UAV Battery Efficiency Estimator — Quick Start Guide

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WHAT THIS APP DOES

- Estimates dispatchable endurance, distance, thermal T, and detectability for various UAVs.
- Models battery/fuel draw with atmosphere, gusts, terrain, stealth loadout, and mission mode.
- Supports ICE (MQ 1/MQ 9) with BSFC and optional Hybrid Assist; battery fixed wing and rotorcraft branches.
- Includes AI/IR Detectability Alert, LLM Mission Advisor (with graceful fallback), and Swarm Advisor.
- Exports individual results and scenario summaries as CSV/JSON; includes mission playback + waypoint exports.

INSTALL & RUN (local)

- 1) Python 3.10+ recommended.
- 2) Install dependencies:

pip install streamlit matplotlib pandas (Optional LLM client): pip install openai

- 3) Save the script as: Final_Full_App.py
- 4) Run:

streamlit run Final_Full_App.py

FAST START (first demo)

- Model: " Quantum Systems Vector "
- Flight Mode: "Forward Flight"
- Battery Wh: default from profile
- Speed: 30 km/h Wind: 10 km/h Gust: 2
- Altitude: 0 m Temp: 25 ° C
- Stealth & Terrain: leave defaults
- Click "Estimate" to view Endurance, Ranges, Thermal, Detectability and Details. Try "Swarm Advisor" and the playback slider.

UI MAP

Top — Digital green title + caption — Debug toggles (optional): Debug Mode, Battery Override (guarded)

Model Section — Drone Model selector (full profile list) — AI Capabilities + base weight, max payload, power system, type

Flight Modes — Fixed wing: Forward Flight, Loiter, Waypoint Mission — Rotor: Hover, Forward Flight, Loiter, Waypoint Mission

Main Form — Battery Capacity (Wh) [clamped unless debug override] — Payload (g) [validated against max]

- Speed (km/h), Wind (km/h), Temperature (° C), Altitude (m), Elevation Gain (m)
- Flight Mode (see above) Cloud Cover (%), Gust Factor (0 10), Terrain Complexity (×1.0-1.5), Stealth Drag Factor (×1.0-1.5)
- Failure Simulation (checkbox)

ICE PANEL (MQ 1/MQ 9 only)

- Fuel Tank (L), C_D0, Wing Area S (m²), Wingspan b (m), Oswald e, Propulsive __p
- BSFC (g/kWh), Fuel Density (kg/L)
- Hybrid Assist: fraction 0.05-0.30, duration 1-30 min (battery substitution)

SWARM & STEALTH

- Swarm Advisor enable, size (2-8), rounds (1-5)
- Stealth Ingress mode, Threat Zone radius (km)

WAYPOINTS

— Enter "x,y; x,y; ... " (km). Example: 2,2; 5,0; 8, 3

MODELING HIGHLIGHTS

Atmosphere & Aero — ISA density; density ratio / displayed.

Fixed wing power uses the drag polar with hotel and installation losses (as implemented in code).

Rotorcraft — induced power ~ 1/ (hover/low speed) + empirical parasitic power V² in forward flight (as implemented).

Penalties & Mission Effects — Gust penalty scales with gustiness and wind; sensitivity varies with configuration and wing loading (heuristic).

Energy & Reserves — Battery usable 85% and fuel usable 90%; dispatch reserve 30% (defaults; editable).

Climb/Descent — Battery climb energy uses ideal m·g·h Wh; descent applies a capped 20% regeneration (as implemented).

Thermal & Detectability — Thermal T from convection + radiation sink; reduced by cloud cover and hybrid assist (when active).

HYBRID ASSIST (ICE)

Substitutes a fraction of shaft power for a limited duration; saves fuel and reduces T.

WORKFLOW (RECOMMENDED)

- 1) Select a UAV profile choose a realistic payload (max).
- 2) Set mode and environment (speed, wind, gusts, cloud cover, terrain, stealth factor).
- 3) For ICE platforms, tune aero + BSFC; optionally enable Hybrid Assist for stealth ingress.

- 4) Click "Estimate". Review atmospheric data, detectability alerts, and detailed performance metrics.
- 5) Use AI Mission Advisor for quick tips.
- iterate rounds 6) Enable Swarm Advisor review actions.
- 7) Use Mission Playback slider; export Playback CSV and Waypoints CSV.
- 8) Export Scenario Summary (CSV/JSON) and Individual UAV Detailed Results (CSV/JSON).

TIPS FOR REALISM

- Keep payload within profile limits.
- For fixed wing endurance checks, use Loiter (the app uses a heuristic 0.6 x input speed to emulate a lower power setting).
- High gustiness may sharply raise penalties for light/low WL platforms.
- Stealth Drag Factor increases draw; use sparingly when endurance is critical.
- Hybrid Assist: 10–15% for -5–10 min inside threat zones reduces T without exhausting battery support.
- Upwind range approaches zero as headwind approaches airspeed (groundspeed

TROUBLESHOOTING

- "Payload exceeds lift capacity." Reduce payload_g.
- Unreal endurance Check mode, speed, gusts, and multipliers.
- Fast battery drain
 ICE L/h mismatch
 Confirm Wh after temp derate + climb energy cost.
 Current model uses shaft + hotel as a conservative proxy for engine load.
- Waypoint parse error Use "x,y; x,y" format.

EXPORTS

- Individual UAV Detailed Results: CSV + JSON
- Scenario Summary: CSV + JSON (includes T & detectability)
- Swarm Playback: CSV (per timestep agent states)
- · Waypoints: CSV (if provided)

LIMITS & SAFETY

- · Educational/estimation tool only.
- ± 10% uncertainty band.
- LLM features optional, fallback enabled.

HOW TO ENABLE LLM FEATURES

- Set env var: OPENAI_API_KEY
- pip install openai
- Falls back to heuristic advice if unavailable.

ONE MINUTE SANITY CHECK

- Endurance drops with gustiness/drag
- T falls with cloud cover/hybrid assist
- Upwind range shrinks as wind

CREDITS

Built by Tareq Omrani (2025). Streamlit + matplotlib + pandas.

Aerospace helpers: ISA, drag polar, convection, radiation, BSFC pipeline.