

## Major Project 1 ...

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

- Code Continuous Thrust Example



$$- a_{\text{LEO}} = 8530\text{km}, a_{\text{MEO}} = 13,200 \text{ km}$$

- You are going to compare (non-impulsive) low thrust, high  $I_{sp}$  transfer to high thrust, Low  $I_{sp}$  Hohmann transfer .. Both impulse and non-impulsive calculations
- a) Low thrust (EP) transfer, Thrust  $F=10 \text{ N}$ ,  $I_{sp} = 2000 \text{ sec}$ 
  - Low Thrust final kick motor, Thrust  $F=2000 \text{ N}$ ,  $I_{sp} = 270 \text{ sec}$
  - Assume final kick is performed impulsively
  - Calculate consumed mass for each system burn and total consumed mass
  - Accumulated  $\Delta V$  for each burn, total delta V
- b) High Thrust (Hohmann) transfer, Thrust  $F=2000 \text{ N}$ ,  $I_{sp} = 270 \text{ sec}$ 
  - DV maneuvers are performed impulsively
  - Calculate consumed  $\Delta V$ , mass for each burn and total for both burns
  - Compare to low thrust maneuver

## Part a)

# • *Continuous Small Thrust Problem*

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

**Terminate thrust when**

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

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

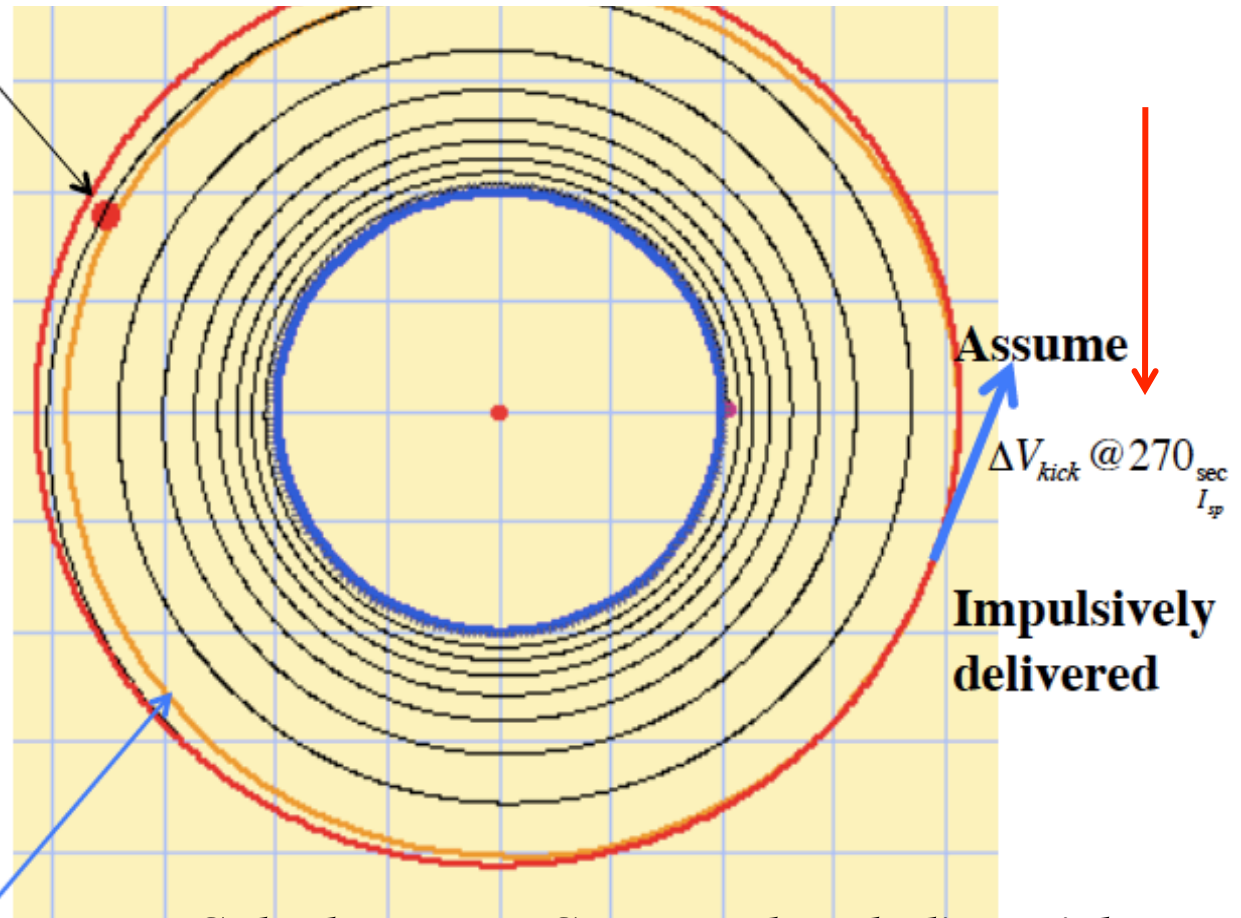
Calculate:

1) Propellant mass req.  $+\Delta V$   
For continuous transfer

2) Propellant mass req.  $+\Delta V$   
For kick delta  $V$  (*impulsive*)  
(orbit circularization)

3) Final mass = 1000 kg

**Orbit coast**



- *Calculate Mass Consumed Including Kick*

## Part a)

### • *Continuous Small Thrust Problem*

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

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

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

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

## Part a) Continuous Small Thrust

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

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

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

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

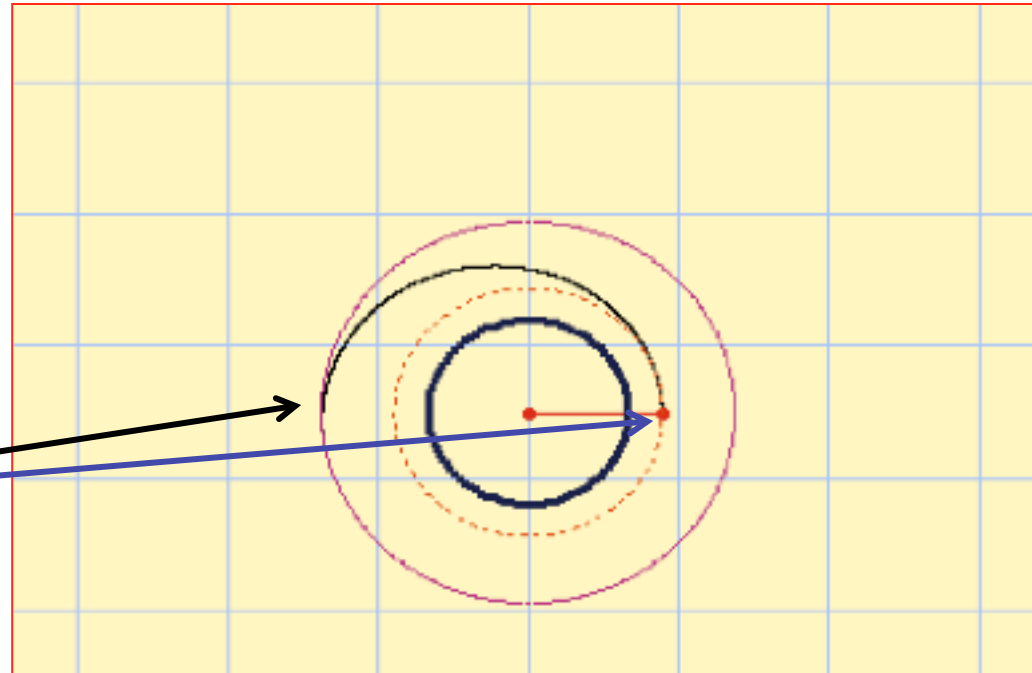
- Part b, Hohmann Transfer Calculations

***Hohmann Transfer:***

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

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

- ***Impulsive Burn  
Calculations***



- Calculate  $\Delta V$ , Mass Consumed Including Kick
- Compare to Continuous Low Thrust Transfer Results

## Part c) Continuous Large Thrust Analysis

**Terminate thrust when**

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

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

Calculate:

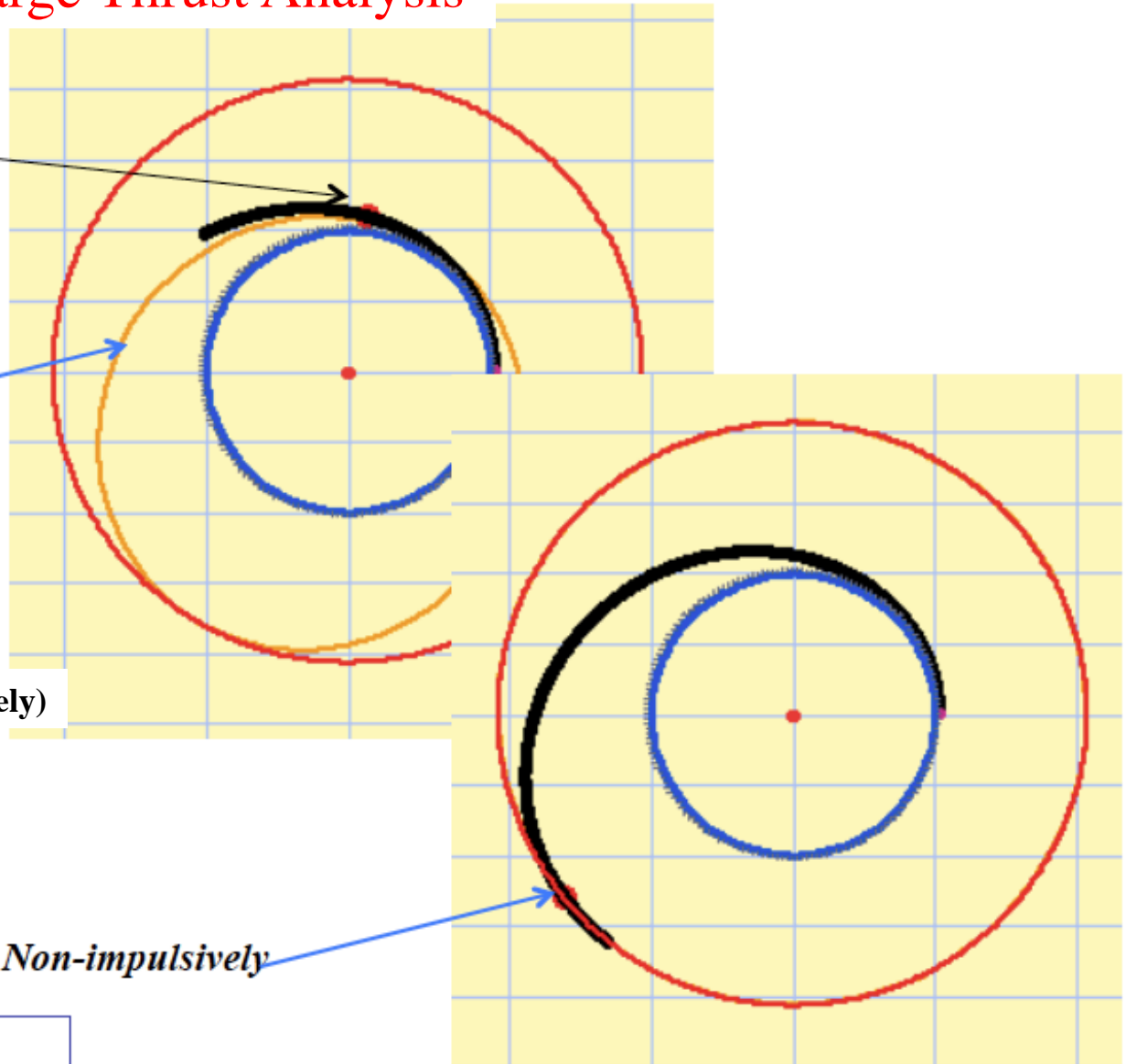
**Orbit coast**

1) Propellant mass req.  $+\Delta V$   
For continuous transfer

2) Propellant mass req.  $+\Delta V$   
For kick delta V (Non-impulsively)  
(orbit circularization)

3) Final mass = 1000 kg

*Final Delta V delivered Non-impulsively*



- Part d) ... Work continuous large Thrust problem with *non-impulsive burns* at both ends

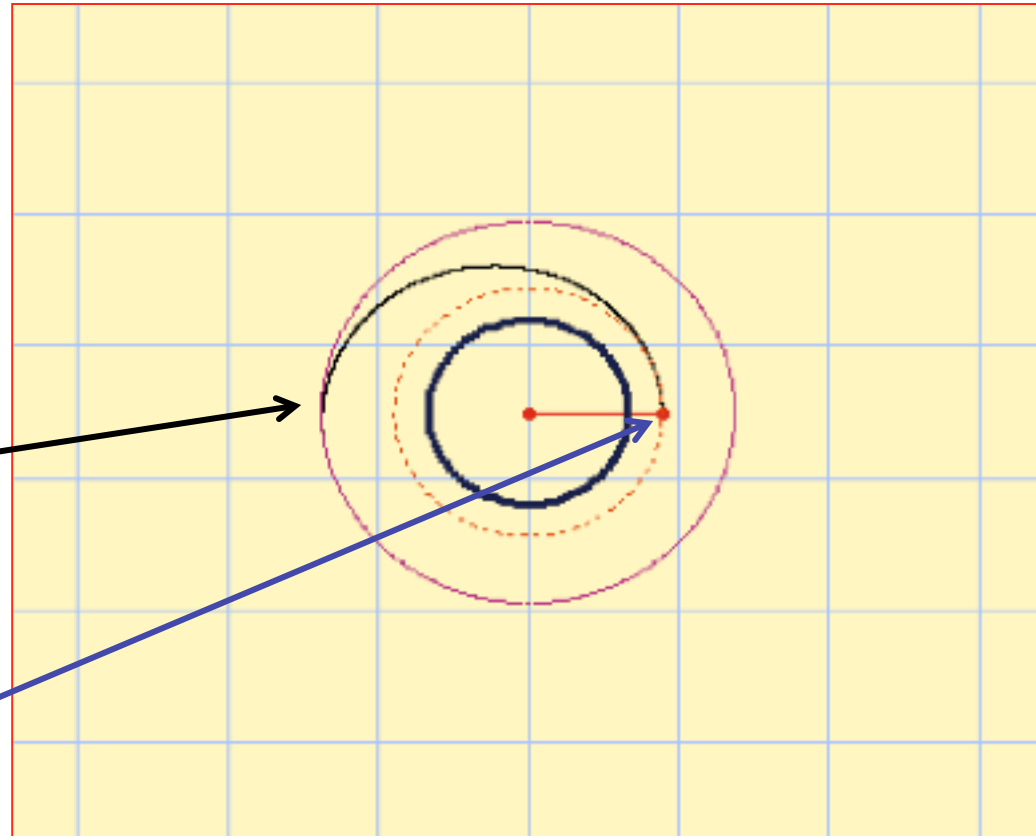
***Hohmann Transfer:***

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

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

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

• ***Continuous Thrust Burn Calculations***



- ***Use Hohmann Transfer for Guidance on Burns times, positions***



## • Continuous Large Thrust Problem

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

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

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



- Continuous Large Thrust Problem

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

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

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

Position within initial orbit:

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

Angular velocity within initial orbit:

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

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

Linear Velocity within initial orbit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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