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Topics for Today

- Topic(s):

- Gliding Flight
- Climbing Flight
- Flight Envelope
- Maneuvering



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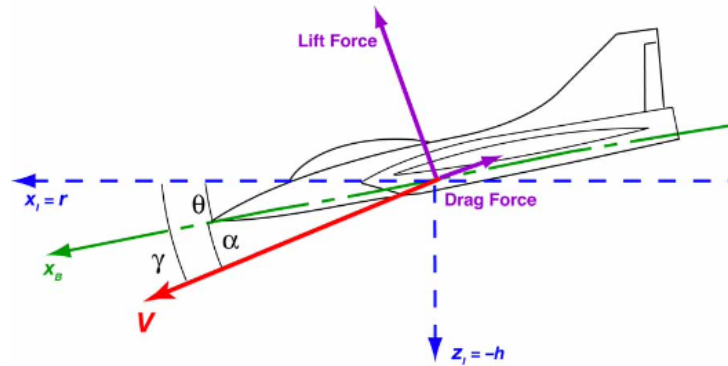
GLIDING FLIGHT

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Equilibrium Gliding Flight



$$C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = -W \sin \gamma$$

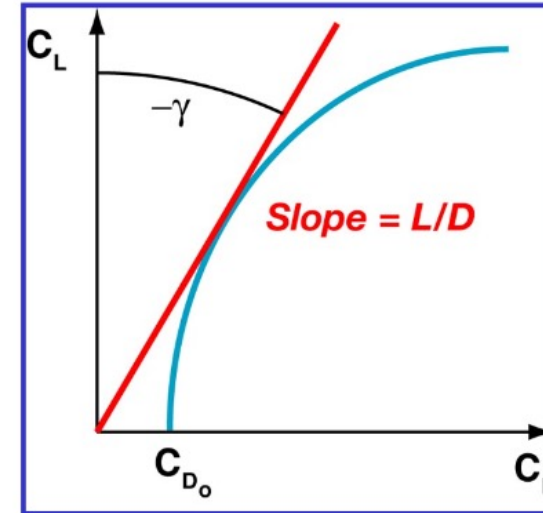
$$C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = W \cos \gamma$$

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{r} = V \cos \gamma$$

Gliding Flight

- Thrust = 0
- Flight path angle < 0 in gliding flight
- Altitude is decreasing
- Airspeed ~ constant
- Air density ~ constant



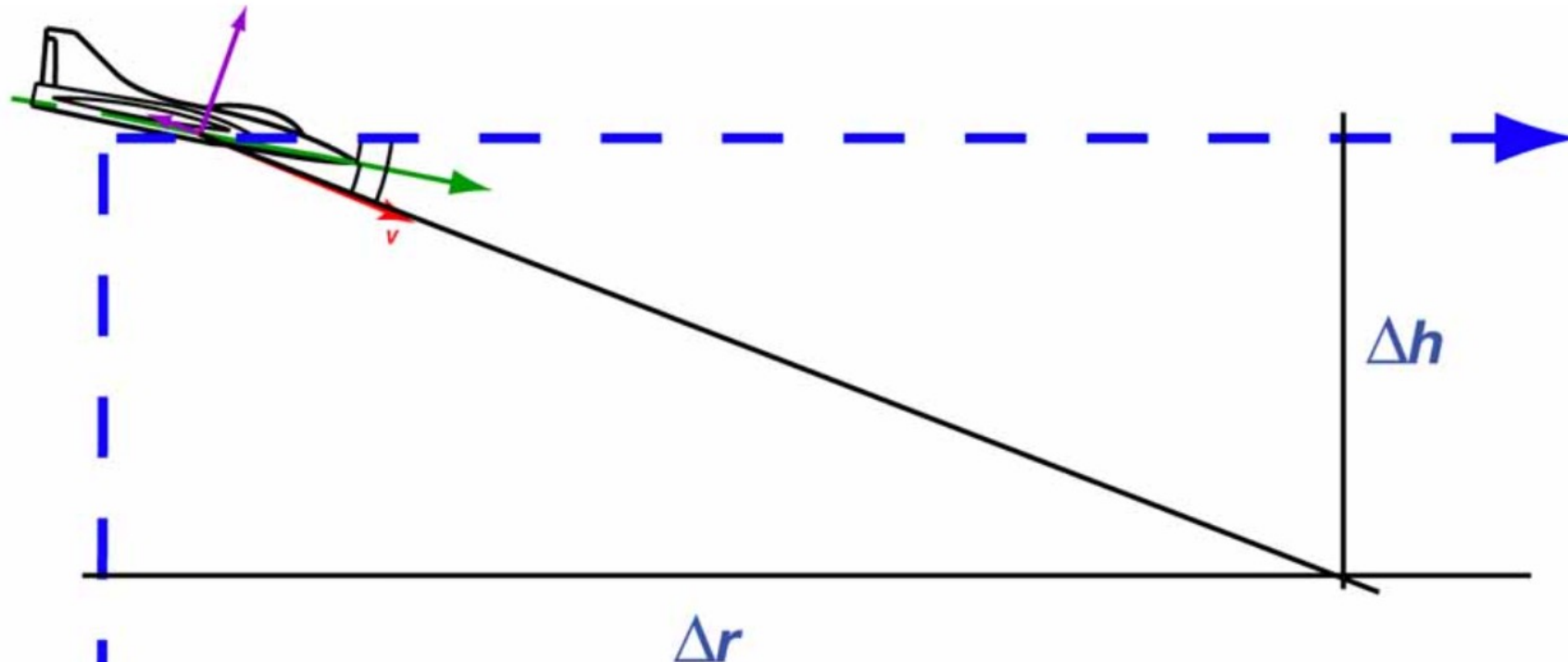
Gliding flight path angle

$$\tan \gamma = -\frac{D}{L} = -\frac{C_D}{C_L} = \frac{\dot{h}}{\dot{r}} = \frac{dh}{dr}; \quad \gamma = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{D}{L}\right) = -\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{L}{D}\right)$$

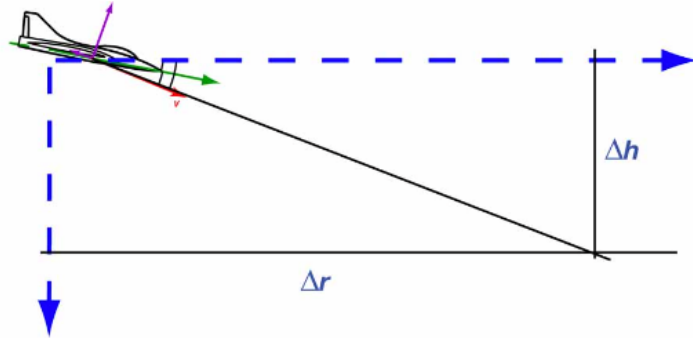
Corresponding airspeed

$$V_{glide} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S \sqrt{C_D^2 + C_L^2}}}$$

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$$\gamma_{\max} = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_{\min} = -\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{\max}$$

$$\tan \gamma = \frac{\dot{h}}{\dot{r}} = \text{negative constant} = \frac{(h - h_o)}{(r - r_o)}$$

$$\Delta r = \frac{\Delta h}{\tan \gamma} = \frac{-\Delta h}{-\tan \gamma} = \text{maximum when } \frac{L}{D} = \text{maximum}$$

Sink Rate, m/s

Lift and drag define γ and V in gliding equilibrium

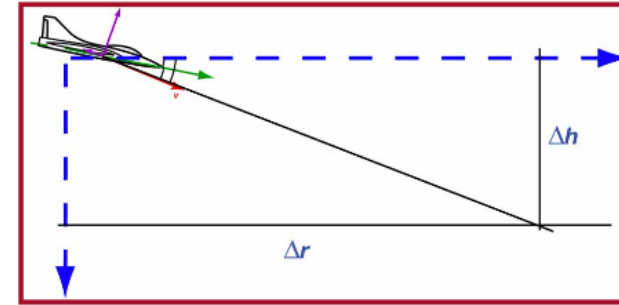
$$D = C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = -W \sin \gamma$$
$$\sin \gamma = -\frac{D}{W}$$

$$L = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = W \cos \gamma$$
$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2W \cos \gamma}{C_L \rho S}}$$

Sink rate = altitude rate, dh/dt (negative)

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma$$
$$= -\sqrt{\frac{2W \cos \gamma}{C_L \rho S}} \left(\frac{D}{W} \right) = -\sqrt{\frac{2W \cos \gamma}{C_L \rho S}} \left(\frac{L}{W} \right) \left(\frac{D}{L} \right)$$
$$= -\sqrt{\frac{2W \cos \gamma}{C_L \rho S}} \cos \gamma \left(\frac{1}{L/D} \right)$$

Conditions for Minimum Steady Sink Rate



- Minimum sink rate provides **maximum endurance**
- Minimize sink rate by setting $\partial(dh/dt)/\partial C_L = 0$ ($\cos \gamma \sim 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{h} &= -\sqrt{\frac{2W \cos \gamma}{C_L \rho S}} \cos \gamma \left(\frac{C_D}{C_L} \right) \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{2W \cos^3 \gamma}{\rho S}} \left(\frac{C_D}{C_L^{3/2}} \right) \approx -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \left(\frac{W}{S} \right)} \left(\frac{C_D}{C_L^{3/2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{L_{ME}} = \sqrt{\frac{3C_{D_o}}{\epsilon}} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{D_{ME}} = 4C_{D_o}$$

L/D and V_{ME} for Minimum Sink Rate

$$\left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{ME} = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\epsilon C_{D_o}}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{\max} \approx 0.86 \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{\max}$$

$$V_{ME} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho S \sqrt{C_{D_{ME}}^2 + C_{L_{ME}}^2}}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{2(W/S)}{\rho}} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{3C_{D_o}}} \approx 0.76 V_{L/D_{\max}}$$



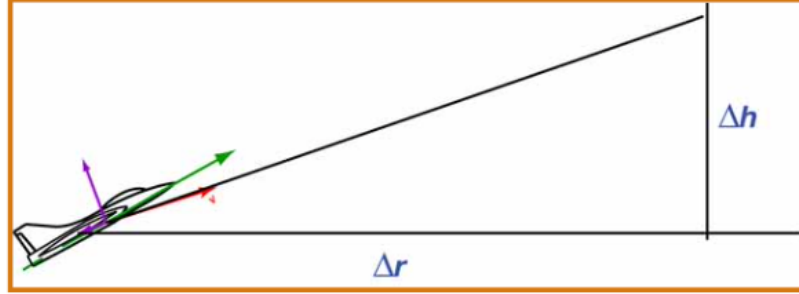
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CLIMBING FLIGHT

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Climbing Flight

- Flight path angle

$$\dot{V} = 0 = \frac{(T - D - W \sin \gamma)}{m}$$

$$\sin \gamma = \frac{(T - D)}{W}; \quad \gamma = \sin^{-1} \frac{(T - D)}{W}$$

- Required lift

$$\dot{\gamma} = 0 = \frac{(L - W \cos \gamma)}{mV}$$

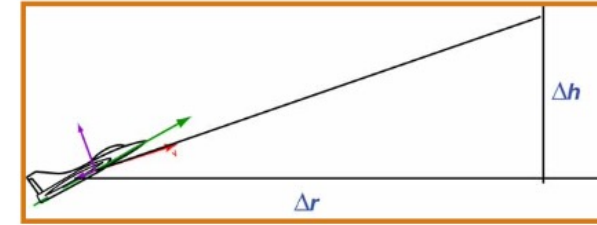
$$L = W \cos \gamma$$

Rate of climb, dh/dt = Specific Excess Power

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma = V \frac{(T - D)}{W} = \frac{(P_{thrust} - P_{drag})}{W}$$

$$\text{Specific Excess Power (SEP)} = \frac{\text{Excess Power}}{\text{Unit Weight}} \equiv \frac{(P_{thrust} - P_{drag})}{W}$$

Steady Rate of Climb



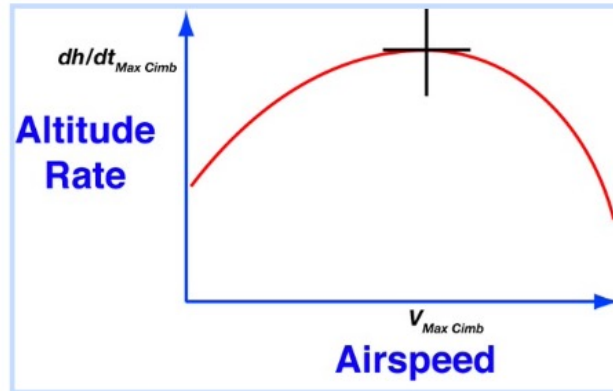
Climb rate

$$\dot{h} = V \sin \gamma = V \left[\left(\frac{T}{W} \right) - \frac{(C_{D_o} + \epsilon C_L^2) \bar{q}}{(W/S)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= C_L \bar{q} S = W \cos \gamma \\ C_L &= \left(\frac{W}{S} \right) \frac{\cos \gamma}{\bar{q}} \\ V &= \sqrt{2 \left(\frac{W}{S} \right) \frac{\cos \gamma}{C_L \rho}} \end{aligned}$$

Note significance of **thrust-to-weight ratio** and **wing loading**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{h} &= V \left[\left(\frac{T}{W} \right) - \frac{C_{D_o} \bar{q}}{(W/S)} - \frac{\epsilon (W/S) \cos^2 \gamma}{\bar{q}} \right] \\ &= V \left(\frac{T(h)}{W} \right) - \frac{C_{D_o} \rho(h) V^3}{2(W/S)} - \frac{2\epsilon (W/S) \cos^2 \gamma}{\rho(h) V} \end{aligned}$$

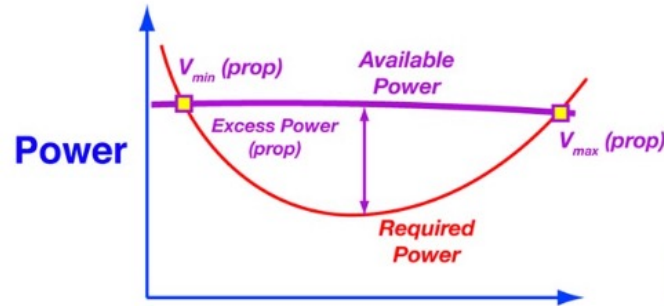


Condition for Maximum Steady Rate of Climb

$$\dot{h} = V \left(\frac{T}{W} \right) - \frac{C_{D_o} \rho V^3}{2(W/S)} - \frac{2\varepsilon (W/S) \cos^2 \gamma}{\rho V}$$

Necessary condition for a maximum with respect to airspeed

$$\frac{\partial \dot{h}}{\partial V} = 0 = \left[\left(\frac{T}{W} \right) + V \left(\frac{\partial T / \partial V}{W} \right) \right] - \frac{3C_{D_o} \rho V^2}{2(W/S)} + \frac{2\varepsilon (W/S) \cos^2 \gamma}{\rho V^2}$$



Maximum Steady Rate of Climb: Propeller-Driven Aircraft

- **At constant power**

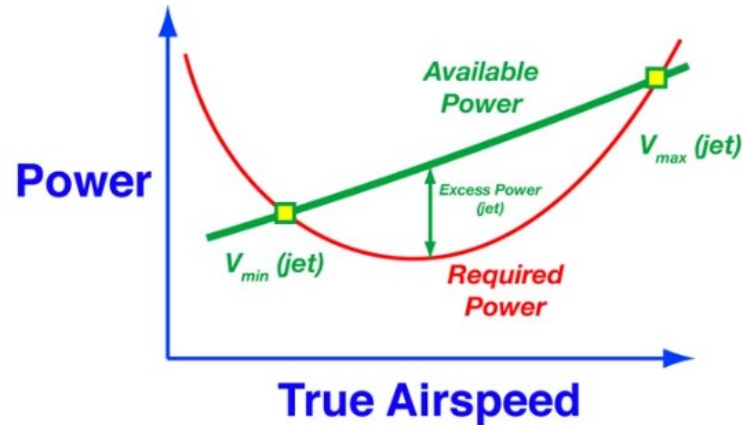
$$\frac{\partial P_{thrust}}{\partial V} = 0 = \left[\left(\frac{T}{W} \right) + V \left(\frac{\partial T / \partial V}{W} \right) \right]$$

- With $\cos^2 \gamma \sim 1$, optimality condition reduces to

$$\frac{\partial \dot{h}}{\partial V} = 0 = -\frac{3C_{D_o}\rho V^2}{2(W/S)} + \frac{2\varepsilon(W/S)}{\rho V^2}$$

- **Airspeed for maximum rate of climb at maximum power, P_{max}**

$$V^4 = \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \frac{\varepsilon (W/S)^2}{C_{D_o} \rho^2}; \quad V = \sqrt{2 \frac{(W/S)}{\rho}} \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{3C_{D_o}}} = V_{ME}$$



Maximum Steady Rate of Climb: Jet-Driven Aircraft

Condition for a maximum at constant thrust and $\cos^2 \gamma \sim 1$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{h}}{\partial V} = 0$$

$$-\frac{3C_{D_o}\rho}{2(W/S)}V^4 + \left(\frac{T}{W}\right)V^2 + \frac{2\varepsilon(W/S)}{\rho} = 0$$

$$-\frac{3C_{D_o}\rho}{2(W/S)}(V^2)^2 + \left(\frac{T}{W}\right)(V^2) + \frac{2\varepsilon(W/S)}{\rho} = 0$$

Quadratic in V^2

Airspeed for maximum rate of climb at maximum thrust, T_{max}

$$0 = ax^2 + bx + c \text{ and } V = +\sqrt{x}$$



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FLIGHT ENVELOPE

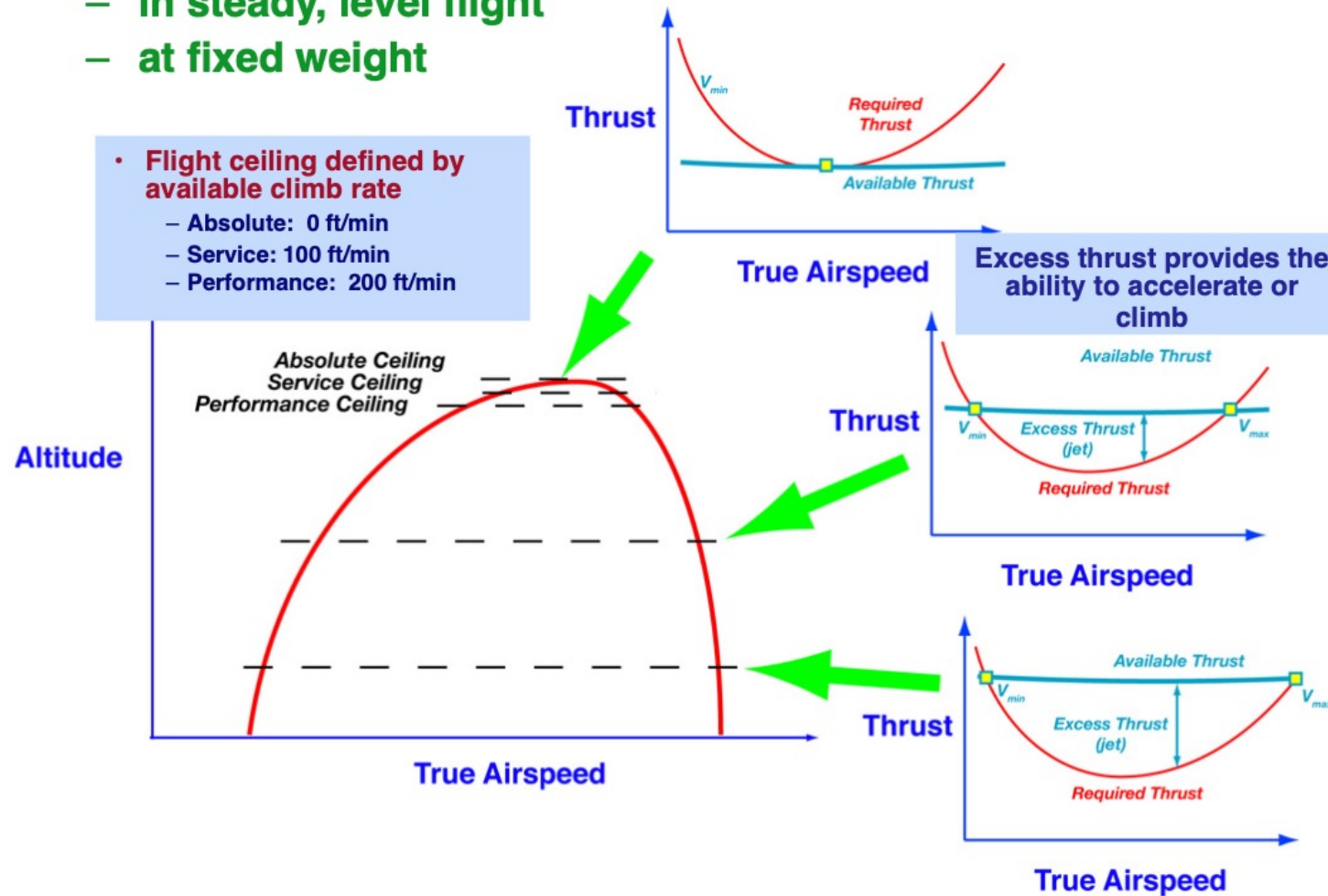
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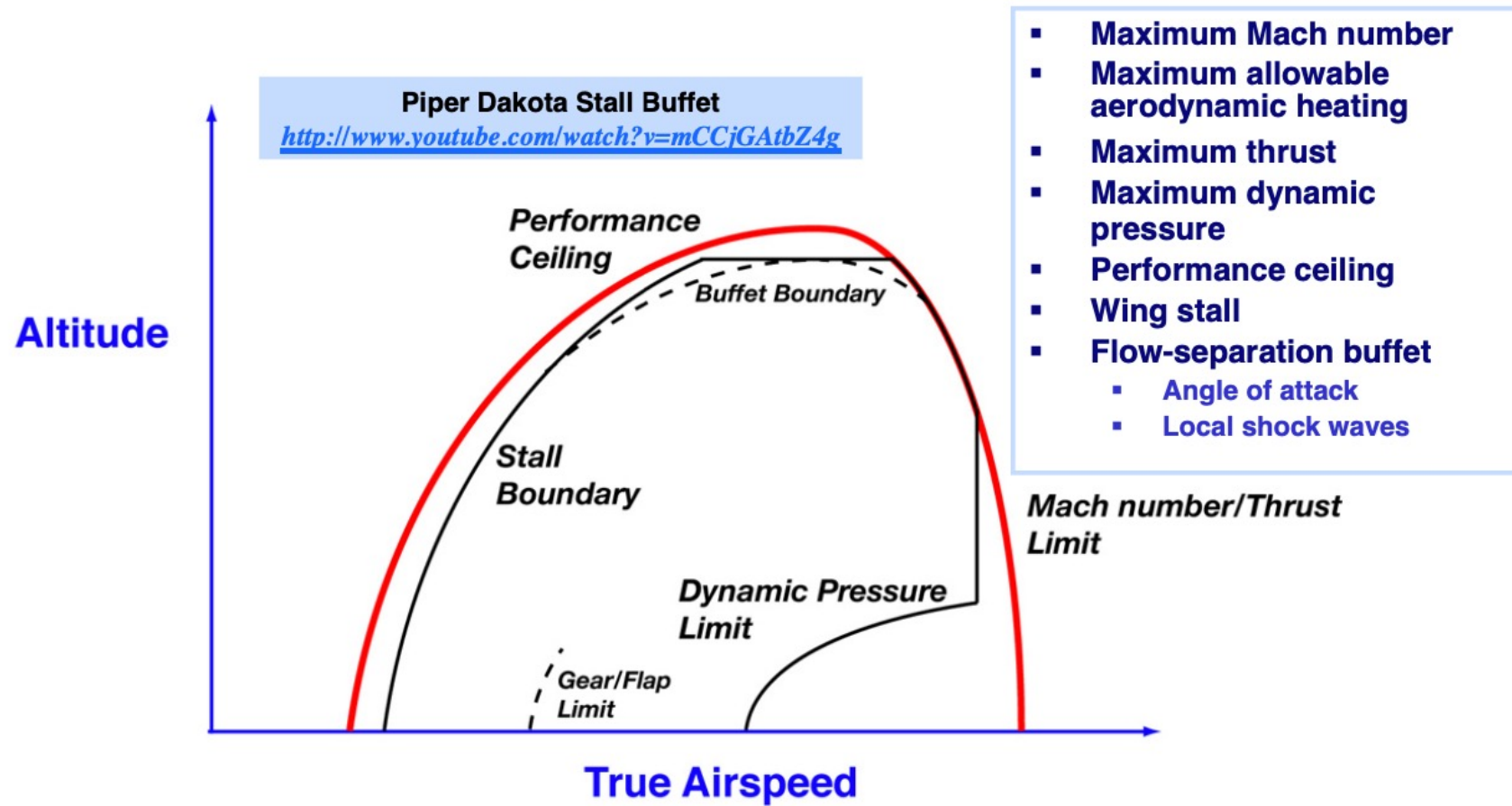
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Flight Envelope Determined by Available Thrust

- All altitudes and airspeeds at which an aircraft can fly
 - in steady, level flight
 - at fixed weight

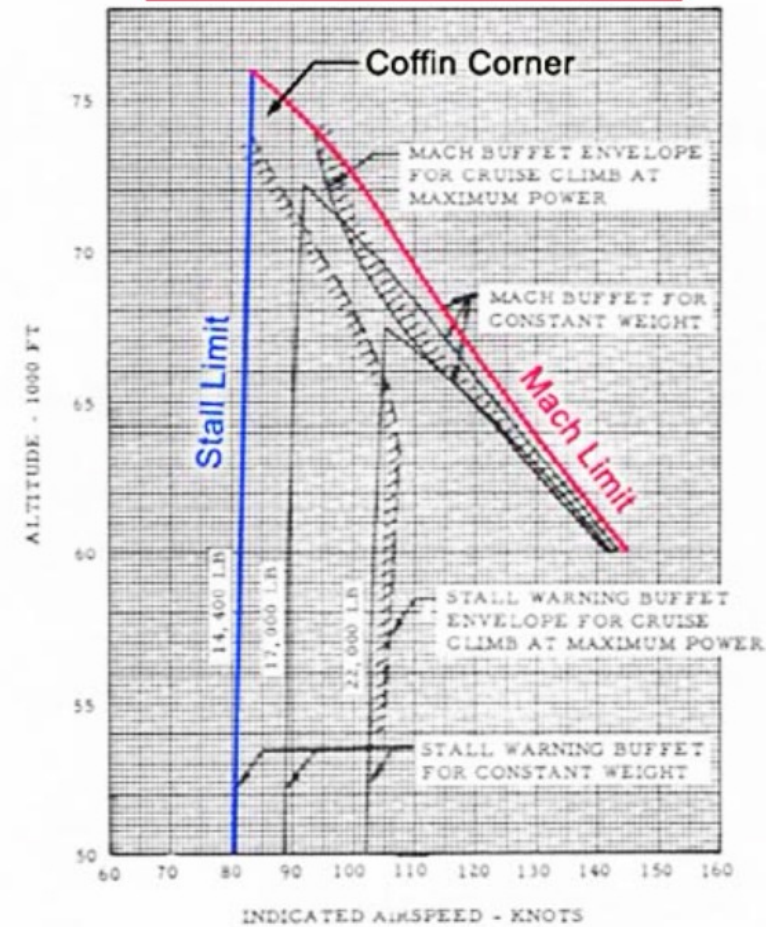
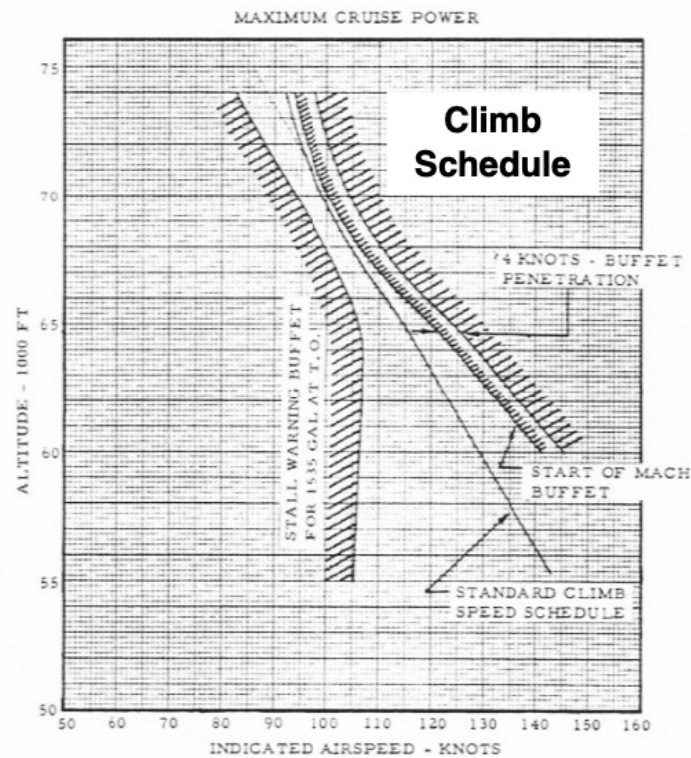


Additional Factors Define the Flight Envelope



Lockheed U-2 “Coffin Corner”

Stall buffeting and Mach
buffeting are limiting factors
Narrow corridor for safe flight





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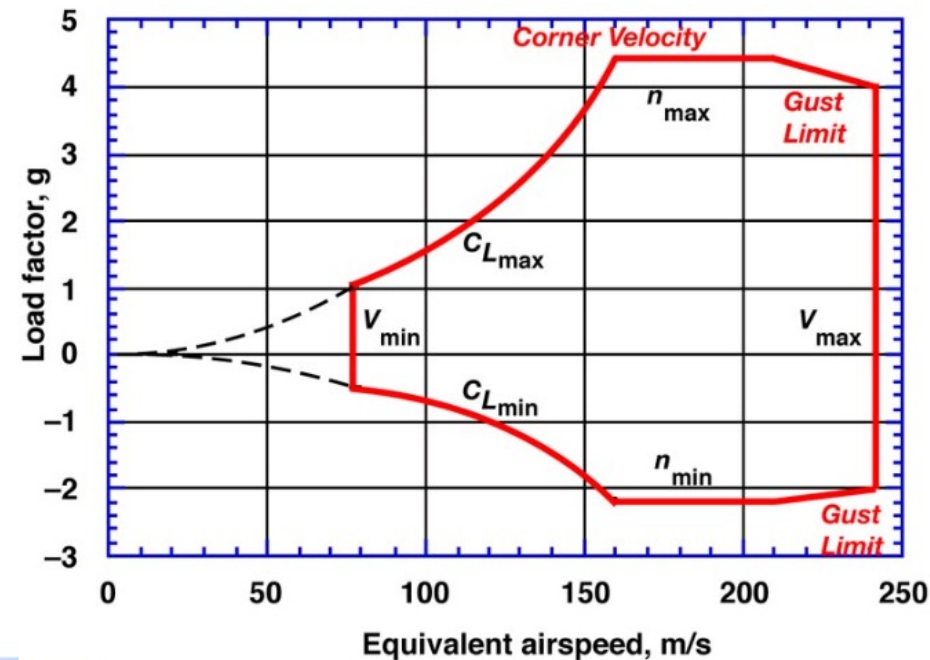
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Typical Maneuvering Envelope: *V-n* Diagram

- **Maneuvering envelope:** limits on normal load factor and allowable equivalent airspeed
 - Structural factors
 - Maximum and minimum achievable lift coefficients
 - Maximum and minimum airspeeds
 - Protection against overstressing due to gusts
 - **Corner Velocity:** Intersection of maximum lift coefficient and maximum load factor



- **Typical positive load factor limits**
 - Transport: > 2.5
 - Utility: > 4.4
 - Aerobatic: > 6.3
 - Fighter: > 9

- **Typical negative load factor limits**
 - Transport: < -1
 - Others: < -1 to -3

Level Turning Flight

- Level flight = constant altitude
- Sideslip angle = 0
- Vertical force equilibrium

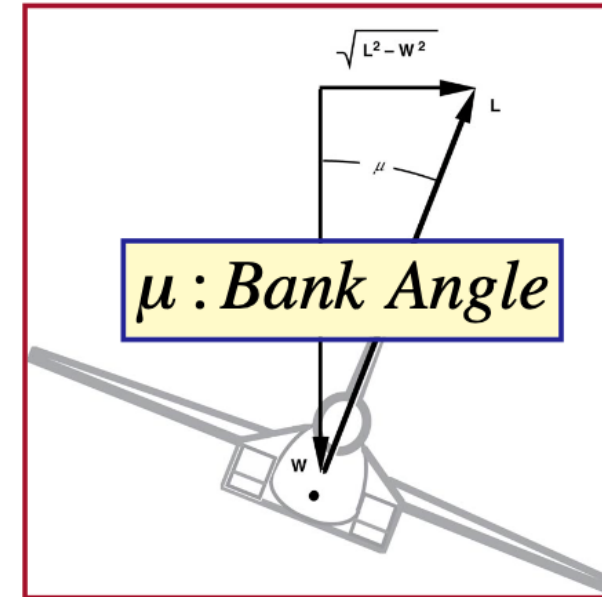
$$L \cos \mu = W$$

- Load factor

$$n = \frac{L}{W} = \frac{L}{mg} = \sec \mu, "g"s$$

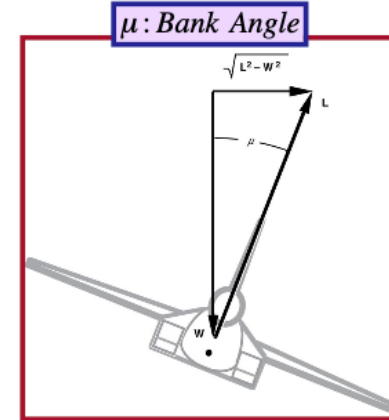
- Thrust required to maintain level flight

$$\begin{aligned} T_{req} &= \left(C_{D_o} + \epsilon C_L^2 \right) \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S = D_o + \frac{2\epsilon}{\rho V^2 S} \left(\frac{W}{\cos \mu} \right)^2 \\ &= D_o + \frac{2\epsilon}{\rho V^2 S} (nW)^2 \end{aligned}$$



Maximum Bank Angle in Steady Level Flight

Bank angle



$$\begin{aligned}\cos \mu &= \frac{W}{C_L \bar{q} S} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \\ &= W \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon}{(T_{req} - D_o) \rho V^2 S}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{W}{C_L \bar{q} S} \right) \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left[W \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon}{(T_{req} - D_o) \rho V^2 S}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Bank angle is limited by

$$C_{L_{\max}} \text{ or } T_{\max} \text{ or } n_{\max}$$

Turning Rate and Radius in Level Flight

Turning rate

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\xi} &= \frac{C_L \bar{q} S \sin \mu}{mV} \\ &= \frac{W \tan \mu}{mV} \\ &= \frac{g \tan \mu}{V} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{L^2 - W^2}}{mV} \\ &= \frac{W \sqrt{n^2 - 1}}{mV} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(T_{req} - D_o) \rho V^2 S / 2 \epsilon - W^2}}{mV}\end{aligned}$$



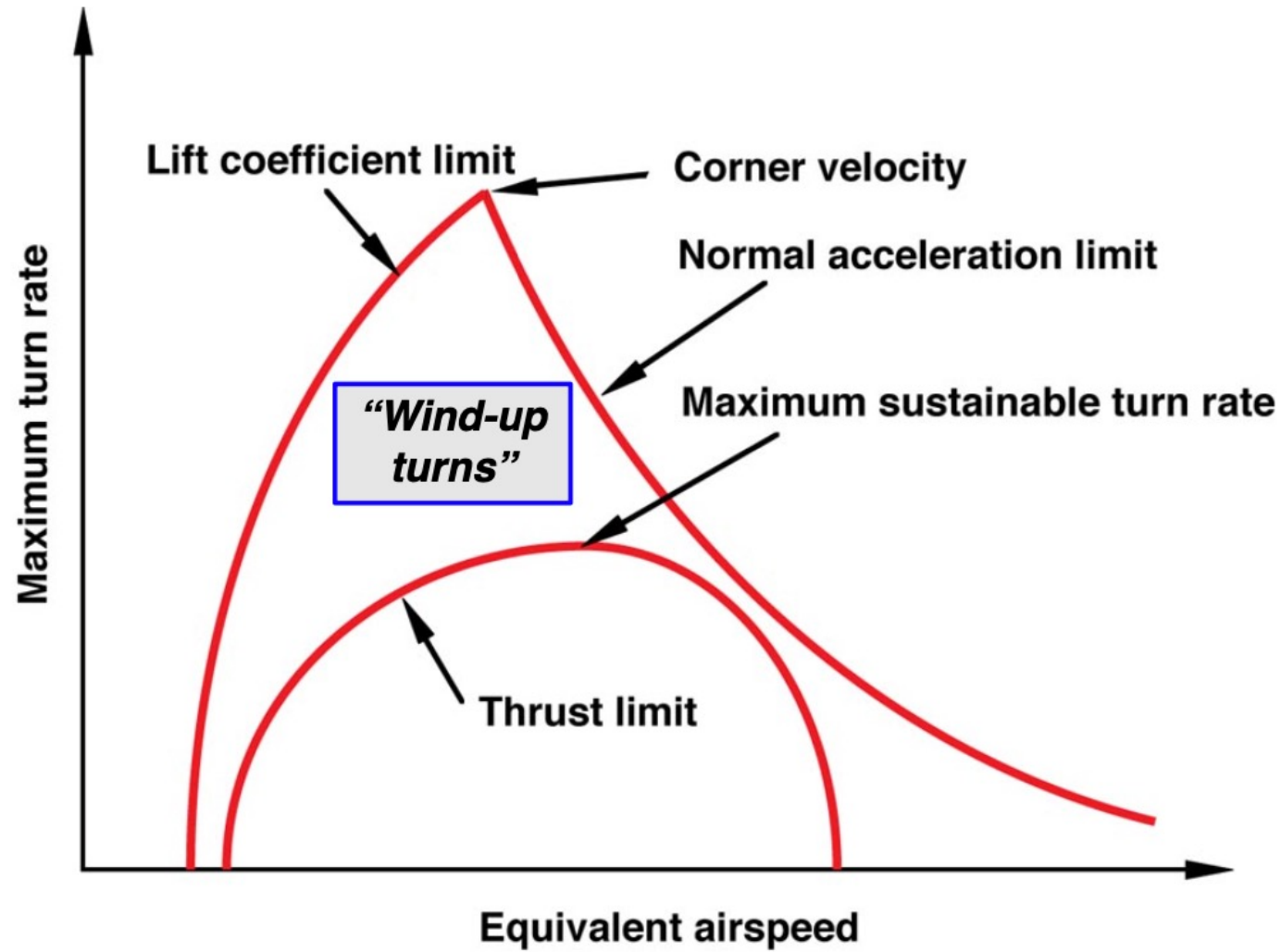
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Turning radius

$$R_{\text{turn}} = \frac{V}{\dot{\xi}} = \frac{V^2}{g \sqrt{n^2 - 1}}$$

Maximum Turn Rates





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