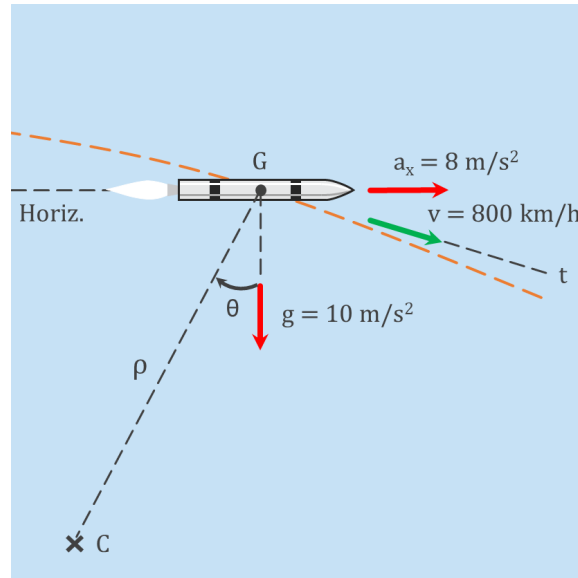


## Rocket Accelerates



A rocket maintains at horizontal attitude of its axis during the powered phase of its flight. The acceleration due to horizontal thrust is  $8 \text{ m/s}^2$ , and the downward acceleration due to gravity is  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ . At the instant represented, the velocity of the mass centre  $G$  of the rocket along the  $(\theta)$   $15^\circ$  direction of its trajectory is  $800 \text{ km/h}$ . Determine the angular rate  $\dot{\beta}$  of the radial line from  $G$  to the centre of curvature  $C$ .

Using known expressions:

$$v = \rho \cdot \dot{\beta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\beta} = \frac{v}{\rho} \quad (1)$$