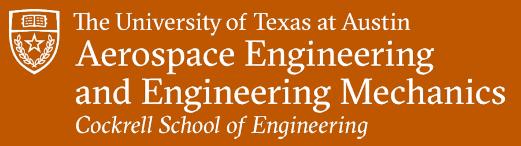
$$\dot{r}(t) = \dot{x}(t) = V(t) \cos \gamma(t)$$

$V$  = velocity

$\gamma$  = flight path angle

$h$  = height (altitude)

$r$  = range



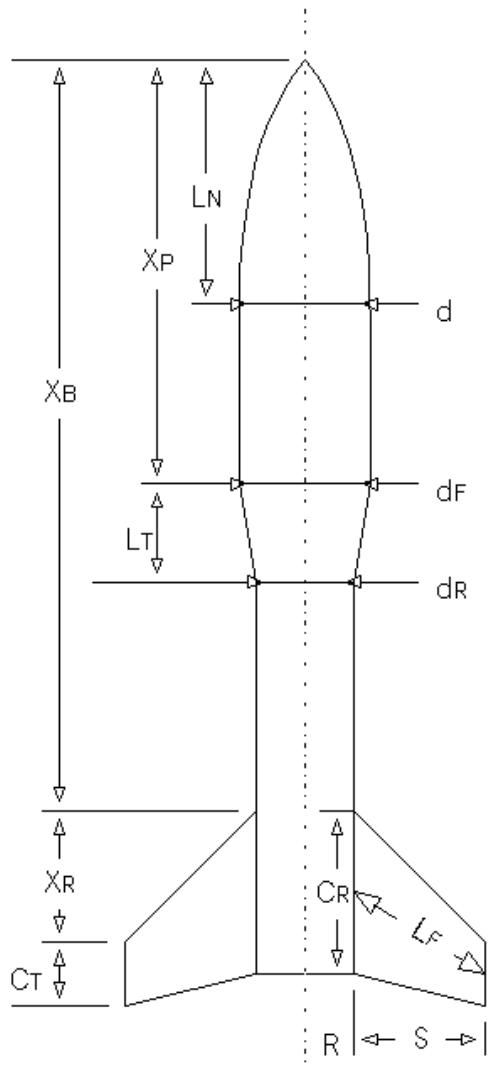
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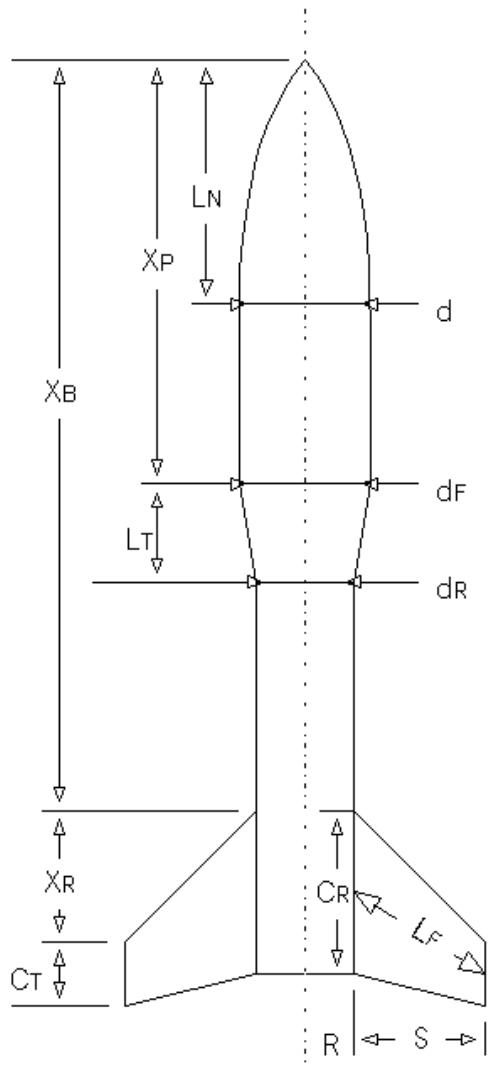
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# Barrowman Equations



- $L_N$  = length of nose  
 $d$  = diameter at base of nose  
 $d_F$  = diameter at front of transition  
 $d_R$  = diameter at rear of transition  
 $L_T$  = length of transition  
 $X_P$  = distance from tip of nose to front of transition  
 $C_R$  = fin root chord  
 $C_T$  = fin tip chord  
 $S$  = fin semispan  
 $L_F$  = length of fin mid-chord line  
 $R$  = radius of body at aft end  
 $X_R$  = distance between fin root leading edge and fin tip leading edge parallel to body  
 $X_B$  = distance from nose tip to fin root chord leading edge  
 $N$  = number of fins

# Barrowman Equations



$$\bar{X} = \frac{(C_N)_N X_N + (C_N)_T X_T + (C_N)_F X_F}{(C_N)_R}$$

## NOSE

$$(C_N)_N = 2$$

$$\text{For Cone: } X_N = 0.666L_N$$

$$\text{For Ogive: } X_N = 0.466L_N$$

## TRANSITION

$$(C_N)_T = 2 \left[ \left( \frac{d_R}{d} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{d_F}{d} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$X_T = X_P + \frac{L_T}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{1 - \frac{d_F}{d_R}}{1 - \left( \frac{d_F}{d_R} \right)^2} \right]$$

## FIN

$$(C_N)_F = \left[ 1 + \frac{R}{S+R} \right] \left[ \frac{4N \left( \frac{S}{d} \right)^2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{2L_F}{C_R + C_T} \right)^2}} \right]$$

$$X_F = X_B + \frac{X_R}{3} \frac{(C_R + 2C_T)}{(C_R + C_T)} + \frac{1}{6} \left[ (C_R + C_T) - \frac{(C_R C_T)}{(C_R + C_T)} \right]$$

# Using the Barrowman Equation

- Barrowman Method of Calculating Normal Force
  - [https://www.nakka-rocketry.net/RD\\_Appendix\\_B.html](https://www.nakka-rocketry.net/RD_Appendix_B.html)



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