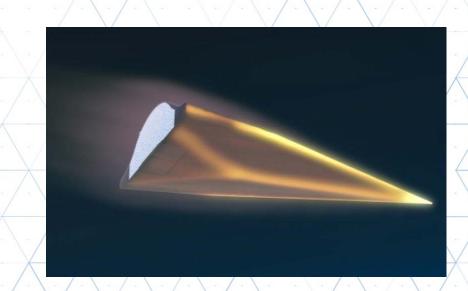


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## What is Hypersonics?

Accepted Definition: 
$$Mach \ Number = \frac{Velocity}{Speed \ of \ Sound} > 5$$

#### **Supersonics versus Hypersonics**

- "Super" and "Hyper" both mean "more than" in Latin and Greek, respectively
- No sharp delineation exists between phenomena occurring at supersonic and hypersonic speeds
- The term "hypersonics" has come to refer to all aspects of vehicles flying at hypersonic speeds

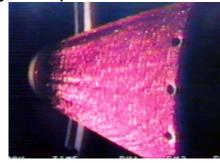
#### **Key Hypersonic Phenomena**

Slender vehicles with thin hot shock layers



Waverider test at University of Queensland

High aerothermal loads with high temperature structures



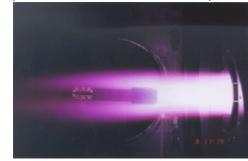
Missile nosecone test Mach 6 conditions

Scramjet engines for sustained powered flight



HyFLY engine test at NASA/LaRC

Unique ground test facilities with imperfect simulation capability



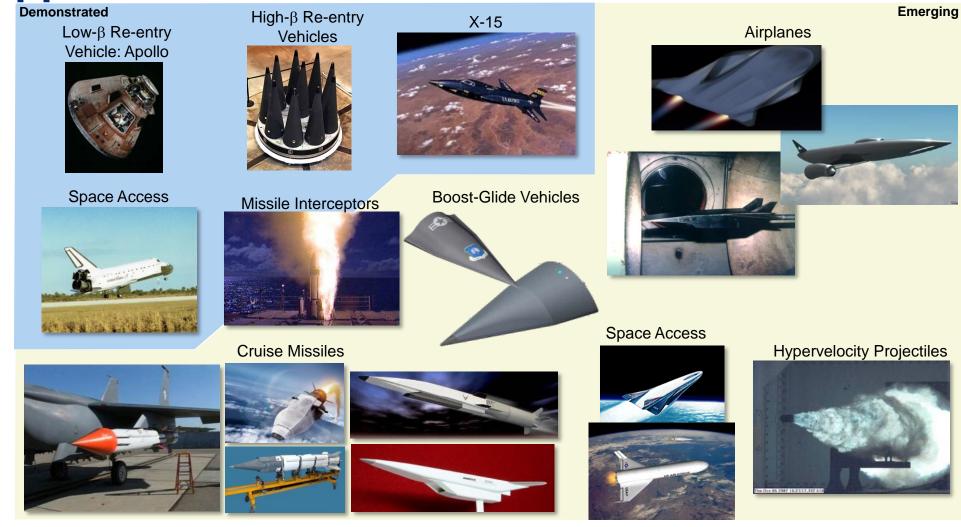
Materials test in VKI Plasmatron facility

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## Hypersonics: A Wide Diversity of Technologies, Systems and Applications



## **Hypersonics for Space Access**

1<sup>st</sup> Generation Re-Usable Space Launch



Hybrid Space Launch Capability





Fully Re-Usable Space Launch Capability





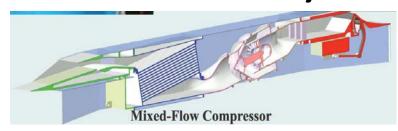


## **Hypersonic Aircraft**



# Sabre Engine

#### **JAXA Pre-cooled Turbojet**



#### **Turbine-Based Combined Cycle Engine**







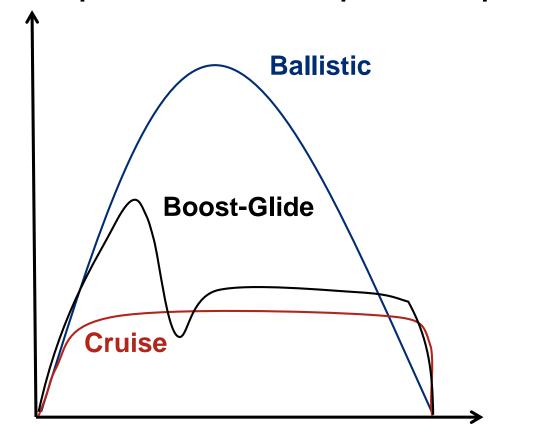




### **Hypersonic Transatmospheric Weapons**

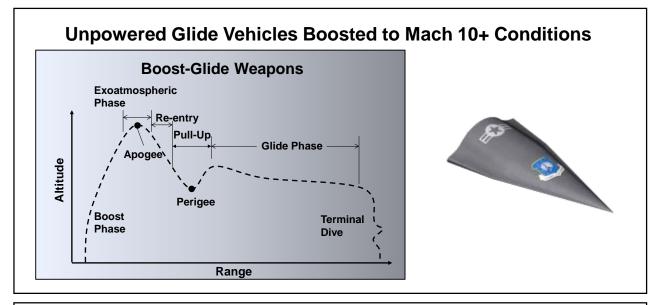
Class	Range (km)
Tactical Ballistic Missile	< 300
Short –Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM)	< 1000
Medium Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM)	1000 - 3000
Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM)	3000 - 5500
Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)	> 5500
Fractional Orbital Bombardment System (FOBS)*	<b>∞</b>
Theater Ballistic Missile (TBM)	< 3500

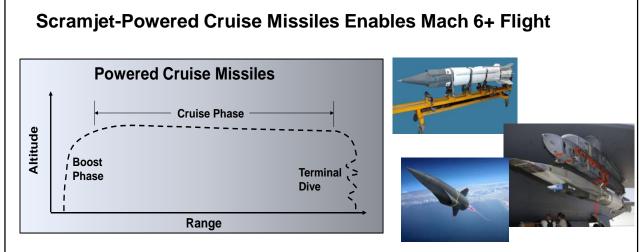
#### **Near-Space or Trans-atmospheric Weapons**





## **Hypersonic Weapons**



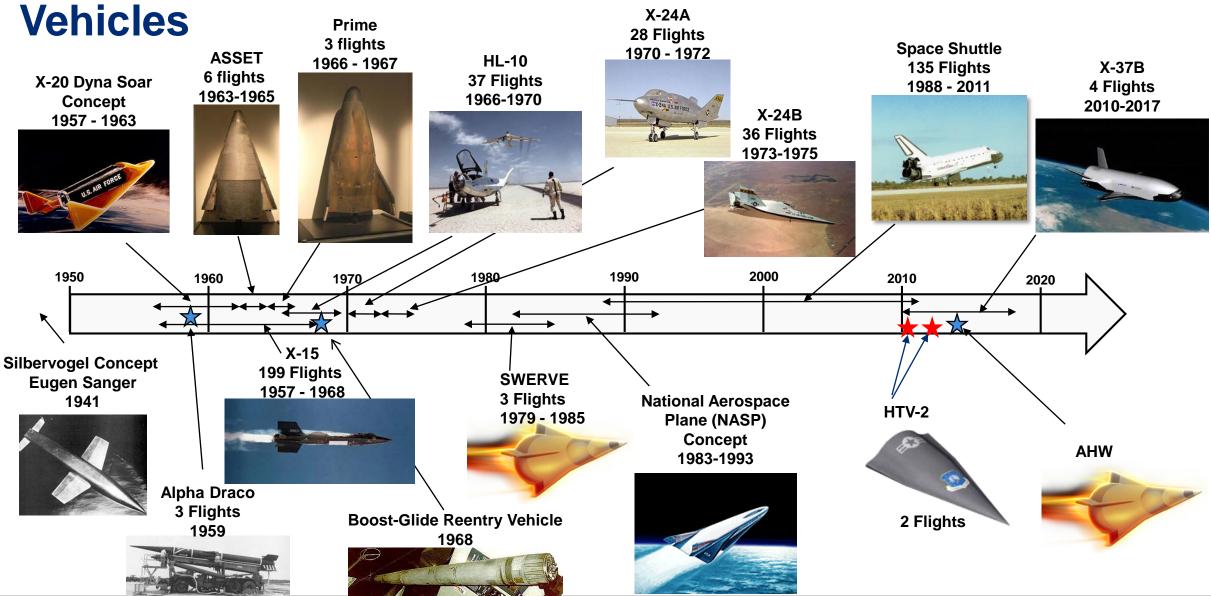


#### **Important Recent U.S. Programs**

- HTV-2
- Advanced Hypersonic Weapon (AHW)
- HyFLY
- X-51A

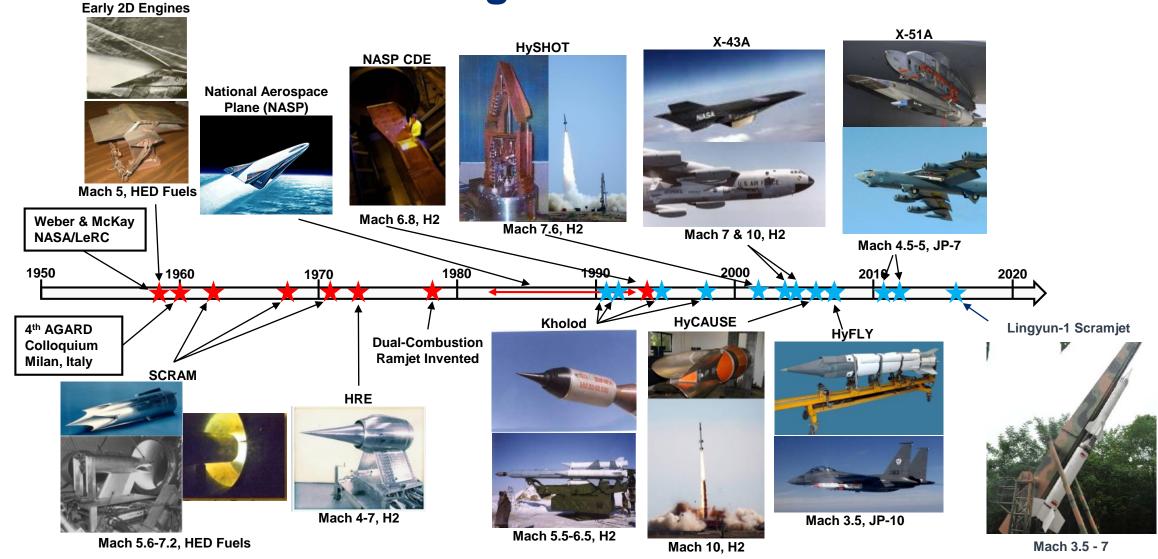


### A Brief History of Hypersonic Lifting and Maneuvering





## A Brief History of Airbreathing Hypersonics: Transitioning from Ground Tests to Flight



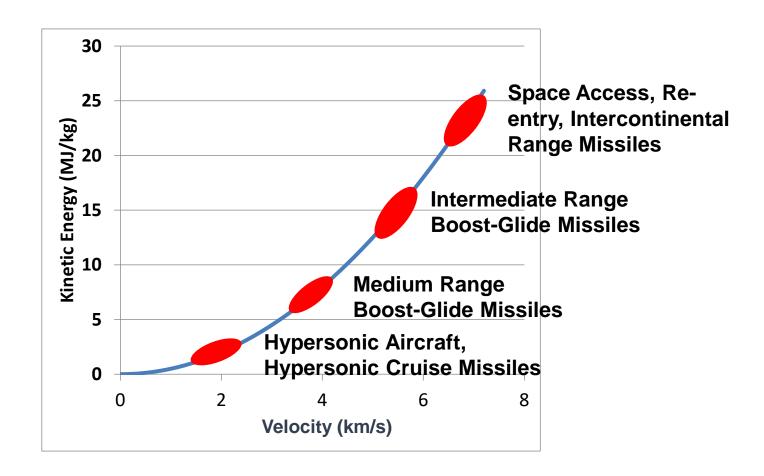


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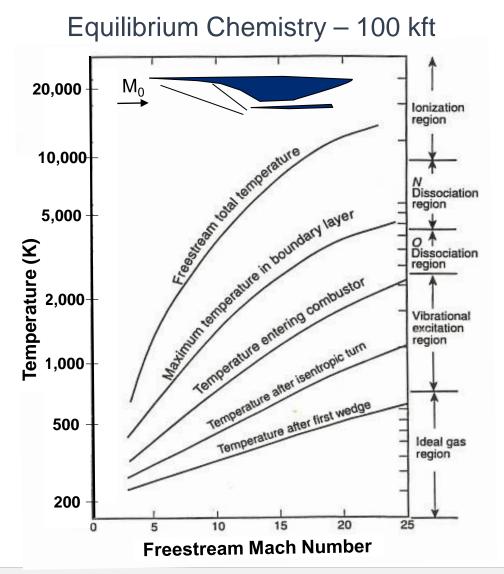
## **Increasing Energy Content With Increasing Speed**

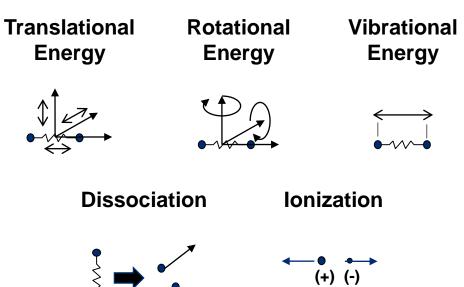


**Energy Management Challenges Increase with Square of Velocity** 



## Typical Air Temperatures Encountered Around a Hypersonic Vehicle





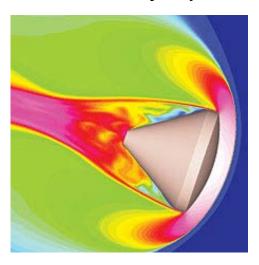
#### **Stagnation Region**

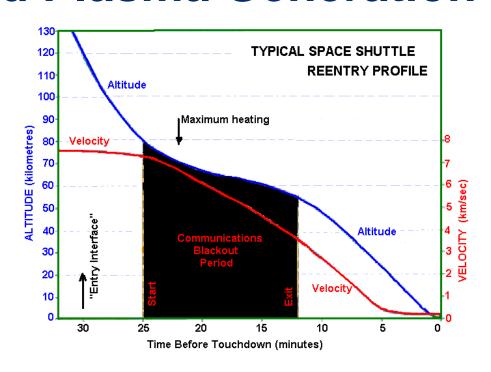
- Vibrational energy important at M > 5
- Dissociation important at M > 8
- Ionization important at *M* > 15

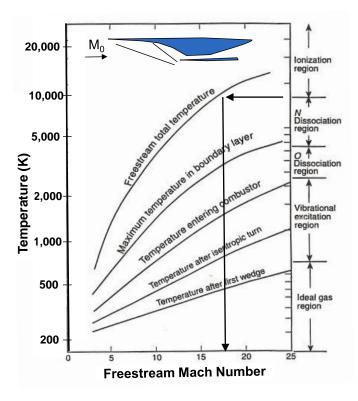


#### **Ionization and Plasma Generation**

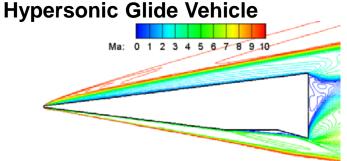
**Blunt Re-entry Capsule** 







Thin shock layers result in low air ionization levels even at high speeds



Slender hypersonic vehicles will exhibit lower ionization levels compared to blunt bodies



#### **High Temperature Materials and Thermal Management**

**Apollo 9 Reentry Capsule** 



**Space Shuttle** 







**SR-71** 



X-15

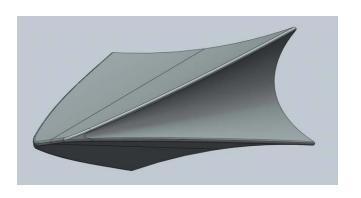


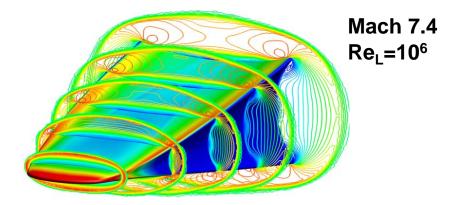
X-15 with MA-25S Ablator



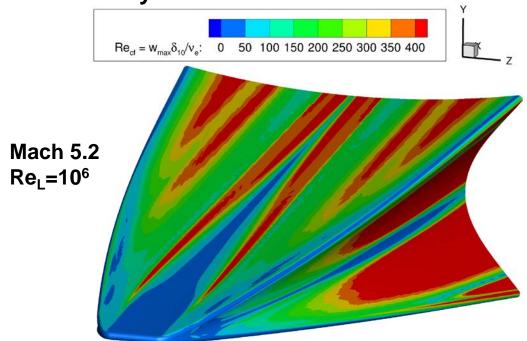


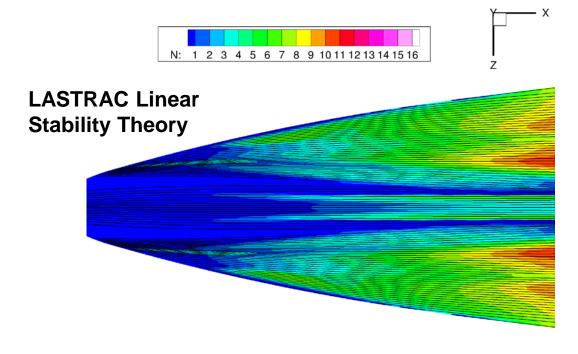
## **Boundary Layer Transition**





#### **Crossflow Reynolds Number**







#### Ramjets Versus Scramjet Powered Vehicles

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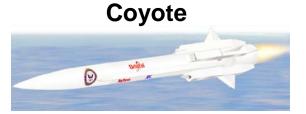


Russian GELA Missile



**Yahont** 





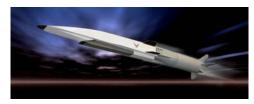
Meteor

**HyFLY** 



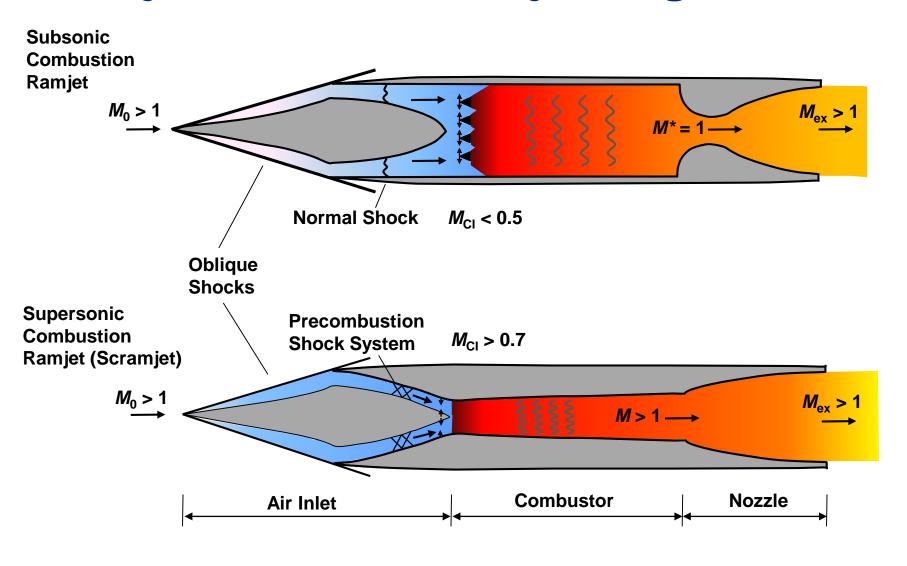
LEA (France/ Russia)

X-51A





### Ramjet Versus Scramjet Engines

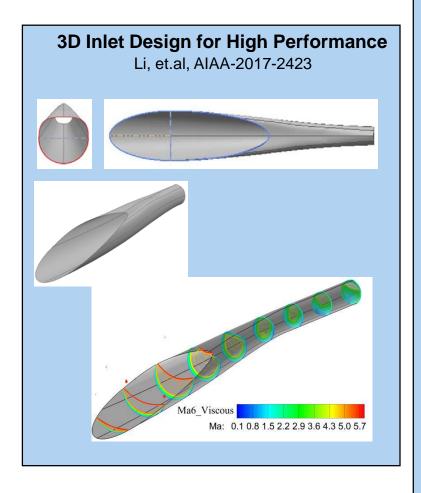


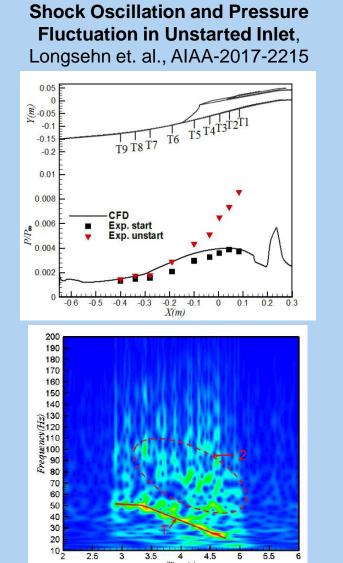
- Inlet diffusion to low subsonic speeds
- Combustion at subsonic speeds
- Convergingdiverging nozzle

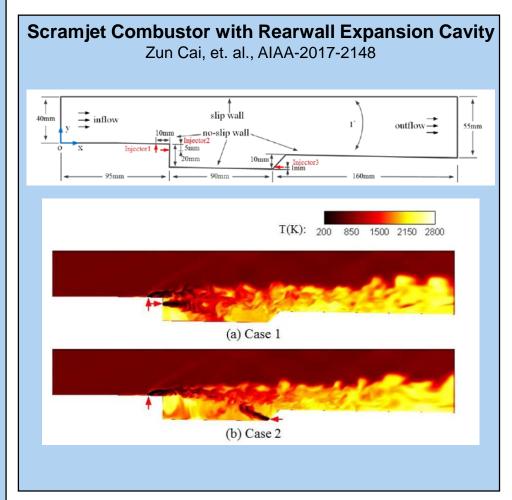
- Inlet diffusion to transonic or supersonic speeds
- Combustion at transonic or supersonic
- Diverging nozzle



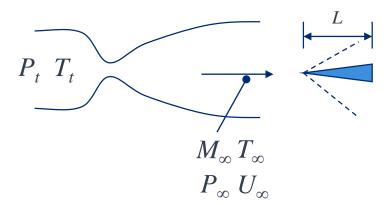
## **Scramjet Propulsion Challenges**







## **Hypersonic Simulation Requirements**



Mach number and Reynolds number 
$$M_{\infty} = \frac{U_{\infty}}{a_{\infty}}, \gamma, \operatorname{Re}_{L} = \frac{\rho_{\infty}U_{\infty}L}{\mu_{\infty}}, \frac{T_{w}}{T_{\infty}}$$
 simulation

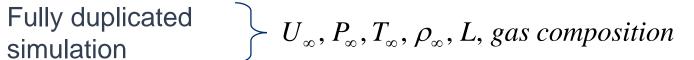
#### **Advantages**

- Captures principal wave structure and viscous effects
- Sub-scale models
- Lower  $P_t$  and  $T_t$

#### **Disadvantages**

- Misses hightemperature gas effects
- Cannot be used for material and structural testing

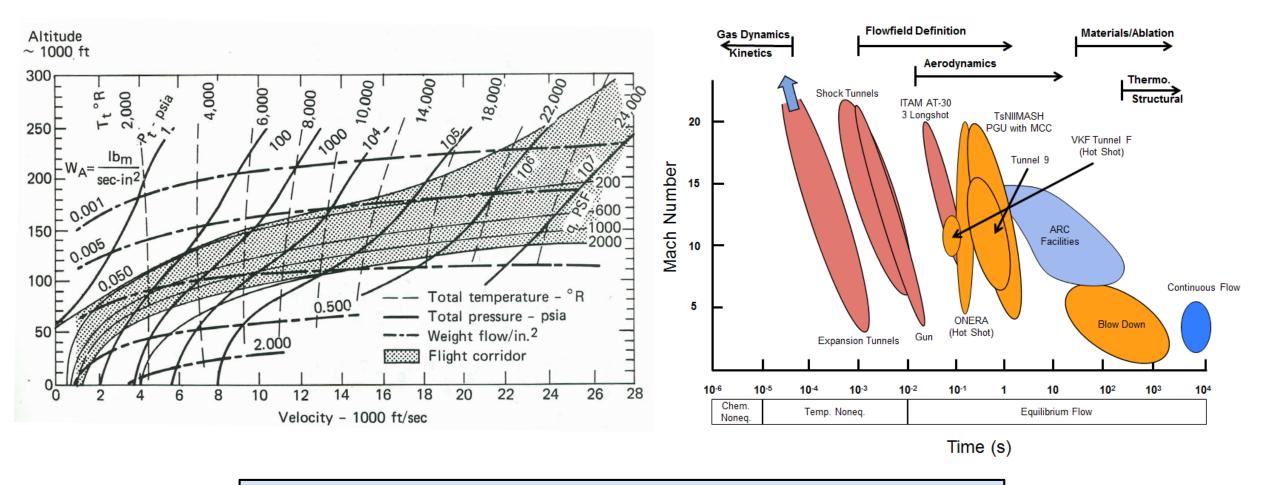
simulation



- Captures relevant fluid physics
- Significant P, and T, requirements
- Full scale models needed



### Requirements for Hypersonic Ground Tests



No perfect ground test facility exists for hypersonic system development – Flight testing is required!



### **Existing Hypersonic Aerodynamic Test Facilities**

VKF Facility Air Circuit: Mach 1.5 - 10



#### **Limitations**

- Ideal gas simulation misses hightemperature gasdynamic effects
- Inability to address aerothermal-material interactions
- "Noisy" conventional tunnels

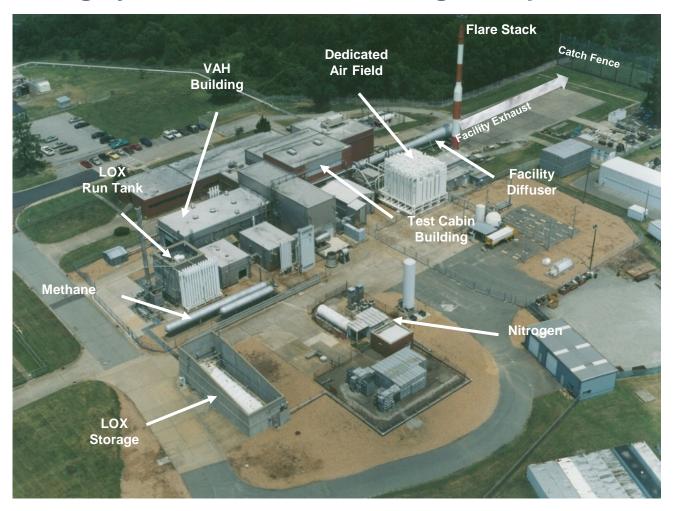
**AEDC Tunnel 9: Mach 7-14** 





## **Existing Propulsion Hypersonic Test Facilities**

#### **NASA Langley Research Center 8-ft High Temperature Tunnel**



#### **Advantages**

- Pressure-enthalpy simulation to Mach 6+ conditions
- Oxygen make-up to simulate atmosphere
- Realistic combustion processes enabled with thermo-structural interactions

#### **Limitations**

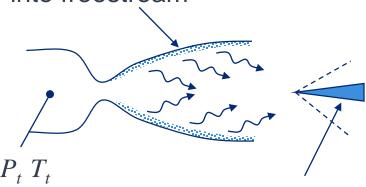
- Imperfect air simulation
- Limited run times
- Loads imposed by facility starting and unstarting



### **Purdue University Mach 6 Quiet Wind Tunnel**



Turbulent boundary layers cause acoustic to radiate into freestream



Results in early boundary layer transition on models

Quiet wind tunnel operates with highly polished nozzle wall to enable laminar flow on nozzle and "quiet" tunnel operation



### **Hypersonic Shock Tunnels**

**Chinese Institute of Mechanics Long Duration Hypervelocity Detonation Driven Shock Tunnel** 

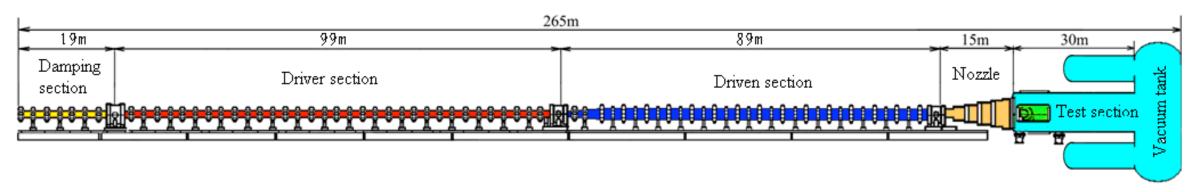


#### **Advantages**

- Duplicated freestream conditions
- Enables use of low-cost models

#### **Limitations**

- Short run times
- Imperfect freestream conditions at high hypersonic speeds
- Inability to investigate aerothermal/material/structural interactions

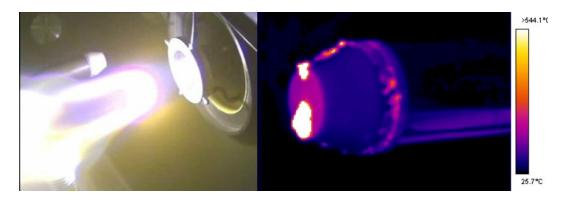




#### **Arc-Heated and Plasma Wind Tunnels**

#### **CIRA Scirocco Plasma Wind Tunnel**





#### **Advantages**

- High enthalpy simulation
- Long run times
- Ability to study ablation and surface catalysis

#### **Limitations**

- Imperfect air simulation
- Limited total pressure capability

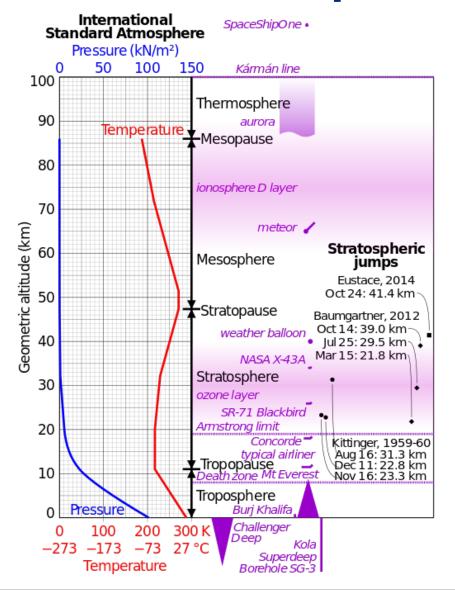


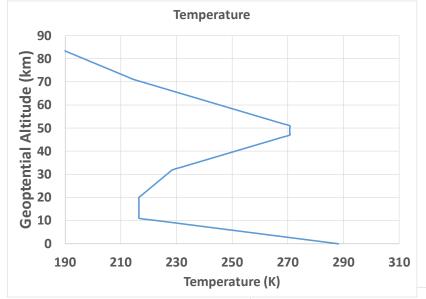
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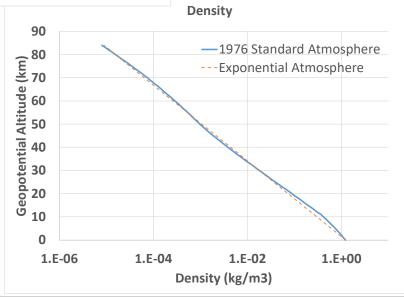
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#### **Standard Atmosphere**







### **Sample Ground Test Instrumentation**

**Pressure Transducers** 



Heat Flux Gauge



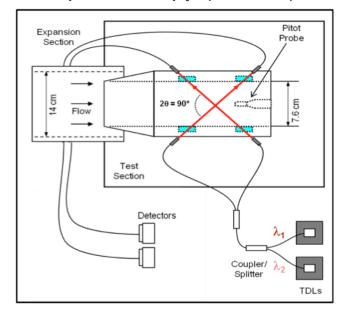
Thermocouples



Strain Gauge



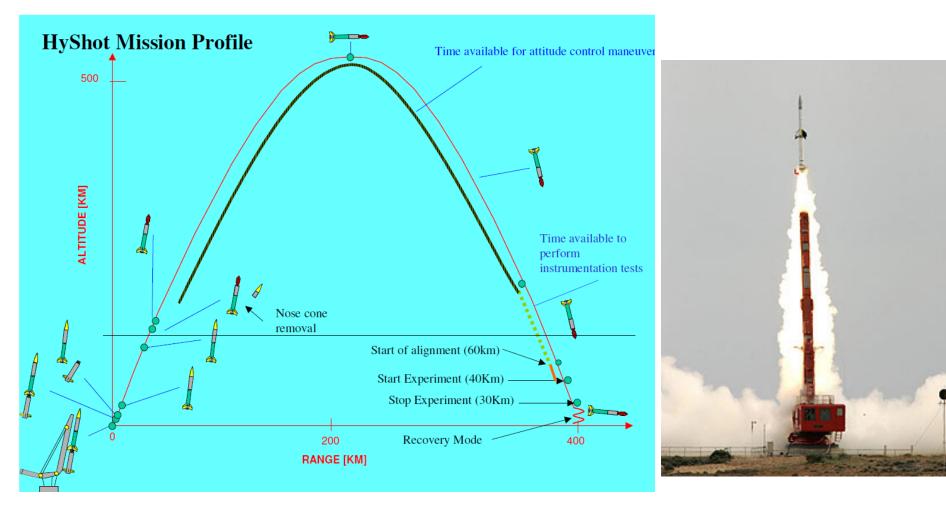
#### Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (TDLAS)



Ref: http://psaap.stanford.edu/heat\_release\_modeling/TDLvelocimetry.html



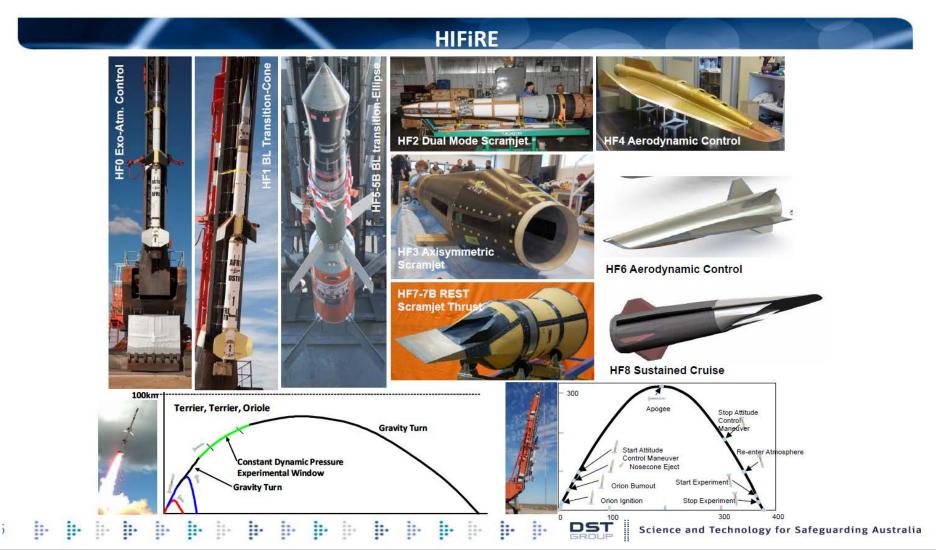
## HySHOT II Flight – 30 July 2002



HySHOT flight test series built on a long-term interest in hypersonic technologies and began a focused program on flight testing that continues today



## HiFIRE – Hypersonic International Flight Research Experimentation

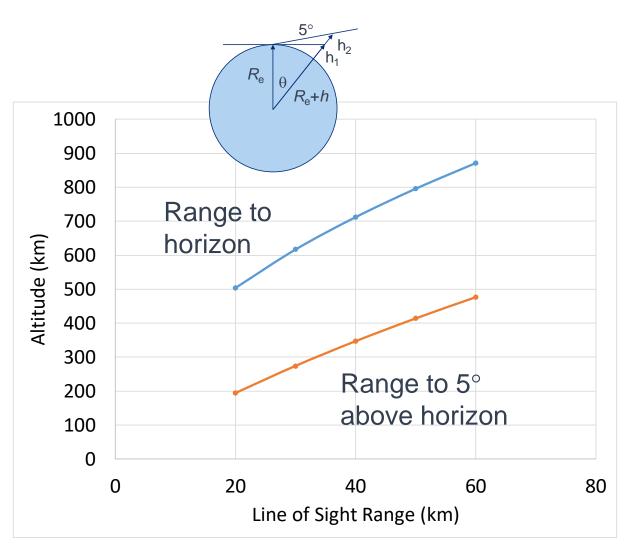


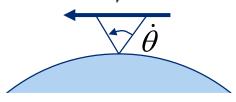
#### Flight Test Instrumentation Needs

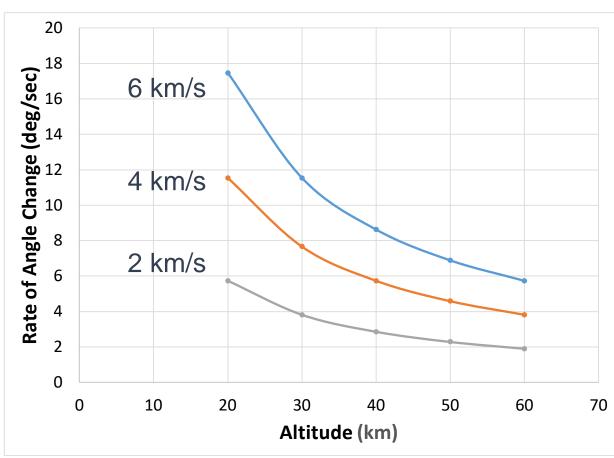
- Hypersonic air data system
  - Aid in understanding freestream and flight vehicle orientation
- Pressure transducers capable of indicating boundary layer transition
  - Frequency response ~1-2 MHz
- Diagnostic instrumentation to measure ablation and shape change
- Strain gauges for high-temperature structures
- Instream measurements via optical techniques
  - Airflow measurement in scramjet engines
  - Combustion diagnostics



## Telemetry Range and Angle Rate Challenges









### **Additional Test and Telemetry Challenges**

- Stressing external surface temperatures
  - Need for high-temperature antennae
- Need for increased power efficiency
  - Challenging on-board thermal environment
- Need for additional transmitted data
  - Increase modulation complexity
  - Increase bandwidth move to C-band?
- Need for smarter use of available transmission rate
  - Increase on-board processing
  - Adapt transmission needs over flight
- Need for increased flexibility
  - Move towards software-defined telemetry
- Balancing the load between transmit and receive requirements



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## Do Emerging Hypersonic Applications Drive New Test and Telemetry Challenges? – Summary and Conclusions

- A significant history of hypersonic test and telemetry experience exists
  - Space launch, re-entry, experimental aircraft, interceptor missiles, sounding rockets
- New hypersonic systems are emerging
  - Reusable launch vehicles and test capabilities
  - Reusable aircraft
  - Long-range weapons
  - Hypervelocity projectiles
- New applications are driving new needs
  - Challenging new diagnostic information needed
  - Approaches for on-board processing of data
  - Techniques for increasing telemetry capacity
  - Increasing power efficiency
  - Lowering costs



