

# Rocket Equations

$m_R$  = rocket mass in kg

$m_E$  = engine mass (including propellant) in kg

$m_P$  = propellant mass in kg

$a$  = acceleration m/s<sup>2</sup>

$F$  = force in kg · m/s<sup>2</sup>

$g$  = acceleration of gravity = 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

$A$  = rocket cross-sectional area in m<sup>2</sup>

$c_d$  = drag coefficient = 0.75 for average rocket

$\rho$  = air density = 1.223 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$\tau$  = motor burn time in seconds

$T$  = motor thrust in Newton i.e. in kg · m/s<sup>2</sup>

$I$  = motor impulse in Newton · seconds

$v_\tau$  = burnout velocity in m/s

$h_B$  = altitude at burnout in m

$h_C$  = coasting distance in m

$$m_B = m_R + m_E - m_P / 2$$

boost mass in kg

$$m_C = m_R + m_E - m_B$$

coast mass in kg

$$m_B \cdot g$$

boost gravity force in kg · m/s<sup>2</sup>

$$m_C \cdot g$$

coast gravity force in kg · m/s<sup>2</sup>

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot c_d \cdot A$$

air drag coefficient in kg/m

$$k \cdot v^2$$

air resistance in kg · m/s<sup>2</sup>

$$\tau = \frac{I}{T}$$

burnout time in seconds

## Boost Phase: Burnout Time, Velocity and Altitude

$$F = m \cdot a$$

$$= m \cdot \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$= T - mg - k \cdot v_\tau^2$$

$$m \cdot \frac{dv}{dt} = T - mg - k \cdot v_\tau^2$$

$$dt = \frac{m \cdot dv}{T - mg - k \cdot v_\tau^2}$$

$$= \frac{m \cdot dv}{k \cdot \frac{T - mg}{k} - k \cdot v_\tau^2}$$

$$= \frac{m \cdot dv}{k \cdot q^2 - k \cdot v_\tau^2}$$

$$= \frac{m}{k} \cdot \frac{dv}{q^2 - v_\tau^2}$$

$$q^2 = \frac{T - m_B \cdot g}{k}$$

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{T - m_B \cdot g}{k}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{m}{k} \cdot \int_0^{v_\tau} \frac{dv}{q^2 - v^2}$$

$$\boxed{\tau = \frac{m_B}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2q} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{q + v_\tau}{q - v_\tau} \right)}$$

$$\frac{2kq}{m_B} \cdot \tau = \ln \left( \frac{q + v_\tau}{q - v_\tau} \right)$$

$$\frac{2kq}{m_B} = p$$

$$p \cdot \tau = \ln \left( \frac{q + v_\tau}{q - v_\tau} \right)$$

$$-p \cdot \tau = \ln \left( \frac{q - v_\tau}{q + v_\tau} \right)$$

$$e^{-p \cdot \tau} = \frac{q - v_\tau}{q + v_\tau}$$

$$(q + v_\tau) \cdot e^{-p \cdot \tau} = q - v_\tau$$

$$q \cdot e^{-p \cdot \tau} + v_\tau \cdot e^{-p \cdot \tau} = q - v_\tau$$

$$v_\tau + v_\tau \cdot e^{-p \cdot \tau} = q - q \cdot e^{-p \cdot \tau}$$

$$v_\tau \cdot (1 + e^{-p \cdot \tau}) = q \cdot (1 - e^{-p \cdot \tau})$$

$$\boxed{v_\tau = q \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-p \cdot \tau}}{1 + e^{-p \cdot \tau}}}$$

burnout velocity

$$F = m \cdot a$$

$$= m \cdot \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$= m \cdot \frac{dv}{dh} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$= m \cdot v \cdot \frac{dv}{dh}$$

$$= T - mg - k \cdot v_\tau^2$$

$$m \cdot v \cdot \frac{dv}{dh} = T - mg - k \cdot v^2$$

$$q^2 = \frac{T - m_B \cdot g}{k}$$

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{T - m_B \cdot g}{k}}$$

$$dh = \frac{m \cdot v}{k \cdot q^2 - k \cdot v^2} \cdot dv$$

$$dh = \frac{m}{k} \cdot \frac{v}{q^2 - v^2} \cdot dv$$

$$h = \frac{m}{k} \cdot \int_0^{v_\tau} \frac{v \cdot dv}{q^2 - v^2}$$

$$h_B = \frac{m_B}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot [\ln(q^2 - v^2)]_0^{v_\tau}$$

$$h_B = \frac{m_B}{2k} \cdot [\ln(q^2) - \ln(q^2 - v_\tau^2)]$$

$$h_B = \frac{m_B}{2k} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{q^2}{q^2 - v_\tau^2}\right)$$

burnout altitude

$$h_B = \frac{m_B}{2k} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{T - m_B \cdot g}{T - m_B \cdot g - k \cdot v_\tau^2}\right)$$

### Coast Phase: Altitude and Time

$$dh = \frac{m_C \cdot v \cdot dv}{-m_C \cdot g - k \cdot v^2}$$

$$dh = m_C \cdot \frac{v \cdot dv}{k \cdot \frac{-m_C \cdot g}{k} - k \cdot v^2} \quad \frac{-m_C \cdot g}{k} = q_C^2$$

$$dh = \frac{m_C}{k} \cdot \frac{v \cdot dv}{q_C^2 - v^2}$$

$$h_C = \frac{m_C}{k} \cdot \int_{v_\tau}^0 \frac{v \cdot dv}{q_C^2 - v^2}$$

$$h_C = \frac{m}{2k} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{q_C^2 - v_\tau^2}{q_C^2}\right)$$

coast altitude

$$h_C = \frac{m}{2k} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{m_C \cdot g + k \cdot v_\tau^2}{m_C \cdot g}\right)$$

$$F = m \cdot (-a)$$

$$= m \cdot \left(-\frac{dv}{dt}\right)$$

$$= T - m_C \cdot g - k \cdot v_\tau^2$$

$$dt = \frac{-m_C \cdot dv}{-m_C \cdot g - k \cdot v^2}$$

$$dt = m_C \cdot \frac{dv}{m_C \cdot g + k \cdot v^2}$$

$$q_a^2 = \frac{m_C \cdot g}{k}$$

$$t_C = \frac{m_C}{k} \cdot \int_{v_\tau}^0 \frac{dv}{q_a^2 + v^2}$$

$$t_C = \frac{m_C}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{q_a} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{v_\tau}{q_a}\right)$$

time from  $v_\tau$  to 0

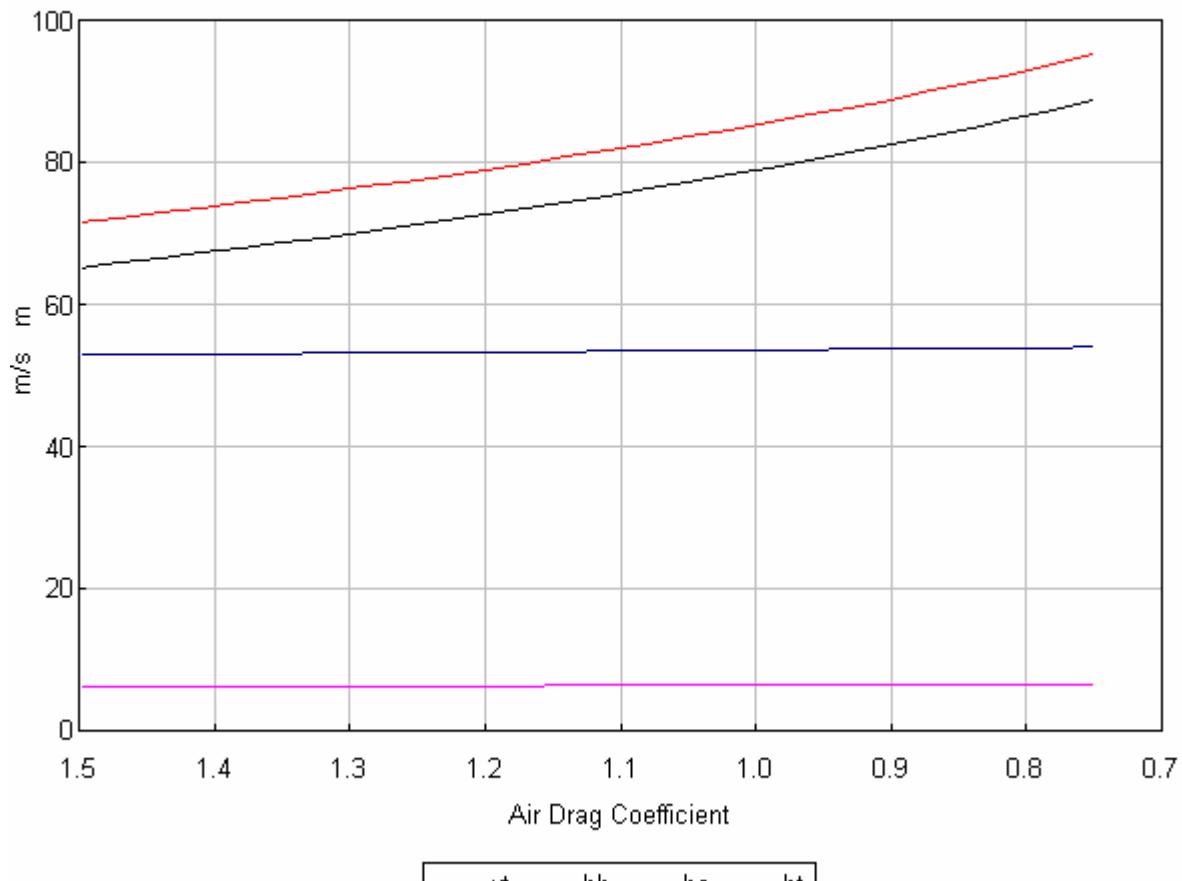
$$t_C = \sqrt{\frac{m_C}{k \cdot g}} \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{v_\tau}{\sqrt{\frac{m_C \cdot g}{k}}}\right)$$

$$q_a = \sqrt{\frac{m_C \cdot g}{k}}$$

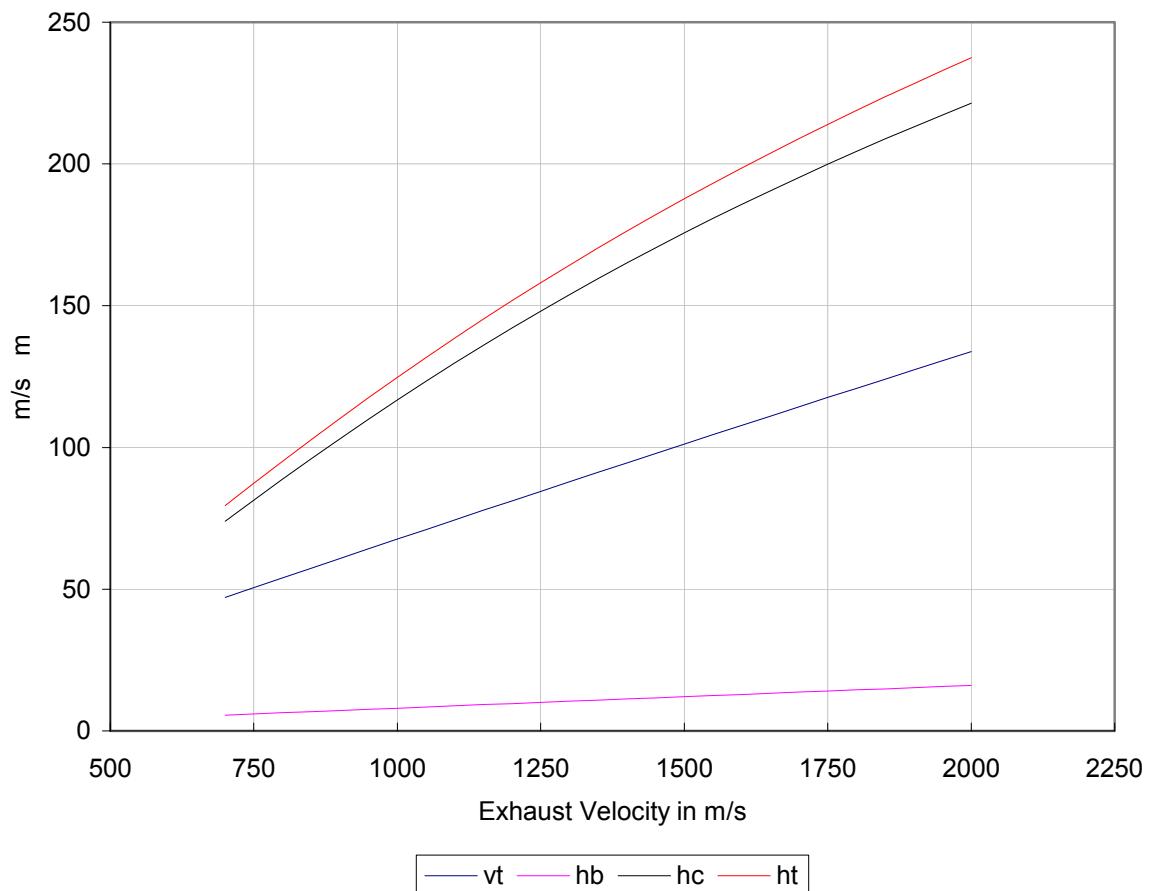
## ROCKET EQUATIONS

gravit accel	g	9.8100	m/s <sup>2</sup>	thrust	T	10.6829	N=kg*m/s <sup>2</sup>
air density	rho	1.2230	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	impulse	I	2.4960	N*s=kg*m/s
drag coef	cd	0.7500		boost mass	mb	0.04344	kg
rocket body	mr	0.0288	kg	coast mass	mc	0.04188	kg
engine empty	ee	0.0131	kg	burnout time	tau	0.23364	s
propellant	mp	0.0031	kg	velocity b	vt	53.97011	m/s
rocket total	mt	0.0450	kg	altitude b	hb	6.37419	m
engine init	me	0.0162	kg	altitude c	hc	88.73626	m
propellant	p%	6.9333	%	altitude t	ht	95.11045	m
mass flow	mü	0.0134	kg/s	coast time	tc	3.92459	s
exhaust v	vex	800.0000	m/s	max velocity	vkm/h	194.29240	km/h
diameter	d	0.0250	m	max air drag	Fd	0.65574	N=kg*m/s <sup>2</sup>
c-s-area	A	0.00049	m <sup>2</sup>	check			
drag factor	k	0.00023	kg/m	burnout time	tau	0.23364486	s
q		213.4473	m/s				
qc <sup>2</sup>		-1824.93776					
qa		42.7193	m/s				
p		2.2124	1/s				

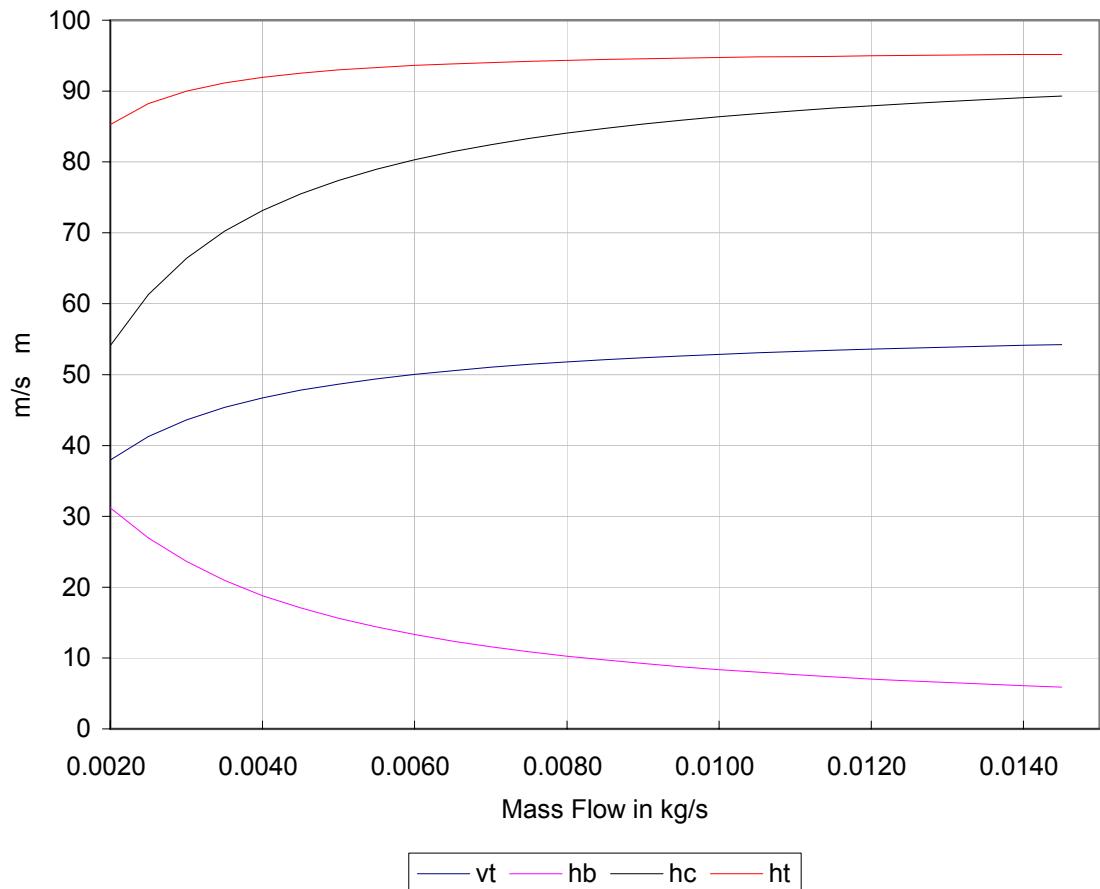
Influence of Air Drag Coefficient



### Influence of Exhaust Velocity



### Influence of Mass Flow



### Influence of Propellant Mass

