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Longitudinal handling qualities evaluations were conducted on the Ames Research Center Flight Simulator for Advanced Aircraft (FSAA) for the approach and landing tasks of a powered lift STOL research aircraft. The test vehicle was a DeHavilland of Canada C-8A aircraft modified with a new wing incorporating internal blowing over an augmentor flap. The investigation included (1) use of various flight path and airspeed control techniques for the basic vehicle, (2) assessment of stability and command augmentation schemes for pitch attitude and airspeed control, (3) determination of the influence of longitudinal and vertical force coupling for the power control, (4) determination of the influence of pitch axis coupling with the thrust vector control, and (5) evaluations of the contribution of stability and command augmentation to recovery from a single engine failure. Three pilots, all having flight experience in powered lift aircraft participated in the simulator program. are presented in the form of pilot ratings and commentary substantiated by landing approach time histories.

NOTATION

| $\mathtt{c}^{\mathtt{T}}$ | Lift coefficient |
|---|--|
| ē | Mean aerodynamic chord, ft |
| F S | Longitudinal column control force, lbs. |
| H _e | Elevator hinge moment, ft. lbs |
| $^{	ext{H}}\!oldsymbol{\delta}_{	ext{e}}$ | Dimensional elevator hinge moment derivative due |
| | to elevator deflection, $\frac{1}{I_e} \frac{\delta H_e}{\delta \delta_e}$, rad/sec ² /rad |
| Н | Dimensional elevator hinge moment derivative due |
| | to elevator deflection rate, $\frac{1}{I_e}$ $\frac{\partial H_e}{\partial \delta e}$, $1/\sec$ |
| h _c ,h _f | Course and fine altitude, ft. |
| Ie | Elevator momen+ of inertia, slug-ft ² |
| $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{y}}$ | Aircraft moment of inertia, slug-ft ² |
| ^K ⊖ | Pitch attitude feedback gain to elevator or to |
| | nozzle, deg/deg |
| K _e | Pitch rate feedback gain to elevator, deg/deg/sec |
| К | Column feed forward gain, deg/deg |
| K ś | Column rate feed forward gain, deg/sec/deg |
| Ku | Airspeed feedback gain to nozzle, deg/ft/sec |
| K ú | Longitudinal acceleration gain to nozzle, |
| | deg/ft/sec ² |
| M | Pitching moment, ft-lbs |
| $^{ m M}$ 6 $_{ m T}$ | Pitching moment derivative due to throttle, |
| | $\frac{I}{I_y} \frac{\partial M}{\partial G_{I'}}$, red/sec ² /lb |

 $^{M}\delta_{\nu}$ Pitching moment derivative due to nozzle, $\frac{1}{I_v} \frac{\partial M}{\partial \delta_v}$, rad/sec²/deg Aircraft mass, slugs m Normal acceleration, g's n_{z} Aircraft pitch rate, deg/sec q_B Dynamic pressure, lbs/ft2 ā Wing area, ft2 S Laplace operator s Hot thrust, 1bs THot 1/T_{sp1}, 1/T_{sp2} Roots of the longitudinal characteristic equation nominally associated with the short period mode (which in this instance are real instead of complex), rad/sec Roots of the short period mode with pitch rate and attitude stabilization, rad/sec Roots of the short period mode with pitch rate, pitch attitude and airspeed stabilization, rad/sec

 $1/T'_{p_1}$, $1/T'_{p_2}$ Low frequency roots of the longitudinal characteristic equation with pitch rate, pitch attitude, and airspeed stabilization (nominally associated with the phugoid mode), rad/sec

 $1/T_{m{\theta}1}$, $1/T_{m{\theta}2}$ Numerator roots of the elevator to pitch attitude transfer function, rad/sec.

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Low frequency numerator root of the elevator to altitude transfer function, rad/sec Low frequency numerator root of the elevator to altitude transfer function in the presence of airspeed stabilization, rad/sec Airspeed, ft/sec, knots ٧. Aircraft gross weight, lbs W X Longitudinal force, lbs Longitudinal force derivative due to thrust, $\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial X}{\partial \delta_m}$, ft/sec²/lb $^{X}\!\delta_{\nu}$ Longitudinal force derivative due to nozzle deflection, $\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial X}{\partial \Delta t}$, ft/sec²/deg Fuselage station location of the Pegasus nozzles, in. Vertical force, lbs $\mathbf{Z}_{\boldsymbol{\delta}_{TP}}$ Vertical force derivative due to thrust ' it/sec²/lb ^Zδ√ Vertical force derivative due to nozzle deflection, $\frac{1}{m}$ $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial \delta_{1}}$, ft/sec²/deg Water line location of the Pegasus nozzles, in zy, ze Angle of attack, deg X X Flight path angle, deg Δ Incremental value δc Longitudinal column deflection, in Elevator deflection, deg $\hat{m{\delta}_{\mathrm{e}}}_{\mathrm{A}}$ Command to elevator surface actuator

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န်_eွ Commanded elevator deflection, deg Stability augmentation actuator input to the elevator Stability augmentation actuator command SH. Stabilizer position, deg $\delta_{\rm f}$ Flap deflection, deg $\delta_{\rm m}$ Hot thrust, 1bs Throttle position, deg 8v, v Pegasus nozzle deflection, deg Pegasus nozzle command, deg Stability augmentation input to the nozzle dw pilot Pilot's nozzle control deflection, deg € gs, €₁₀₀ Glide slope and localizer errors, deg $\mathcal{L}_{A}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_{A}$ Damping ratio and natural frequency of the elevator surface actuator \mathcal{Z}_{p} , ω_{p} Damping ratio and natural frequency of the phugoid mode \mathcal{F}_{p}^{+} , ω_{p}^{+} Damping ratio and natural frequency of the phugoid mode as modified by pitch rate and attitude stabilization $\mathcal{J}_{s}, \omega_{s}$ $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}, \omega_{\theta}'$ Damping ratio and natural frequency of the elevator SAS actuator Damping ratio and natural frequency of the numerator roots of the elevator to pitch attitude transfer function in the presence of airspeed stabilization Air density, slugs/ft3 Standard deviation of atmospheric gust velocities, ft/sec $\sigma_{
m gust}$ Natural frequency of the elevator-spring tab system, rad/sec W vi

INTRODUCTION

The pilot's control of an aircraft capable of landing at the slow flight speeds associated with STOL operation is complicated by problems which are generally more severe than those of conventional aircraft landing at higher speeds. Longitudinal control of pitch attitude, flight path, and airspeed are all adversely affected by the low speed, high wing loading, and high inertias typical of the STOL transport class of vehicle. In addition, the availability of powered lift for the pilot's control and the associated influence on lift, drag, and pitching moment of engine power setting makes these aircraft respond to the application of power in a fashion considerably different (and not necessarily favorably so) from aircraft having conventional lift concepts. These problems are generally recognized (not necessarily in order of importance) as:

- poor longitudinal static stability so that attitude and speed tend to wander during untended operation
- unstable flight path-attitude relationship associated with operation on the "back side" of the thrust required curve
- changes in speed and angle of attack with power setting where speed and angle of attack are not uniquely related as they are for aircraft using conventional lift concepts.
- attitude changes required to hold speed while changing flight path with power which are opposite those of a conventional aircraft.

- sluggish flight path response to attitude changes
- large variations in angle of attack with power
- inability to use any single control to flare the airplane adequately for landing

Since these objectionable qualities tend to be inherent in the STOL category of vehicle, a simulator program was initiated to investigate what vehicle and control system characteristics or modifications are required to provide satisfactory longitudinal handling qualities for the approach and landing task. To enable early reporting the results are presented here largely in the form of time histories with limited discussion, in the form of brief observations of salient features of the responses, and pilot commentary.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SIMULATION

As part of the program to develop a flight research vehicle for demonstration of the augmentor wing powered lift concept and for research on STOL performance, handling qualities, and operating problems, a real time digital simulation of the proposed vehicle was developed for the FSAA. The basic augmentor wing aircraft shown in Fig. 1 consists of a DeHavilland C-8A Buffalo airframe modified with a new wing incorporating internal blowing over an augmentor flap (1). The aircraft is powered by Rolls Royce Spey 801SF engines with offtakes from the compressor section for wing blowing and with direct hot thrust which can be deflected through Pegasus nozzles for thrust vector control. Pitch control is accomplished through the Buffalo's existing manually actuated elevator - spring tab system. Roll control and stability augmentation utilize the modified aircraft's blown ailerons, spoilers, and augmentor flap choke which are integrated to give an essentially linear rolling moment relation to cockpit control deflection. Directional control and stability augmentation function through the Buffalo's existing power actuated two segment rudder. Lateraldirectional stability augmentation provide roll damping, spiral mode stabilization, Dutch roll damping and turn coordination to compensate for the objectionable handling qualities of the basic aircraft for the STOL flight conditions of interest.

The vehicle simulation was built on the non-linear aerodynamic characteristics as derived from static tests of a powered model of the vehicle in the Ames 40x80 ft. low-speed wind tunnel. (2,3) A downwash model, based on finite span jet flapped wing theory and correlated with data from Ames 40x80 ft. wind tunnel tests was used to determine the contribution of the horizontal tail. Rotary derivatives were estimated, using jet flap theory where appropriate. Supporting data for the downwash model and rotary derivatives are unpublished. The models themselves appear in Refs. 2 and 3.

TEST PROGRAM

This vehicle simulation, with modifications to the longitudinal control system for stability and command augmentation, was used to evaluate the influence of certain vehicle characteristics and control system configurations on handling qualities during approach and landing. Specific consideration was given to longitudinal handling qualities with emphasis on:

- studying the use of several techniques for the control of flight path and airspeed for the basic vehicle
 - flight path control with attitude; speed control
 with thrust vector
 - 2. flight path control with thrust vector; speed control with attitude
 - 3. flight path control with thrust; speed control with attitude

- assessing stability and command augmentation schemes for pitch attitude and airspeed control
 - 1. pitch attitude command and stabilization
 - 2. pitch rate command pitch attitude hold with varying degrees of control sensitivity
 - 3. airspeed stabilization
- determining the influence of longitudinal and vertical force coupling for the power control (variations implemented by using different trim thrust vector inclination)
- determining the influence of pitch axis coupling with the power and thrust vector control (variations implemented by using different thrust line offsets)
- evaluating the contribution of the pitch rate command attitude hold and airspeed stabilization modes to recovery from a single engine failure

In the approach and landing, the pilot assumed control of the aircraft, trimmed for descent and aligned with the glide slope and localizer of a 1500 ft. STOL runway. The approach was initiated at 1300 feet along a 7.5 degree glide slope at an airspeed of 60 knots. Flaps were set at 65 degrees, Pegasus nozzles at 87.7 degrees and power corresponding to 7160 pounds of hot thrust. The pilots generally introduced their own disturbances, offsets and abuses to the task for evaluation. IFR conditions, random gust disturbances, wind shears, and crosswinds were also included as test variables. Time histories were obtained for the approach, and were supplemented by pilot commentary. Pilot ratings, based on the Cooper-Harper scale (4), were obtained for selected configurations.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Longitudinal Handling Qualities Of The Basic Augmentor Wing Aircraft

To provide a better description of the handling qualities problems associated with flight path and airspeed control of a powered lift STOL aircraft, the response of the basic augmentor wing aircraft to elevator, thrust, and thrust vectoring is presented in the first few Fig. 2 illustrates the response to a step column input by the pilot. Somewhat sluggish pitch response associated with the low short period frequency may be noted. Strong phugoid excitation in the form of airspeed and attitude excursions is observed which will require attention by the pilot for precise attitude control. Furthermore, with the low level of static stability and the nonlinear pitching moment characteristics associated with this trim condition, nose up and nose down pitch disturbances produce considerably different responses. Unstable flight path response to attitude associated with operation on the back side of the thrust required curve is also typical of this flight condition. Performance data of Fig. 3 provide a more graphic description of the relationships between flight path and airspeed. The trimmed approach condition (* = -7.5deg, V = 60 kts) is well on the backside of the Υ - V curve (d Υ /dV = 0.2 deg/kt), hence attempts to make flight path corrections at constant power through changes in attitude (and speed) will produce a result opposite to that which was sought. Use of thrust to change flight path, without any

corresponding control in the pitch axis will produce an unaccustomed change in speed; that is, increasing thrust reduces descent rate and decreases airspeed, whereas speed would typically remain constant or increase with increased thrust for a conventional aircraft (at least in the absence of a large nose down trim change with thrust). Furthermore, speed and angle of attack do not bear the same relationship as for conventionally configured aircraft, i.e., $V_{\text{trim}} = \sqrt{\frac{2W/S}{\rho C_{\text{T.}}(\alpha)}}$

since a significant portion of the lift required for steady flight is contributed by power, not angle of attack. Consequently, changes in engine power setting can either result in steady state flight path and speed changes at constant angle of attack or flight path and angle of attack changes at constant speed. It may also be observed in Fig. 3 that the changes in pitch attitude required to hold speed while simultaneously changing flight path are opposite to those attitude changes normally associated with flight path corrections for conventional aircraft.

Responses to step increases or decreases in thrust level with no compensating longitudinal control are shown in Fig. 4. The changes in speed anticipated from the performance data are evident. Some variation in angle of attack caused by the thrust trim change is also present. Landing approaches where thrust was used to control flight

path are presented in Figs. 5 and 6 for high and low glideslope offsets as set up by the pilot. Attitude was maintained essentially constant up to the point of flare. Speed and angle of attack excursions with thrust appear as expected.

Performance characteristics associated with flight path control with thrust vectoring are illustrated in Fig. 7. Because the thrust vector is oriented nearly perpendicular to the flight path for the trim condition, changes in vector angle about this condition have effects similar to those of thrust control for a conventional aircraft in that speed and angle of attack are directly related and a change in vector angle simply causes a change in flight path. If there is no trim angle of attack change with thrust vectoring, speed remains constant. Responses to fore and aft thrust vectoring are shown in Fig. 8. No longitudinal control was used to compensate for trim changes. The vector aft and forward responses are considerably different due to the non-linear static angle of attack stability associated with the trim condition. For forward thrust inclination a stable nose down pitch response and an increase in airspeed may be observed due to the trim change associated with Pegasus nozzle location below the c.g. Conversely, aft thrust inclination produces a nose up pitch response which drives the aircraft into the region of longitudinal static instability. In either case, the need for the pilot to control

attitude is apparent if flight path corrections at a specified speed are to be accomplished. A time history of a landing approach for which vector angle was used to control flight path at constant thrust is shown in Fig. 9. In this case, attitude control was used to maintain a reasonably constant approach speed.

Pilot commentary relating to attitude, flight path, and airspeed control are summarized as follows for the basic aircraft:

Pitch attitude control

- poor static stability; attitude wanders during unattended operation
- sluggish response; difficulty in making rapid and precise changes in attitude

Flight path control

- unstable flight path-attitude relationship (backside operation)
- sluggish short-term flight path response to attitude changes
- inability to flare precisely to low sink rate through a change in attitude
- flight path and speed response to attitude changes occur with .
 nearly the same time constant
- changes in angle of attack with thrust which require the pilot's attention to insure adequate angle of attack margin from stall

- flight path control with thrust vector angle changes similar to effect of thrust change on conventional aircraft
- pitch coupling with thrust vectoring requires pitch control during flight path corrections
- thrust vectoring not sufficient to flare; thrust difficult to modulate precisely during flare
- reductions in power to steepen flight path undesirable during final stage of approach high sink rate, low power, longer-time lag if increased thrust is subsequently required

Airspeed control

- changes in speed and trim with power setting not related as for conventional aircraft
- attitude changes required to hold speed while changing flight path are large and opposite those of conventional aircraft

Preferred control techniques

- flight path corrections with thrust vector, speed control with attitude
- constant vector angle through flare, with thrust increase to augment flare with attitude change

Pilot ratings given the basic airplane for the task of a straight-in, constant speed approach under VFR conditions are tabulated below.

| | Pilot Rating | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Control Task | A | В | C | | | |
| Pitch attitude control | 3.5 | 4-4.5 | 3 . 5 -4 | | | |
| Flight path control | | | | | | |
| - with thrust | 5 | | 3•5 | | | |
| - with thrust vectoring | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | |
| Approach in turbulence (overall rating) | | | 3•5 | | | |
| \sigma g = 3 ft/s | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

The ratings reflect the pilots objection to the work load associated with attitude control and their preference for thrust vector control of flight path. While only one pilot rating was obtained for an approach in turbulence, this rating reflects the general consensus among pilots that the level of turbulence used during the simulation did not sufficiently disturb the aircraft longitudinally to add materially to the pilot's work load.

Pitch Attitude Stabilization and Command Augmentation

To improve control of pitch attitude and to provide attitude stabilization for unattended operation, an attitude stabilization and command augmentation system was incorporated in the longitudinal control system. To mechanize the attitude stabilization and command features, a power actuator was used to drive the elevator through the existing mechanical controls, including the spring tab. A block diagram of the system is shown in Fig. 10. Elevator-spring tab dynamics are described by the elevator hinge moment equation

$$\delta_{e} = -\dot{q}_{B} + H\dot{s}_{e} * \dot{\delta}_{e} - \omega_{e}^{2} * \delta_{e} + A_{e} * \delta_{e}$$

where

$$H_{\delta_{e}} = -.332 \, \bar{q} \qquad \qquad \bar{q} = 1/2 \, \rho V^{2}$$

$$\omega_{e}^{2} = 2.04 \, \bar{q} + A_{e}$$

$$A_{e} = \frac{13.35 + 17.44 \, \bar{q}}{1 + .108 \, \bar{q}}$$

The elevator and SAS actuators are represented by second order transfer functions where

$$\frac{\delta e_c}{\delta e_A} = \frac{\omega_A^2}{5^2 + 2\pi \omega_A s + \omega_A^2}$$

$$\frac{\delta e_{sAS}}{\delta e_{sC}} = \frac{\omega_S^2}{5^2 + 2\pi \omega_S s + \omega_S^2}$$

$$\omega_A = \omega_S = 20 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\frac{\delta e_{sAS}}{\delta e_{sC}} = \frac{\omega_S^2}{5^2 + 2\pi \omega_S s + \omega_S^2}$$

The system can be tailored to provide pitch rate command proportional to either column position or force with pitch attitude hold when the column is neutralized or the force relaxed. Besides permitting improvement in precision of attitude control, this system reduces the pilot's workload somewhat by trimming the airplane at the desired attitude. If the gain K of the control input integrator is set to zero, the system reverts to an attitude command control in proportion to column input. By suitably adjusting the control input gains, control sensitivity can be tailored to the pilot's preference.

A comparison of the pitch control characteristics of the basic aircraft with a typical pitch rate command system is given in the following table.

TABLE 1. Comparison of Pitch Control Characteristics

| Basic Aircraft | Typical Pitch Rate Command |
|--|---|
| $1/T_{sp_1} = .62 \text{ rad/sec}$ | 1/T' _{sp1} = .93 rad/sec |
| 1/T _{sp2} = 1.2 rad/sec | 1/T' _{sp2} = 2.99 rad/sec |
| ω _p = .22 rad/sec | $\omega_{p}' = .27 \text{ rad/sec}$ |
| 5 p = .15 | g' _p = .94 |
| $1/\mathbf{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_1}$ = .18 rad/sec | |
| 1/T _{e2} = .37 rad/sec | |
| θ/δ_{e}^{-} = .0425 rad/sec ² /in | $\ddot{\theta}/\delta_{c} = .064 \text{ rad/sec}^2/\text{in}$ |
| $F_s/n_z = 57.2 \text{ 10/g}$ | $F_s/n_z = 75 \text{ lb/g}$ |
| 가 들어보는 것으로 가는 그들은 사람들이 하는 것으로 가능한 것으로 가능한다. | K⊜ = 2 deg/deg |
| | K = 2 deg/deg/sec |
| | Kg = .5 deg/deg |

K; = 1.5 deg/sec/deg

Response to a step column input is presented in Figs. 11 and 12 for the pitch rate command-attitude hold system the pilots found to be most acceptable. This particular configuration has the characteristics shown in Table 1. It provides the pilot with a steady pitch rate response for a column input and good attitude stabilization when the column is centered or when no force is applied. No attitude overshoot of any consequence exists and control sensitivity is favorably increased. Attitude stabilization against trim changes induced by thrust vectoring is apparent in Fig. 13, thereby reducing the pilot's workload when using this control for flight path corrections. In Figs. 14 and 15. the system was used in conjunction with flight path control with thrust. In Fig. 14, flight path corrections were made holding attitude constant, while in Fig. 15, path corrections were made while attitude was changed to hold constant speed. In either case, the precise control of attitude required for the particular control technique is advantageous.

In the process of tailoring the rate command - attitude hold system to the various pilot's preferences, various degrees of stiffness for attitude stabilization and various control sensitivities were evaluated. The system configurations encompassed ranges shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 - Pitch Attitude Stabilization and Command Augmentation Characteristics

| Kø Kå Kå Kå | K;/l+K |
|--|--------|
| deg/deg deg/deg/sec sec. deg/deg deg/sec/deg | l/sec |
| 1.0 to 3.0 | 1.0 |

While pilot ratings were not given for every one of the combinations shown in Table 2, commentary of the four pilots participating in the program showed a definite preference for the system characteristics described in Table 1. The preference was based on control sensitivity and initial response and attitude stabilization stiffness. Ratings given for the VFR approach for the preferred attitude control system were PR 2.0 to 3.0 for operation either in smooth air or in turbulence (Gust = 3 ft/s).

Airspeed Command and Stabilization

In light of the stringent airspeed control requirements which typify STOL operations, it was also of interest to explore the influence of airspeed stabilization on speed and flight path control and its ability to reduce pilot workload during the approach and flare. With these objectives, the speed stabilization system shown in Fig. 16 was incorporated in the simulation.

The system functioned through feedback of airspeed, longitudinal acceleration and pitch attitude to the Pegasus nozzles. Because of the nozzle location below the aircraft's center of gravity attitude stabilization was activated when the speed stabilization mode was operating in order to stabilize the otherwise divergent pitch response of the speed stabilization system.

TABLE 3. Longitudinal Control Characteristics

Comparison - Effects of Speed Stabilization

| Basic A | ircraft | | | Command ilization |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1/T _{sp} 1 | = .62 rad/sec | 1/T" _{sp} 1 | = | 1.10 rad/sec |
| 1/T _{sp2} | = 1.2 rad/sec | 1/T"sp ₂ | - | 2.94 rad/sec |
| $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\mathtt{p}}$ | = .22 rad/sec | 1/T'p ₁ | = | .39 rad/sec |
| 5 p | = .15 | 1/T'p2 | = | .81 rad/sec |
| 1/T _h | = .06 rad/sec | 1/T'h | = | .76 rad/sec |
| 1/T e 1 | = .18 rad/sec | ယမ် | = | .68 rad/sec |
| | | 36 | = | •99 |
| | | $K_{\mathbf{u}}$ | = | 9 deg/ft/sec |
| | | K. | = | 0 |
| | | КӨ | 7 | 0 |
| Ŷ/e | =43 deg/deg | % /e | - | .8 deg/deg |
| *// | = .18 deg/kt | 8/٧ | = | - 2.1 deg/kt |
| V/0 . | = 2.5 kt/deg | √,θ | - | 38 kt/deg |

The speed control system functions to stabilize flight path response to changes in attitude as well as to reduce speed excursion associated with path and attitude changes. Short term flight path response to attitude changes is also more rapid when speed is stabilized. These characteristics are apparent in Fig. 17 and 18. Flight path corrections were made with the longitudinal control in Fig. 17, while in Fig. 18, path corrections were made with thrust. Note that the adverse speed changes with thrust associated with the basic aircraft are no longer present. However, the changes in flight path made at constant attitude still involve significant changes in angle of attack, and hence the concerns regarding operating margin from the stall associated with power management for the basic aircraft continue to exist.

A typical landing approach time history with the attitude and speed stabilization systems operating is shown in Fig. 19. For this approach, the longitudinal control was used exclusively for flight path control and flare.

Pilot ratings given for the preferred attitude and speed control configurations on the VFR approach were PR 2.0 in smooth air and 2.5 to 3.5 in 3 ft/s rms turbulence. The applicable control technique for these ratings was path control with attitude.

Longitudinal-Vertical Force- Pitching Moment Coupling

Effects of coupling on thrust control

A number of configurations were evaluated which possessed various degrees of coupling between the longitudinal and vertical forces and pitching moment associated with thrust control. Since the dominant influence of thrust, so far as powered lift is concerned, is in vertical force, the test configurations are defined in terms of the incremental amounts of longitudinal force and pitching moment produced for an increment in vertical force. These configurations are listed in Table 4 and are displayed in Fig. 20 along with the characteristics associated with various ranges of configurations. Variations in the ratio of longitudinal to vertical force produced by a given change in thrust were obtained by inclining the thrust vector for the trim flight condition. The ratio of pitching moment to vertical force was altered by changing the longitudinal thrust line offset.

Thrust vector inclination - Some effective forward inclination of the thrust vector ($X_{\delta_{7}}/Z_{\delta_{7}}$ negative) was found to be desirable for use of thrust to control flight path. This favorable coupling served to reduce the speed excursions to which the pilot objected for the basic aircraft. Fig. 21 shows the response to a step thrust increase for thrust inclination $X_{\delta_{7}}/Z_{\delta_{7}} = -.064$ ($\delta_{7}=76.4$ deg).

TABLE 4 - Thrust Control Coupling Configurations

| ran en | | | | | | | a | |
|--|------|---------|-----|---------------------|------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Config. | δų | | δţ | × _y ē | N/IO | X&T Z&T | M _d Z _d | ₹ _{ŚŢ} |
| | deg. | lbs. | deg | | | | rad/ft. | ft/sec ² /lb |
| Basic Aircraft | 87.7 | 7160 | 65. | 024 | •23 | .0164 | .0008 | 0018 |
| $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{L}}$ | 90. | 7520 | | 0. | 0. | .0333 | .00096 | |
| 2 | | | | .08 | | | 00143 | |
| 3 | | | | 08 | | | .00335 | |
| 4 | | | | 16 | | | .00572 | |
| 5 | | 1 | l V | 24 | | | .0081 | |
| 6 | 76.4 | 6440 | 75 | 16 | | 064 | .00558 | |
| 7 | ŀ | | | 08 | | | .00333 | |
| 8 | | | | 0 | | | .00105 | |
| 9 | | | | .08 | | | 0012 | |
| 1Ö | 60. | 5190 | | 024 | .23 | 15 | 0023 | 002 |

When compared to the basic aircraft response to a similar input in Fig. 4 the reduced speed excursion is apparent. A side effect of the forward vector inclination which adversely influenced path control was the reduced thrust level required to stabilize the aircraft on the -7.5 deg. 60 kt flight path. Particularly for the configuration with $\mathbf{v} = 60$ deg. ($\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{v}}} / \mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{v}}} = -.15$) the increase in thrust response time lags associated with the low thrust setting made precise flight path corrections more difficult. In addition, not enough incremental thrust was available to satisfactorily correct for offsets above glide slope. Furthermore, at the lower power settings, the sileron blowing coefficients were reduced sufficiently to seriously degrade lateral control.

In conclusion, considering the favorable and adverse characteristics of thrust inclination, its net effect on flight path control with thrust was negligible. It may be noted, however, that if longitudinal-vertical force coupling were accomplished by interconnecting the thrust and thrust vector controls, the undesirable consequences of thrust inclination could be avoided and a more favorable tailoring of the thrust control for flight path could be achieved.

Thrust line offset - Coupling of thrust and pitching moment can be expected to affect the speed response associated with flight path corrections due to the changes in trim contributed by the path control. A range of pitch coupling configurations were explored for two levels of thrust vector inclination (Table 4 and Fig. 20). In general, forward offset of the thrust line from the c.g. tended to exaggerate speed excursions accompanying changes in thrust. Some aft thrust line effect was found to improve speed control. Too much offset forced the pilot to control excessive attitude excursions and thereby again increased the pilot's control workload. Figs. 22 to 24 present responses to thrust inputs for a range of configurations tested at δ_{ν} = 90 deg. ($\lambda_{\delta_{\tau}}/\mathbf{z}_{\delta_{\tau}}$ = .033). Fig. 22 corresponds closely to the basic aircraft. Fig. 23 represents the extreme forward offset condition, and Fig. 24 represents a large aft offset condition. No longitudinal control was applied by the pilot in any of these cases. Fig. 25 and 26 show landing approach time histories for the forward and aft offset configurations respectively. Thrust was used to control flight path in both instances while attitude was used for speed control as the situation required. Smaller speed excursions and less longitudinal control activity are apparent in the aft offset configuration of Fig. 26 as compared to the forward offset configuration of Fig. 25.

Figure 27 shows an approach for a forward offset configuration in combination with forward tilt of the thrust vector. In comparison of Fig. 21, speed and attitude excursions are again observed to be greater for the forward thrust line offset condition.

Effects of coupling on thrust vector control

The dominant effect of thrust vectoring appears as a change in longitudinal force, hence the test configurations in this sequence are defined in terms of the incremental vertical force and pitching moment produced for an increment in longitudinal force. These configurations are listed in Table 5 and are displayed in Fig. 28 along with comments descriptive of the characteristics of the various ranges of configuration.

Thrust vector inclination - Inclination of the thrust vector over a range corresponding to trim Pegasus nozzle deflections from \checkmark = 60 to 90 deg. had no apparent effect on control coupling so far as the pilots were concerned. For nozzle deflections of ± 20 deg. the increment in vertical acceleration was low enough to have an insignificant influence on flight path or speed (Δn_3 = .028 g's for $\Delta \nu$ = -20 deg at the \checkmark = 60 deg. condition). However, the reduced level of thrust at the more forward vector inclinations made the vector control less effective and hence not as useful to the pilot as a path controller.

TABLE 5. Thrust Vector Control Coupling Configurations

| Config. | δη | δ _T | δţ | X _V | 3v 2 | Zsv Xsv | Mov X sv | Xev |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | deg | lbs | deg | | | | deg/ft | ft/sec ² /deg |
| Basic . Aircraft 11 12 13 14 15 16 | 87.7 90. 76.4 | 7160. 7520. 6440. 5190. | 75. | 024 0. 6 024 024 | | .0424 0.0 .257 .615 | .0153 0.0 .016 .032 0.0 .0157 | 09 ⁴ 101083059 |

Thrust line offset - Again, due to the changes in speed accompanying trim changes associated with pitch coupling, the vertical offset of the Pegasus nozzles from the c.g. influenced the pilot's ability to use thrust vectoring as a path control. The series of configurations only encompassed nozzle locations below the c.g. $(M_{\delta \gamma}/X_{\delta \gamma})$ positive as indicated in Fig. 28). The pilots found some positive pitch coupling to be desirable in that the aircraft's attitude led in the direction of the intended path correction. Although some longitudinal control was required to counter the trim change in order to hold speed, the control force levels were innocuous to the pilots for the level of pitch coupling associated with the basic aircraft (F_s / f_v = .2 lb/deg). At the highest level of pitch coupling tested ($M_{\delta \gamma}/X_{\delta \gamma} = .032$) the longitudinal control necessary to trim became objectionable. In Fig. 29, an example of response to a step change in thrust vector for an uncoupled control configuration is shown. Essentially no change in speed with the change in flight path is apparent. By contrast, an approach for the configuration having the greatest pitch coupling is shown in Fig. 30. In this case, some longitudinal control was required to maintain the desired approach speed. Sustained column forces did not exceed 5 lbs during the approach prior to flare.

Recovery from Engine Failure

Considerable evaluation of the behavior of the basic aircraft following a single engine failure and development of suitable control techniques for recovery has been accomplished during previous simulator investigations at Ames. Results of these tests are anticipated to be published shortly. It was of interest during the current phase of testing to determine the effects, favorable and unfavorable, of the selected attitude and speed stabilization systems on engine out recovery.

In summary, the basic aircraft's initial response to the loss of one engine consists of:

- an immediate increase in sink rate
- an increase in airspeed
- some roll and very little yaw prior to configuration change

If the landing is to be continued, the pilot increases thrust on the remaining engine and vectors the nozzle aft to re-establish the glide slope. Speed is maintained at or slightly above 60 knots.

Lateral and directional controls are used to counter rolling and vawing moments due to nozzle deflection and due to increased thrust on the remaining engine. Acceptable landings can be made if sufficient altitude is available to arrest the increased sink rate.

A typical single out landing is shown in Fig. 31. Engine out waveoffs are performed by increasing thrust, vectoring the nozzle full aft,

and raising the flaps to 30 deg. Speed is allowed to increase to 75-80 kts for best climb performance. Typical altitude losses during recovery are 100-150 ft. in excess of those experienced during a normal two engine waveoff. A time history of an engineout landing with the attitude and speed stabilization systems engaged is shown in Fig. 32. Whatever improvement exists over the basic aircraft lies in part with the precise attitude control and the ability of the pilot to have the airplane in more precise control on the approach prior to the engine failure. stabilization has the unfavorable characteristic upon failure of an engine of rotating the nozzles forward (vectoring the remaining hot thrust aft) to counter the increase in airspeed which follows the loss of powered lift. Sink rate increases even more as a result of the nozzle response until the pilot can counter with increased thrust. If the landing is to be continued, the speed hold at 60 kts can ultimately aid the pilot as soon as sufficient thrust is applied to regain the glide slope. If a wave off is to be made, the pilot must have either the capability to override the nozzle command from the speed control system or the ability to quickly and precisely select the desired climb speed of 75-80 kts. Given this capability, the speed hold system can assist the pilot in establishing his climb condition and thereby relieve some of his work load.

CONCLUSIONS

Considering the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory control of pitch attitude, flight path, and airspeed typical of powered lift STOL aircraft, this simulator investigation has provided an indication of improvements which can be made in the aircraft's attitude, thrust, and thrust vector controls to make the aircraft more acceptable to the pilot for the STOL approach and landing. The results relate to:

- stability and command augmentation for attitude and airspeed control
- longitudinal and vertical force and pitching moment coupling associated with the thrust and thrust vector controls
- impact of stability and command augmentation on recovery from a single engine failure

Specific conclusions regarding each of these categories are:

Attitude Stabilization and Command Augmentation

- improves precision and speed of response for attitude changes
- improves control sensitivity
- stabilizes against trim changes and external disturbances
- pitch rate command preferred over attitude command to relieve pilot's trimming workload

Airspeed Stabilization

- stabilizes flight path response to attitude changes
- provides more rapid flight path response to attitude changes
- reduces speed excursions associated with path and attitude changes
- reduces speed changes with thrust

Thrust Control Coupling

- forward thrust vector inclination (negative $X_{\delta_{1}}/Z_{\delta_{1}}$) preferred in order to reduce speed changes when controlling flight path with thrust
- adverse effects of forward vector inclination associated with lower trim thrust can be avoided by interconnecting thrust and thrust vectoring controls to achieve desired coupling
- thrust line aft of c.g. preferred in order to provide pitch coupling (positive $M_{S_7}/\frac{7}{24}$) to reduce speed excursions when controlling path with thrust

Thrust Vector Control Coupling

- thrust vector inclination with respect to the vertical of 30 degrees
 has only minor influence on flight path control with thrust vectoring
 (reduced thrust reduces effectiveness of vectoring for flight
 corrections)
- some nozzle offset below the c.g. (positive $M_{\delta_V}/\chi_{\delta_V}$) preferred for vector control of path

Engine Out Recovery - Stability and Command Augmentation On

- attitude and speed stabilization effective in permitting precise control of attitude and speed prior to engine failure and helpful in recovery to a satisfactory flight condition following the initial transients.
- response of speed control to transients following engine failure adversely affect flight path control by increasing rate of descent
- pilot must be provided with the capability to override nozzle commands from the speed stabilization system and the ability to select a new commanded airspeed quickly and precisely

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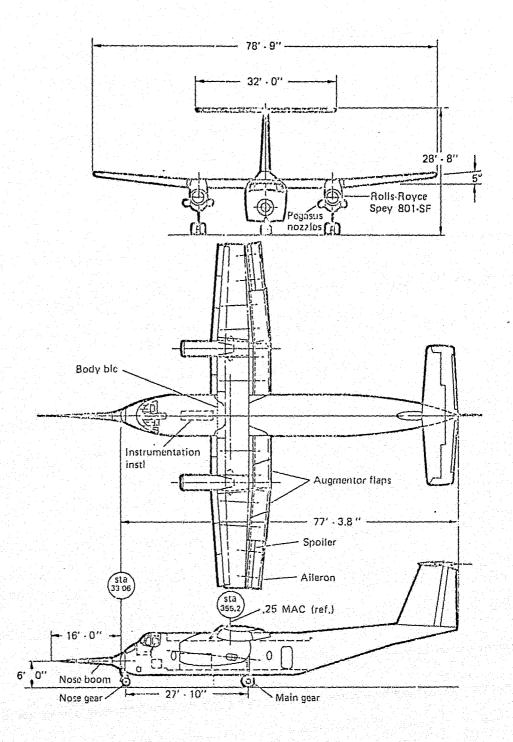


Fig. la Augmentor Wing Jet STOL Research Aircraft

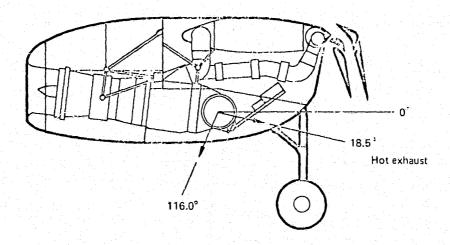


Fig. 1b Rolls Royce Spey 801 SF Engine and Pegasus Nozzle Arrangement

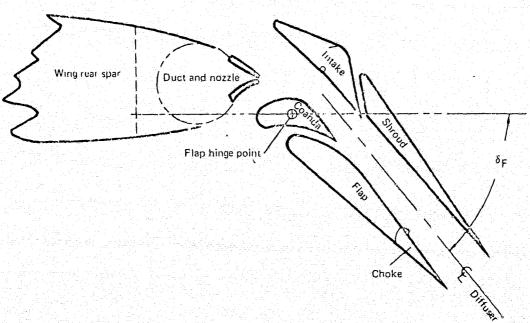


Fig. lc Augmentor Flap

Weights

| Maximum Gross | 45,000 lbs. |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Maximum Landing | 43,000 lbs. |
| Operational Empty | 32,600 lbs. |

Inertias (Maximum Gross Weight)

| $I_{\mathbf{x}}$ | | | 380,000 slug ft ² |
|------------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|
| l _v | | 1. 1. x 1. 1. | 207,160 slug ft ² |
| 1, | | | 552,610 slug ft ² |

Center of Gravity Limits (Horizontal tail incidence of 0°, 40,000 lbs.)

| Forward | | 24.0% MAC |
|---------|--|-----------|
| Rear | | 33.0% MAC |

Areas

| Wing area, total including ailerons flaps and 111 square feet | 865 square feet |
|--|--------------------|
| of fuselage | |
| Wing flap area, projected, including ailerons aft of wing line | 187.10 square feet |
| Total aileron area aft of hinge line, including trim tab | 46.30 square feet |
| Horizontal tail area, total | 233 square feet |
| Elevator aft of hinge line | 81.5 square feet |
| Vertical tail area, total | 152 square feet |
| Rudder aft of hinge line: | |
| Fore Aller A | 30 square feet |
| Trailing | 30 square feet |

| Dimensions and General Data | | |
|--|------|------------------------------|
| Wings: | | |
| Span | | 78.75 feet |
| Root Chord | | 12.58 feet |
| Tip Chord | | 7.74 feet |
| Mean aerodynamic chord | | 12.1 feet |
| Aerofoil section | | |
| Root | NACA | 64 ₃ A417.5 (MOD) |
| Tip | NACA | 63 ₂ A615 (MOD) |
| Sweep back at 40 percent chord | | zero degrees |
| Dihedral, outer wing only | | 5.0 degrees |
| (Note: Leading edge sweep back and start 17.6 feet from plane of | | |
| Aspect ratio | | 70 |

Fig. 1d. Aircraft Characteristics

| | Ailerons: | | |
|-----|--|---|-------------------------------|
| | Span | | 11,50 feet |
| | Chord aft of hinge line | | 2.01 feet |
| | Distance from plane of symmetry to | centroid of aileron | 33.70 feet |
| • | Aerodynamic balance | | 20.0 percent |
| | Spoilers: | | |
| | - Span | | 11.30 feet |
| | Chord Manager Language | | 1.18 feet |
| | Position of hinge line percent wing c | hord (average) | 62.4 percent |
| | Flaps: | | |
| | Span | | 55,70 feet |
| | Chord aft of hinge line | | 3.2 feet |
| | Horizontal tail: | | |
| | Span | | 32.0 feet |
| | Root chord | | 8.33 feet |
| | Mean Aerodynamic Chord | | 6.25 feet |
| | Aerofoil Section: | | |
| | Root | NACA | 63 _A 214 (MOD) |
| | | | (inverted) |
| | Tip | NACA | 63-212 (MOD) |
| | | | (inverted) |
| | Sweep of leading edge | | 4.8 degrees |
| | Dihedral | | zero degrees |
| | Aspect ratio | | 4.4 |
| | Vertical tail: | | |
| | Span | | 13.60 feet |
| | Root chord | | 14.00 feet |
| | Tip chord | | 8.33 feet |
| | Mean aerodynamic chord | | 11.41 feet |
| | Airfoil section | NACA | 63 ₍₂₁₅₎ 014 (MOD) |
| | Sweep of leading edge | | 22.6 degrees |
| | Aspect ratio | | 1.2 |
| | Overall height | | 28.7 feet |
| 1 | Overall length (with probe of 16 feet) | | 93.32 feet |
| | Distance, wing MAC, 1/4C, to horizontal | tail MAC, 1/4C | 46.3 feet |
| | Distance, wing MAC, 1/4C, to vertical tai | | 43.4 feet |
| | Wing incidence angle | | +2.5 degrees |
| | Horizontal tail incidence angle (adjustable | e) | +1.0 degrees |
| (| Control Surface Deflections and Rates | | |
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| Flaps | 6 5° down to 75° down |
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| | 4°/sec extension and retraction |
| Pegasus nozzles | 18.5° to 116.0° (down from aft of aircraft) |
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| Ailerons | ±17° about +30° max droop angle |
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| Spoilers | - [Health H <mark>-50</mark> 6] 하는 10 도시 (Health Health |
| | 100°/sec |
| Augmentor Choke | 65% choke gap area closure at 75° flap |
| | deflection |
| 조익원호 클램을 더 본지를 받다. | 30°/sec |
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| | ±25° trailing segment |
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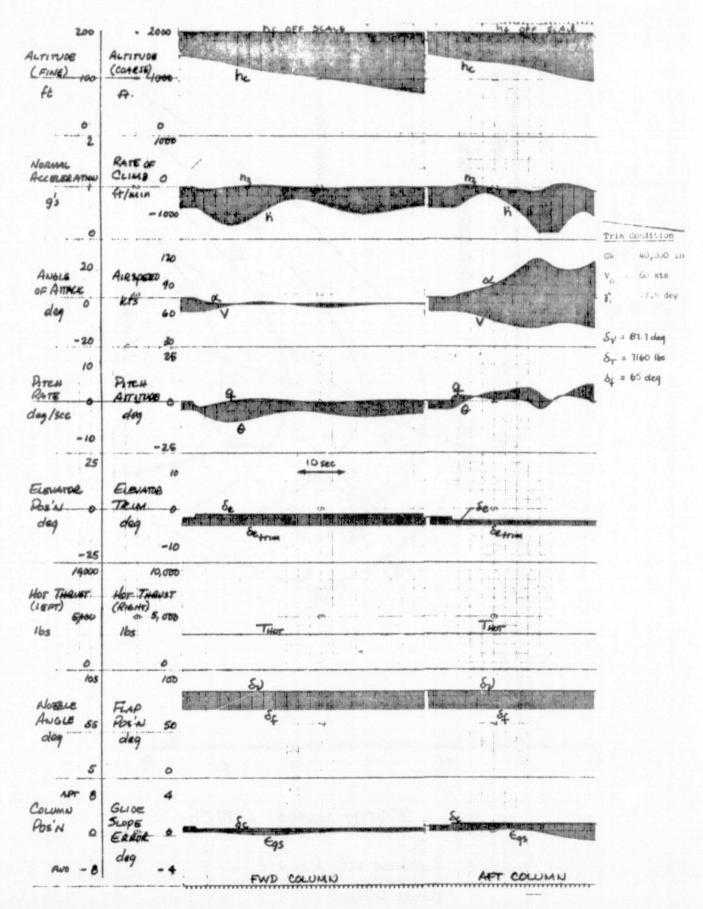


Figure 2. Longitudinal Response to a Step Column Input - Basic Augmentor Wing Aircraft

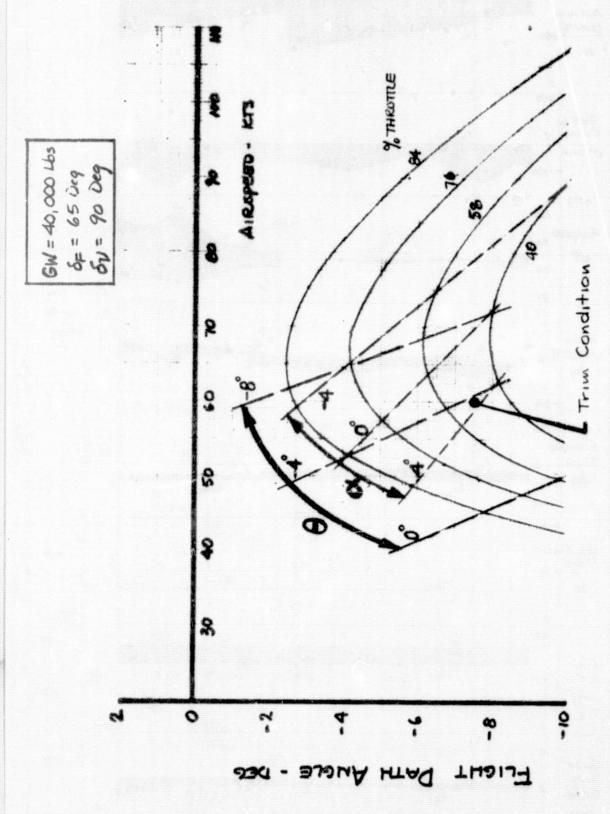


Figure 3. Augmentor Wing Aircraft
Landing Approach Performance Thrust Control

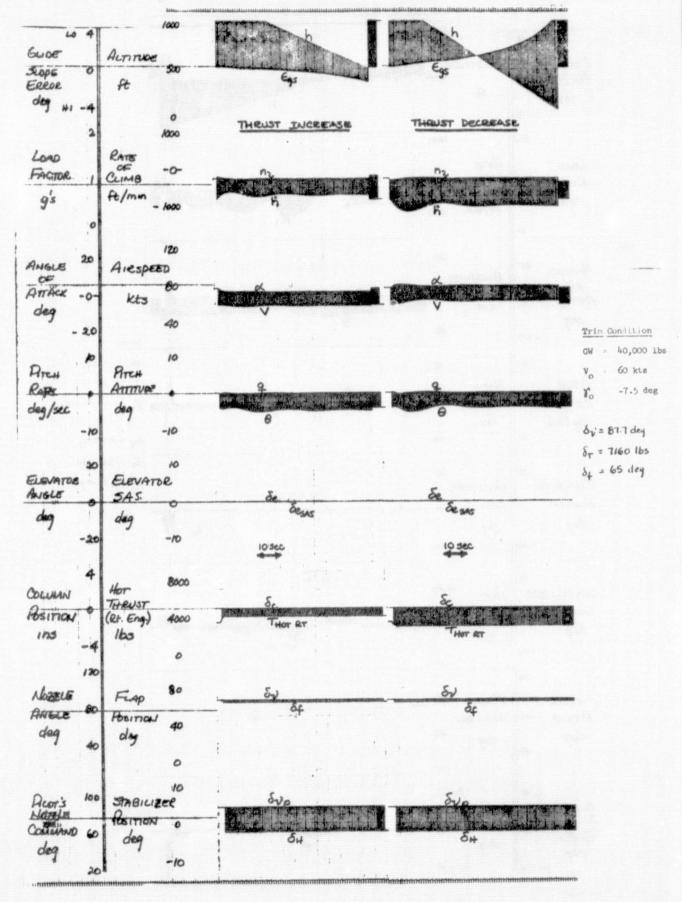


Figure 4. Longitudinal Response to a Step Thrust Change - Basic Augmentor Wing Aircraft

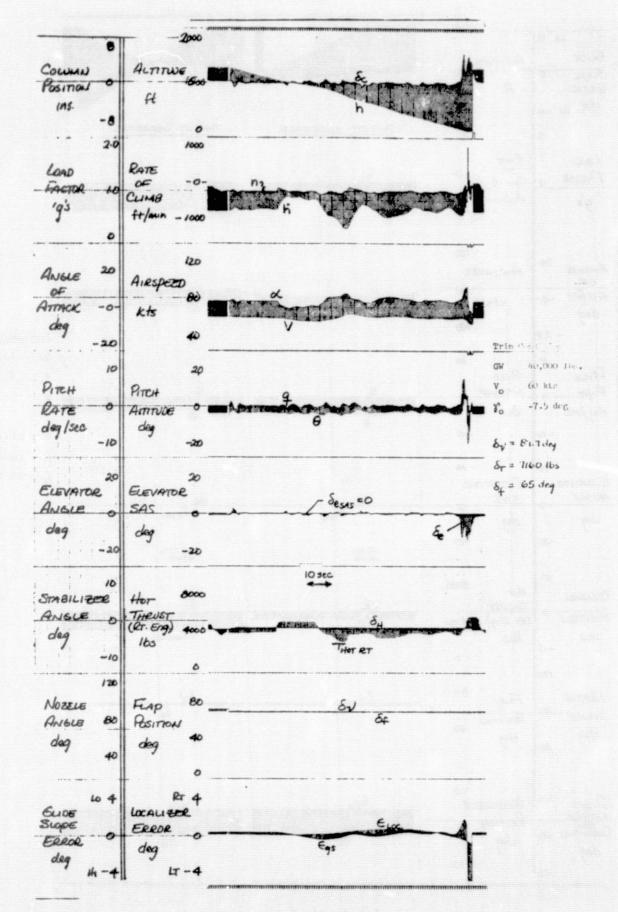


Figure 5. Landing Approach Time History for Flight Path Control with Thrust - Basic Augmentor Wing Aircraft

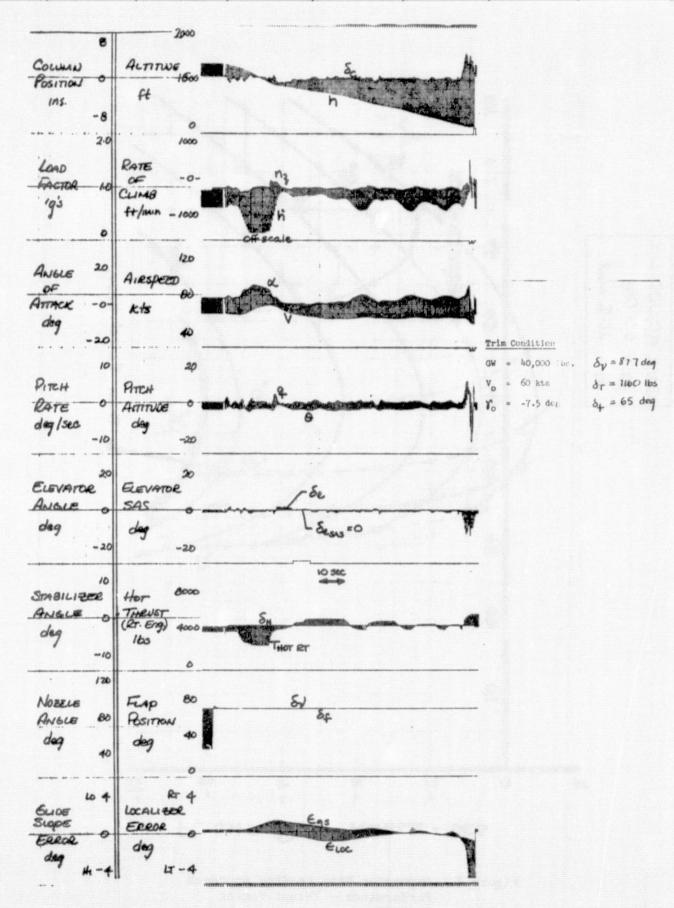


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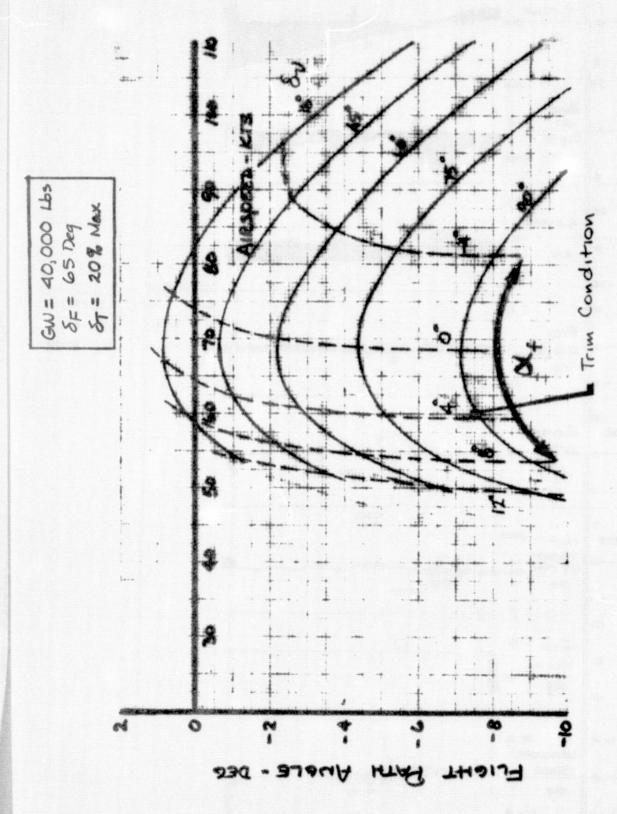


Figure 7. Augmentor Wing Landing Approach
Performance - Thrust Vector
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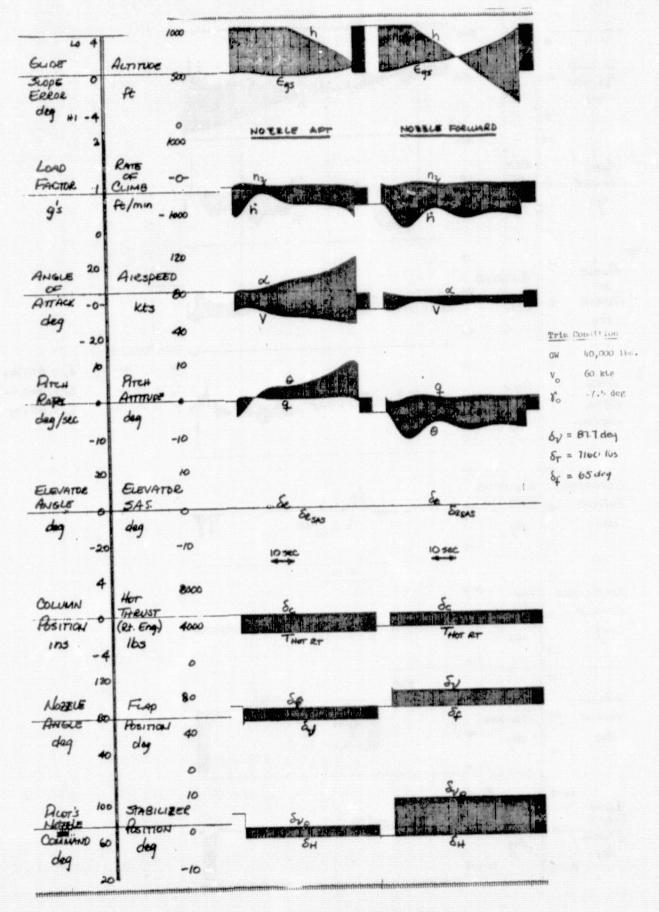


Figure 8. Longitudinal Response to a
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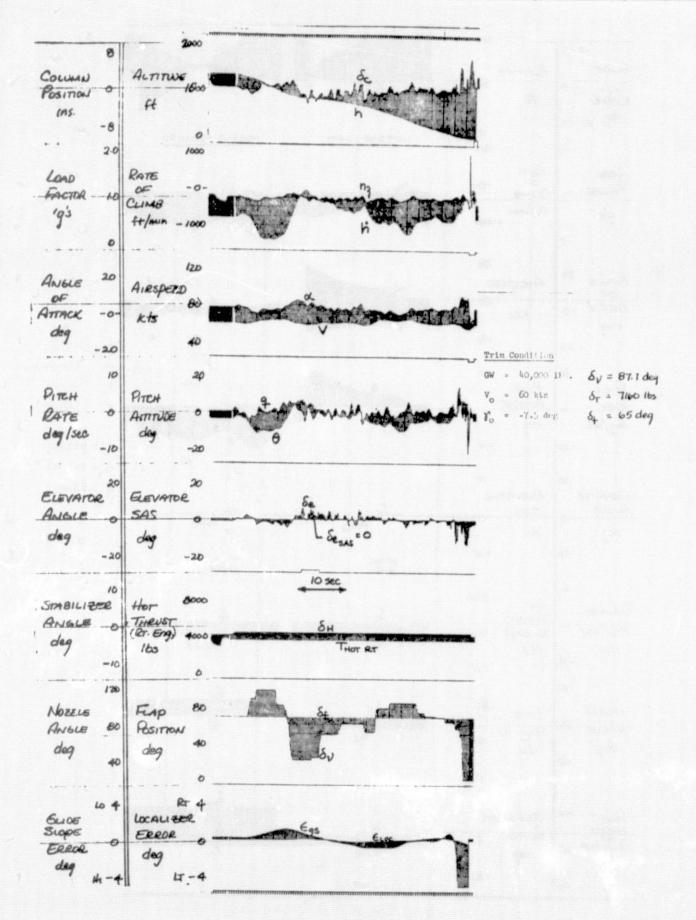


Figure 9. Landing Approach Time History for Flight Path Control with Thrust Vector - Basic Augmentor Wing Aircraft

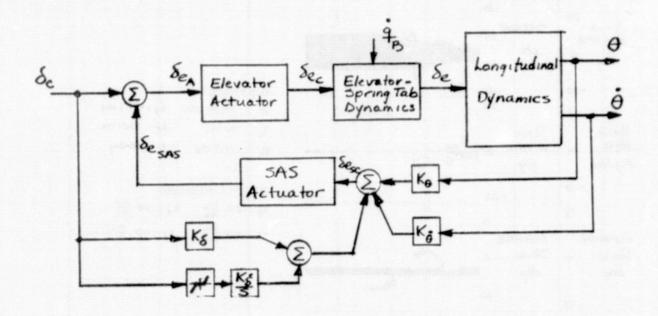


Figure 10. Block Diagram of Pitch Attitude Stabilization and Command System

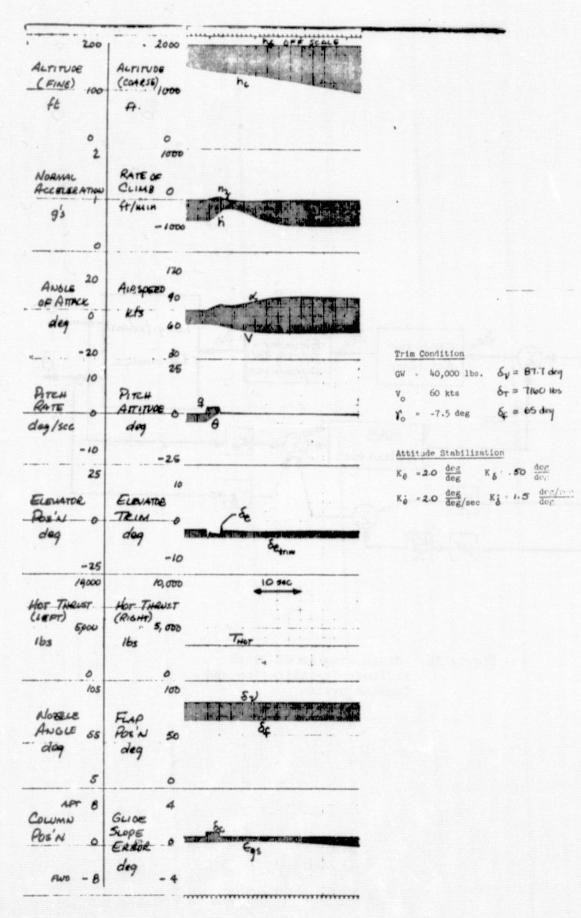


Figure 11. Longitudinal Response to a Step Column Input - Pitch Rate Command/Attitude Hold System

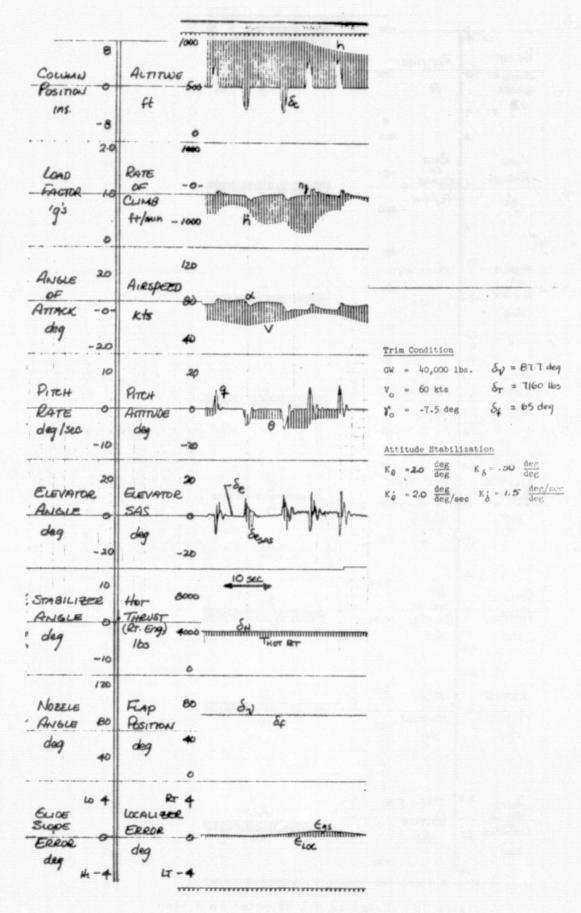


Figure 12. Attitude Changes by Pilot
Using Pitch Rate Command/Attitude
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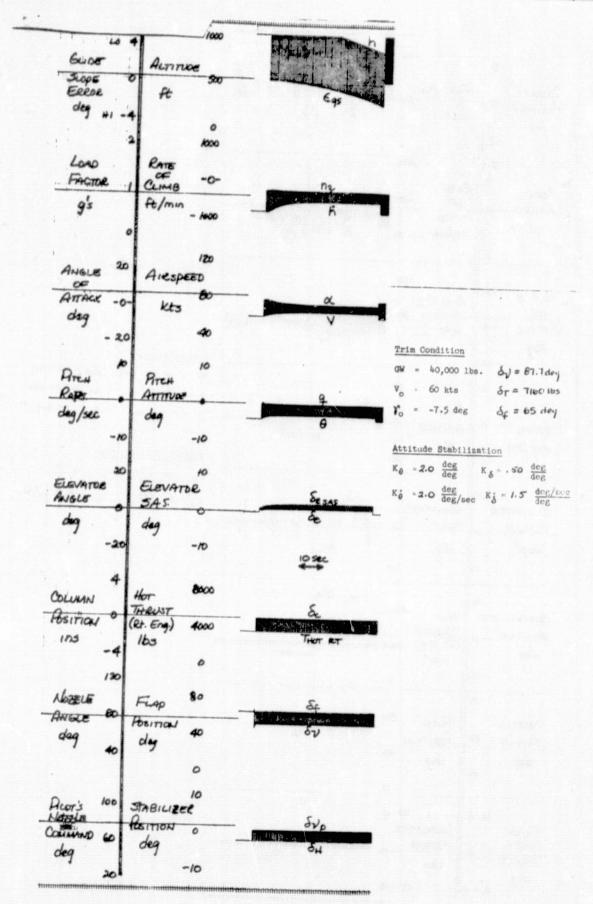


Figure 13. Longitudinal Response to a Step Thrust Vector Change - Pitch Rate Command/Attitude Hold System

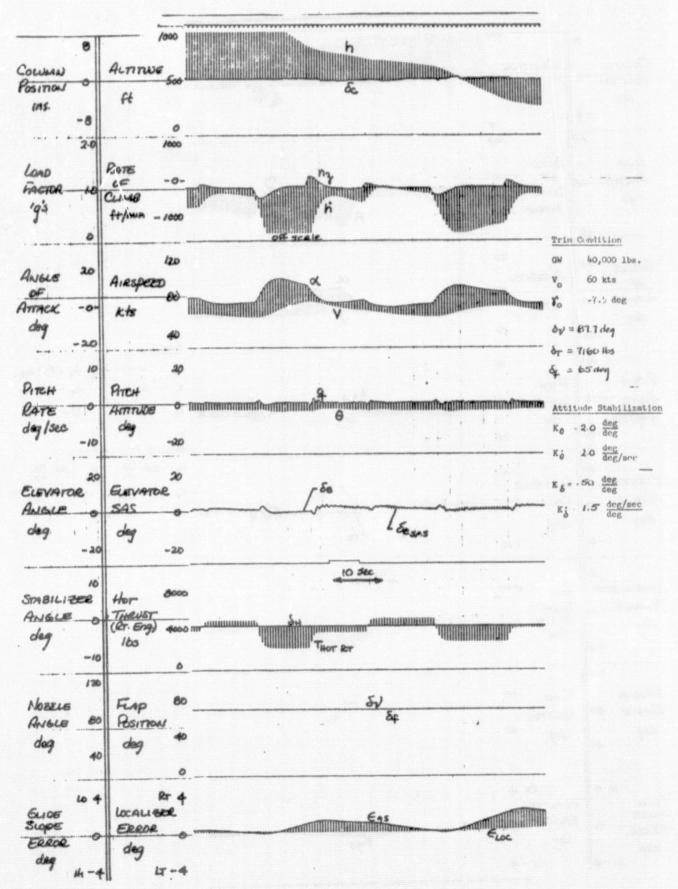


Figure 14. Flight Path Control with Thrust Pitch Rate Command/Attitude Hold System

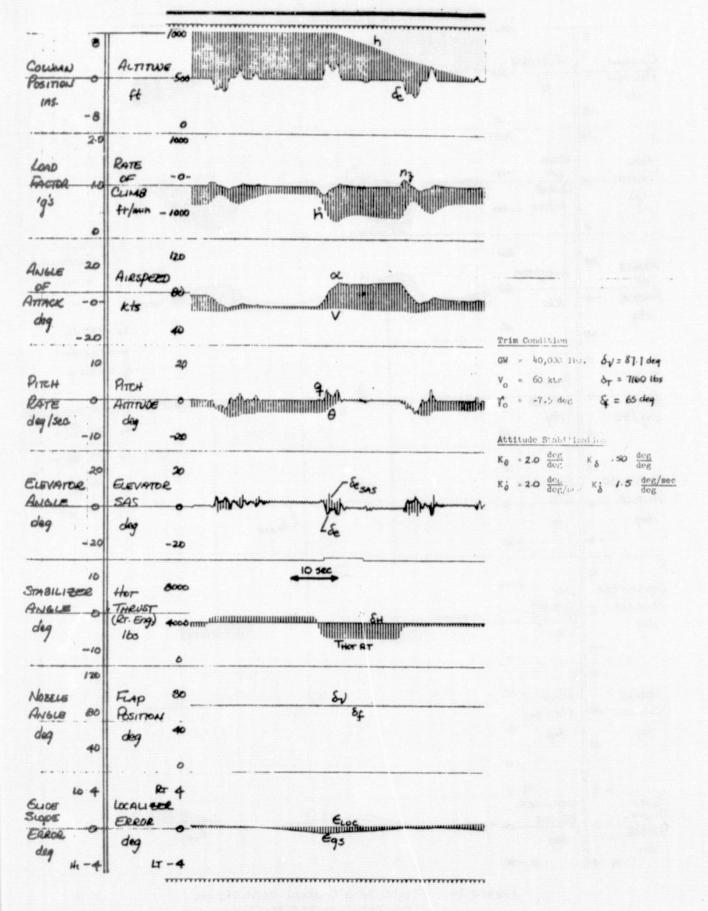


Figure 15. Flight Path Control with Thrust,
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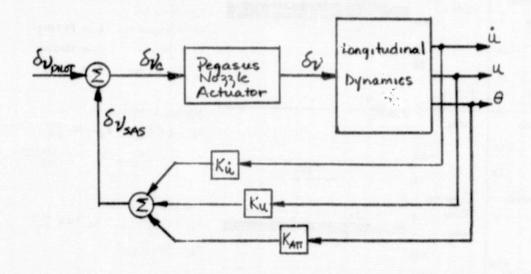


Figure 16. Block Diagram of Airspeed Stabilization System

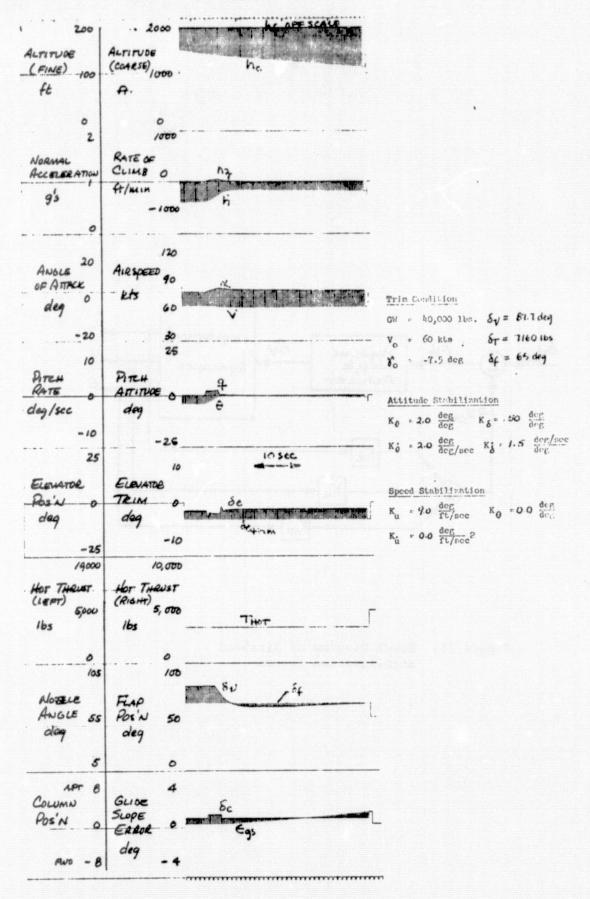


Figure 17. Longitudinal Response to a Step Column Input - Pitch Rate Command and Airspeed Stabilization Systems

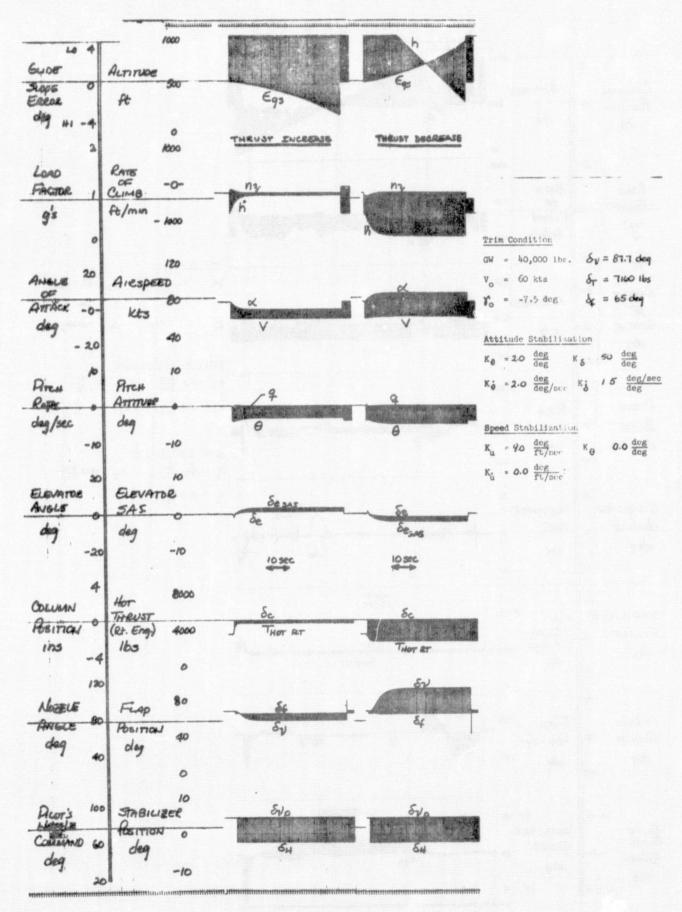


Figure 18. Longitudinal Response to a Step
Thrust Change - Pitch Rate
Command and Airspeed
Stabilization Systems

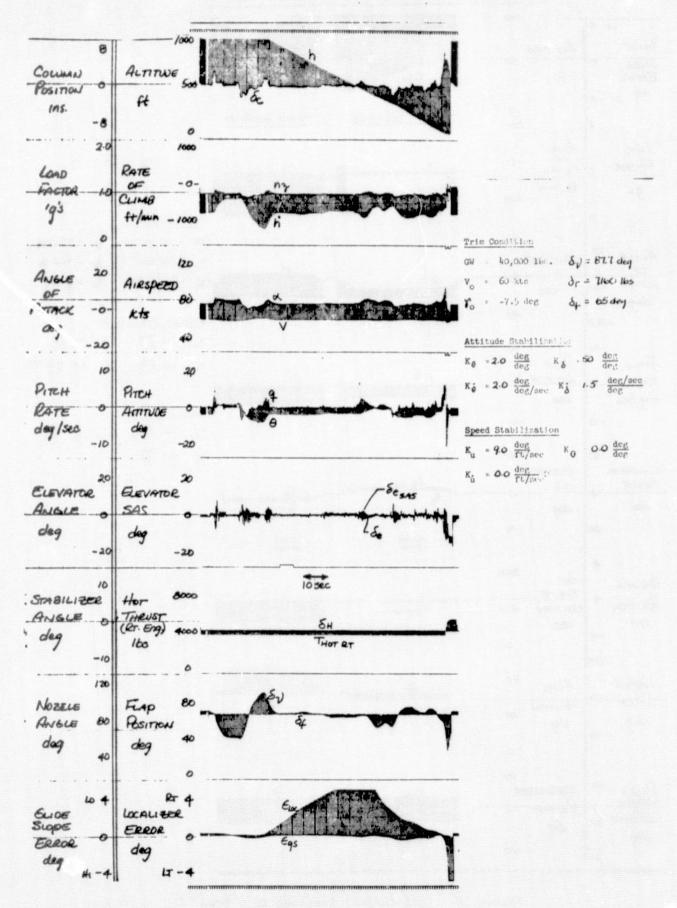
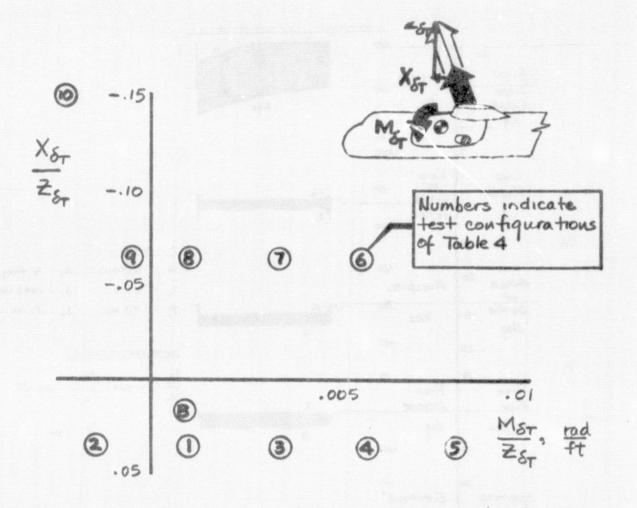


Figure 19. Landing Approach Time History Pitch Rate Command and Airspeed
Stabilization Systems



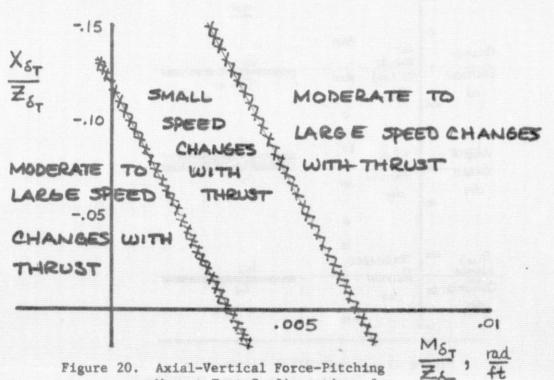


Figure 20. Axial-Vertical Force-Pitching
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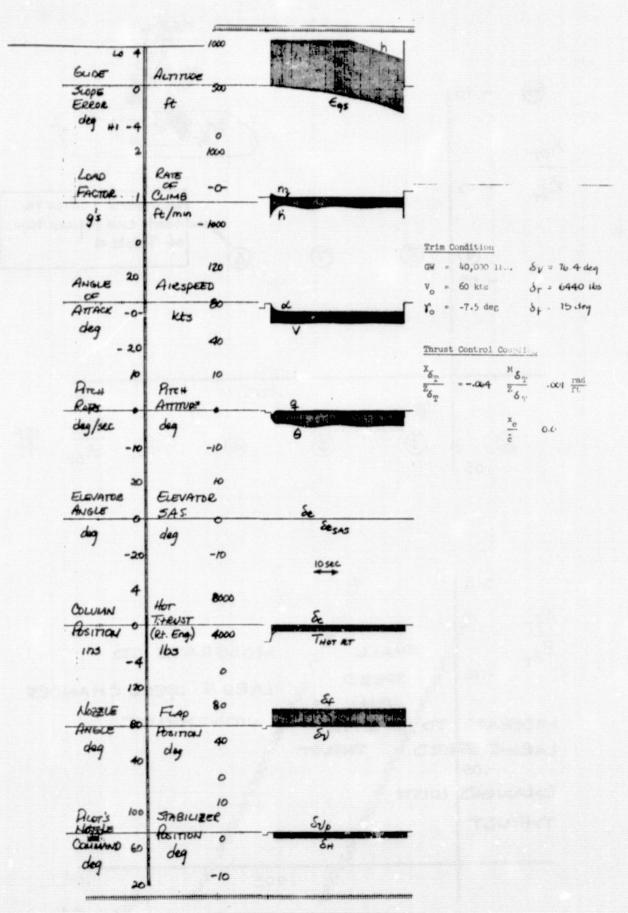


Figure 21. Longitudinal Response to Thrust Change - Configuration 8

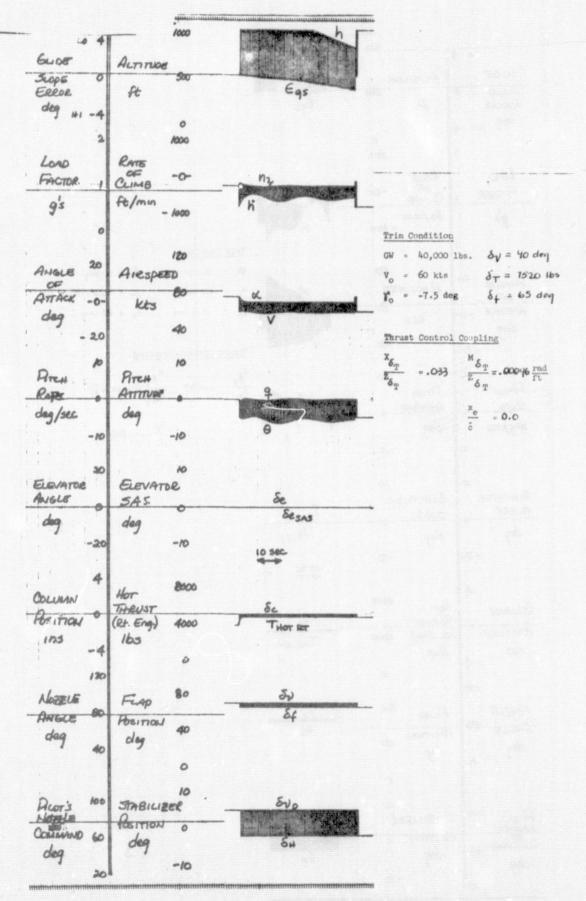


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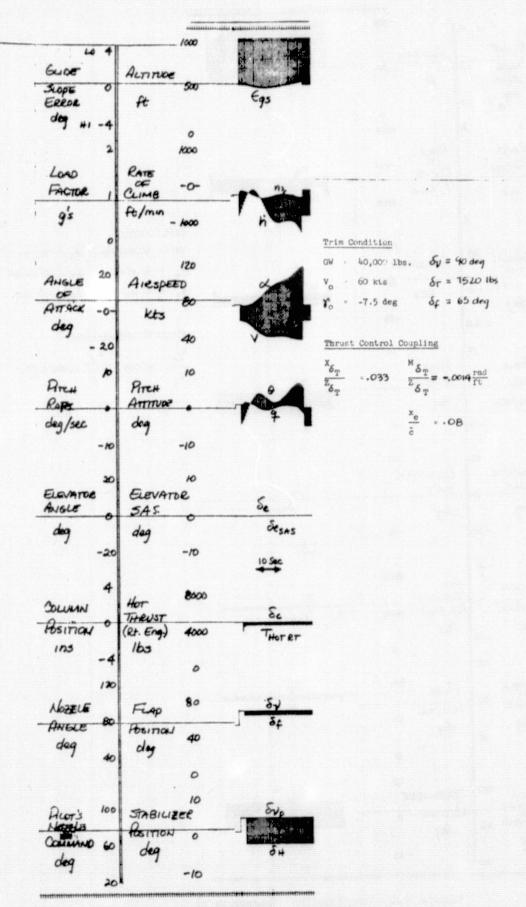


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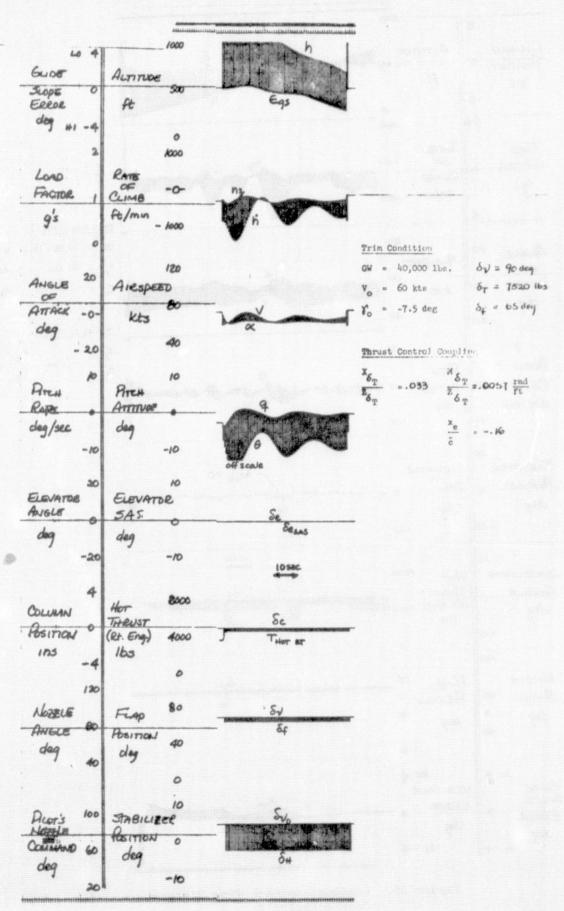


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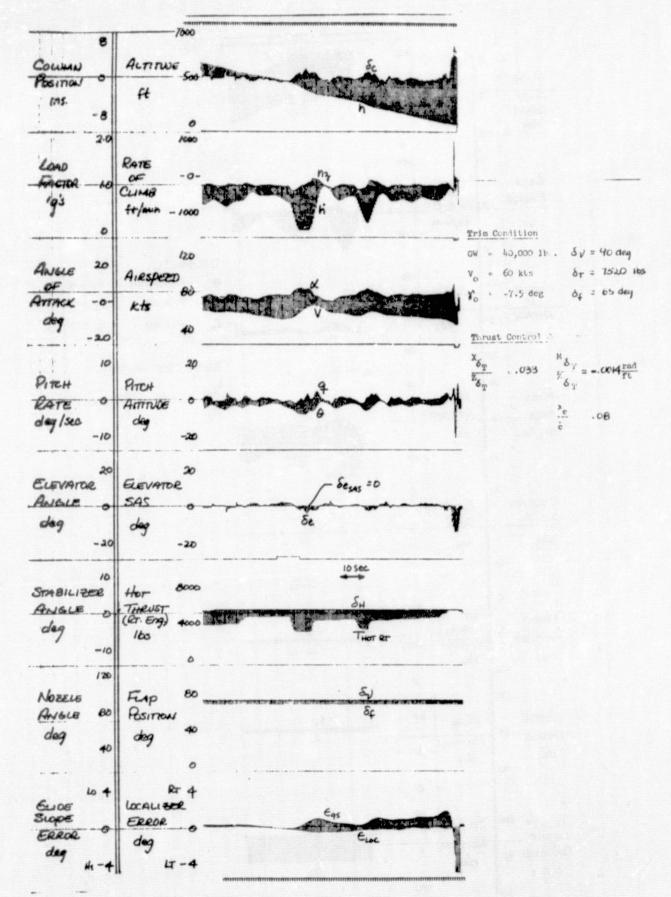


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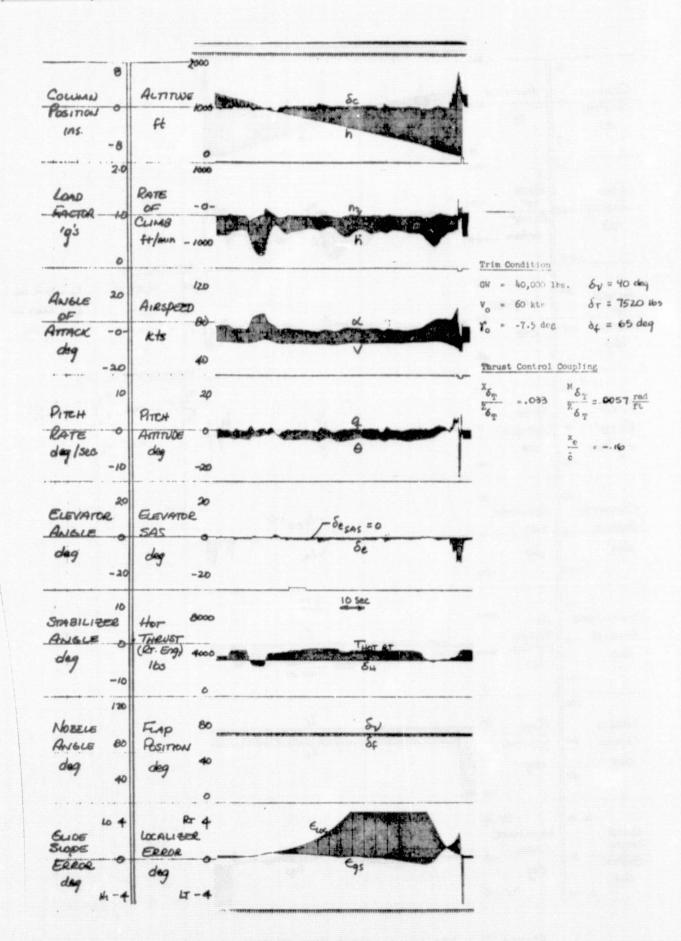


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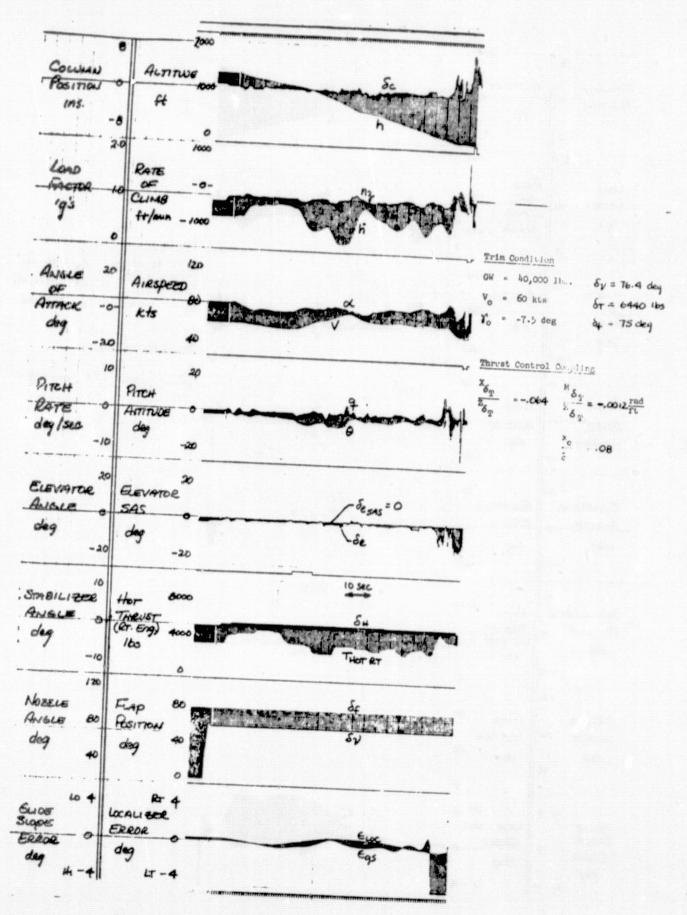
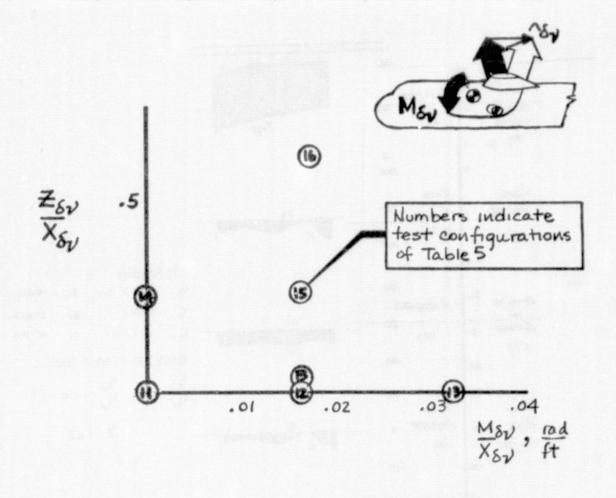


Figure 27. Landing Approach Time History - Configuration 9



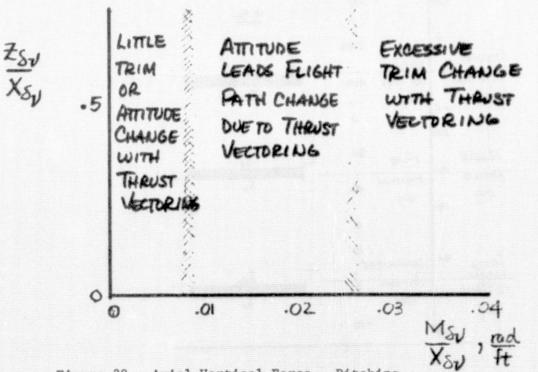


Figure 28. Axial-Vertical Force - Pitching Moment Test Configurations for Thrust Vector Control

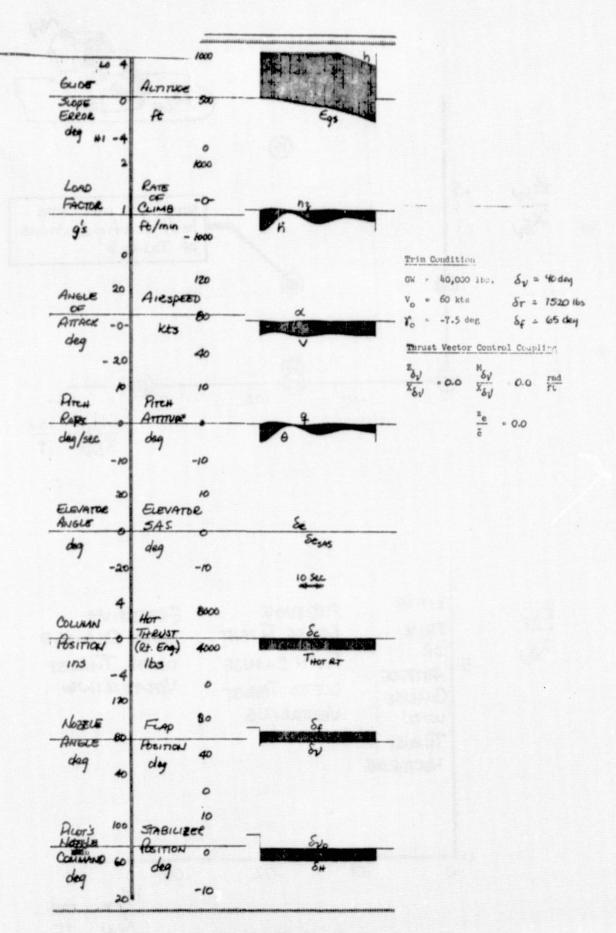


Figure 29. Longitudinal Response to a Step
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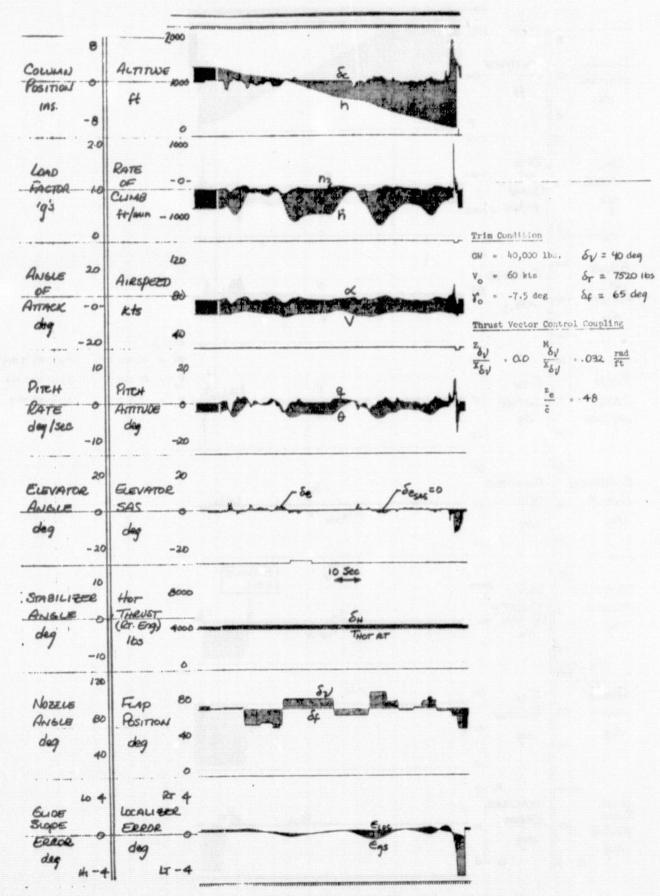


Figure 30. Landing Approach Time History Configuration 13

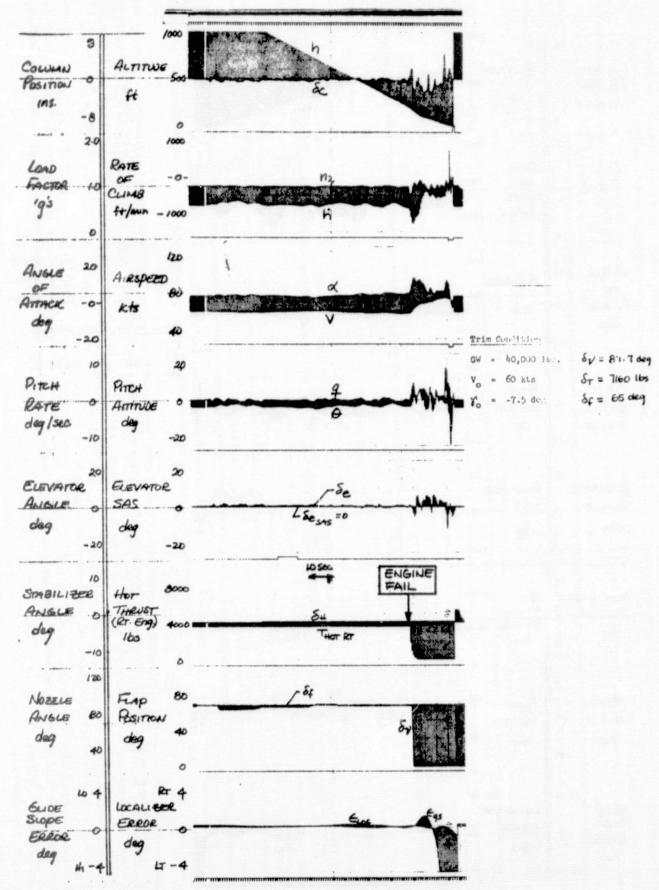


Figure 31. Time History of an Engine
Failure During Landing Approach
Basic Augmentor Wing Aircraft

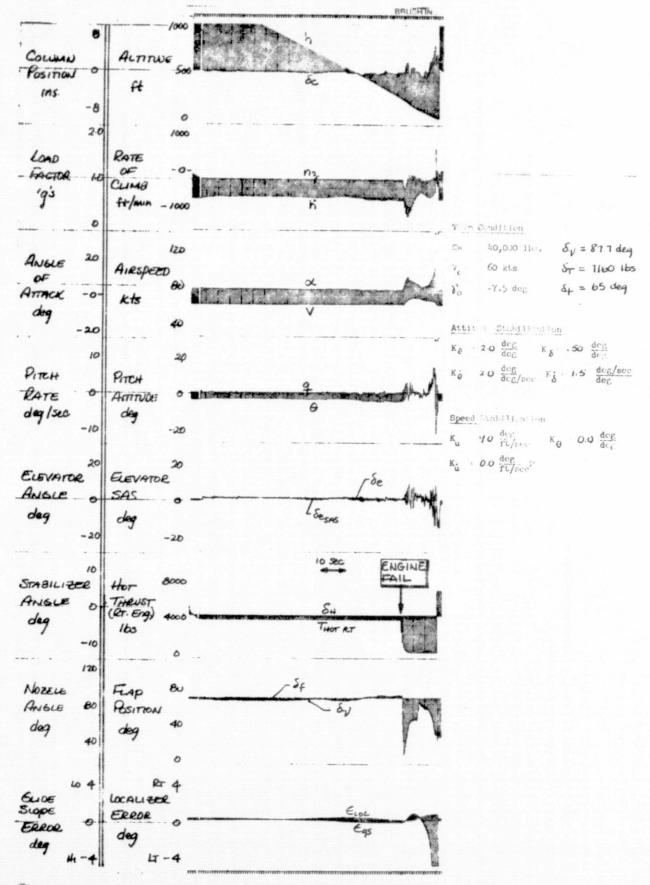


Figure 32. Time History of an Engine
Failure During Landing Approach—
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