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**An inlet system is being tested to evaluate methodologies for a turbine based combined cycle propulsion system to perform a controlled inlet mode transition. Prior to wind tunnel based hardware testing of controlled mode transitions, simulation models are used to test, debug, and validate potential control algorithms. One candidate simulation package for this purpose is the High Mach Transient Engine Cycle Code (HiTECC). The HiTECC simulation package models the inlet system, propulsion systems, thermal energy, geometry, nozzle, and fuel systems. This paper discusses the modification and redesign of the simulation package and control system to represent the NASA large-scale inlet model for Combined Cycle Engine mode transition studies, mounted in NASA Glenn's 10-foot by 10-foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel. This model will be used for designing and testing candidate control algorithms before implementation.**

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  - New model to support CCE-LIMX Experiments
- Conclusions and Future Work



# NASA Hypersonics Project

- Hypersonics Research
  - Develop tools and technologies to design and control Reusable Airbreathing Launch Vehicles (RALVs) to provide hypersonic flight through the Earth's atmosphere and create routine, airline-type access to space
  - Two-stage-to-orbit (TSTO) vehicles
    - One vehicle responsible for horizontal takeoff and acceleration to staging point.
    - Horizontal takeoff and landing enhances launch, flight and ground operability
      - Launch pad not needed
      - Flexible operations and quick turnaround time (Aircraft like operations)



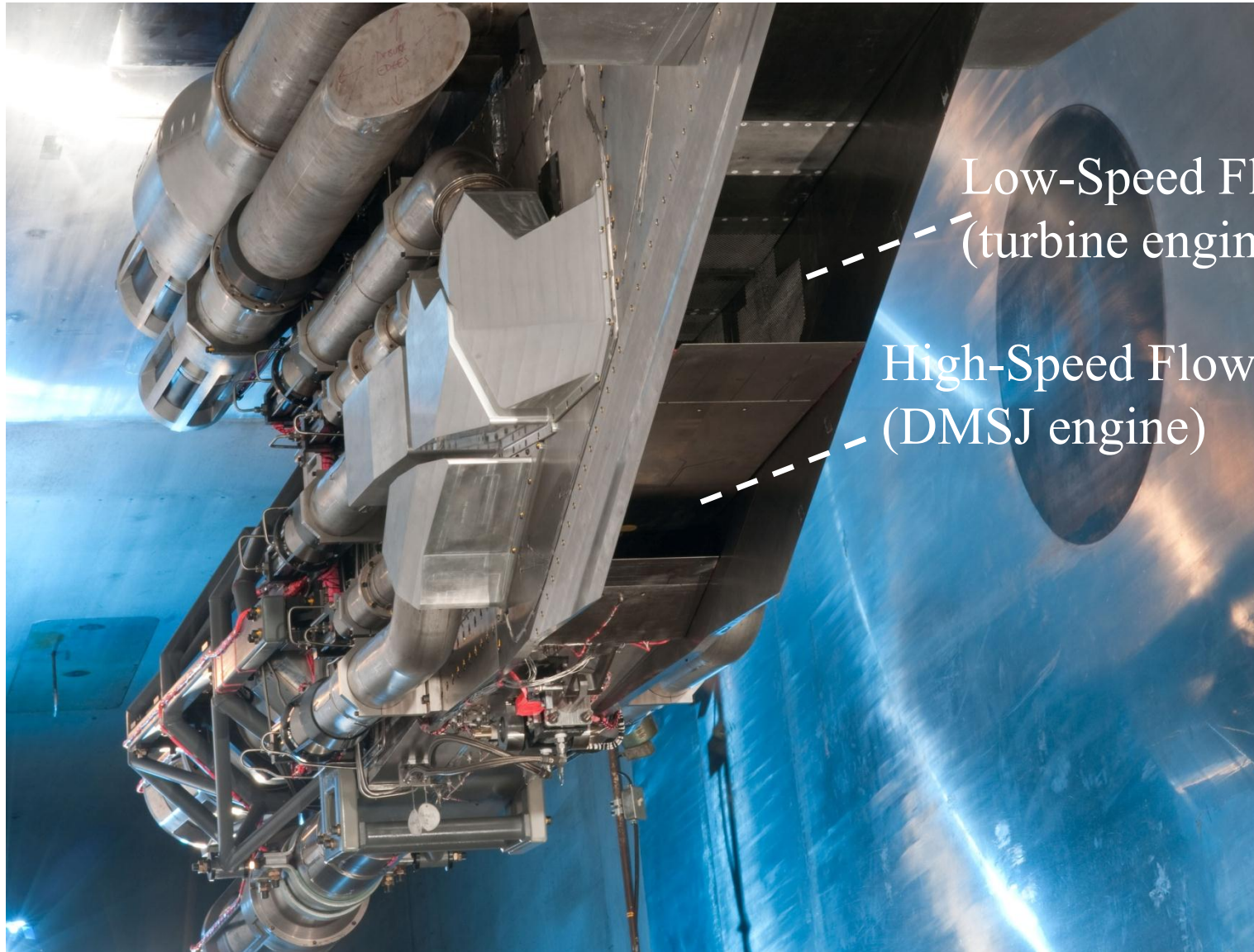
# NASA Hypersonics Project

- Turbine Based Combined Cycle (TBCC) propulsion system
  - Turbine Engine and Dual-Mode Scramjet
- Combined Cycle Engine Large-scale Inlet for Mode transition eXperiments (CCE-LIMX)
- Hardware designed and built in the NASA Glenn Research Center 10ft x 10ft Supersonic Wind Tunnel





# CCE-LIMX Model

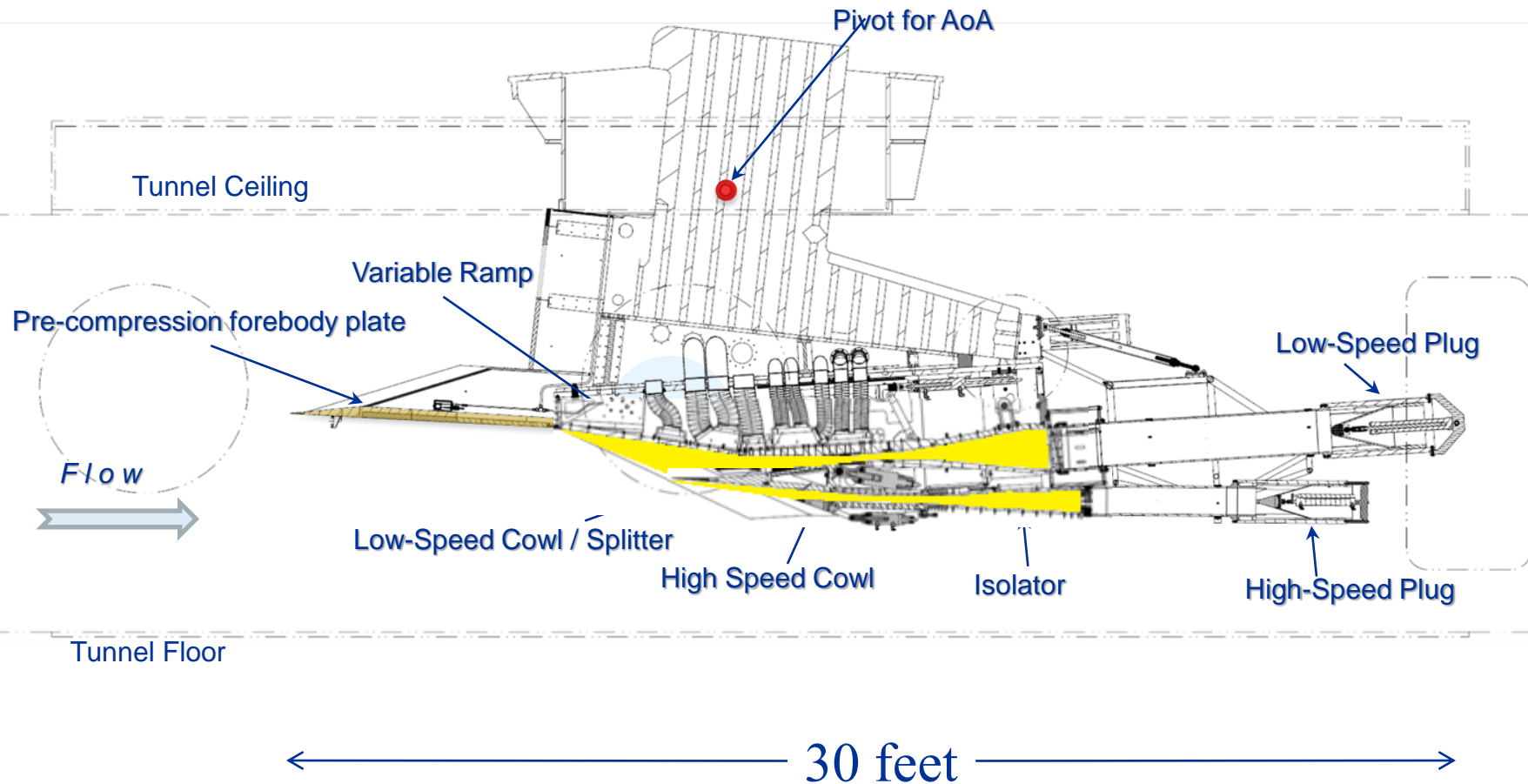


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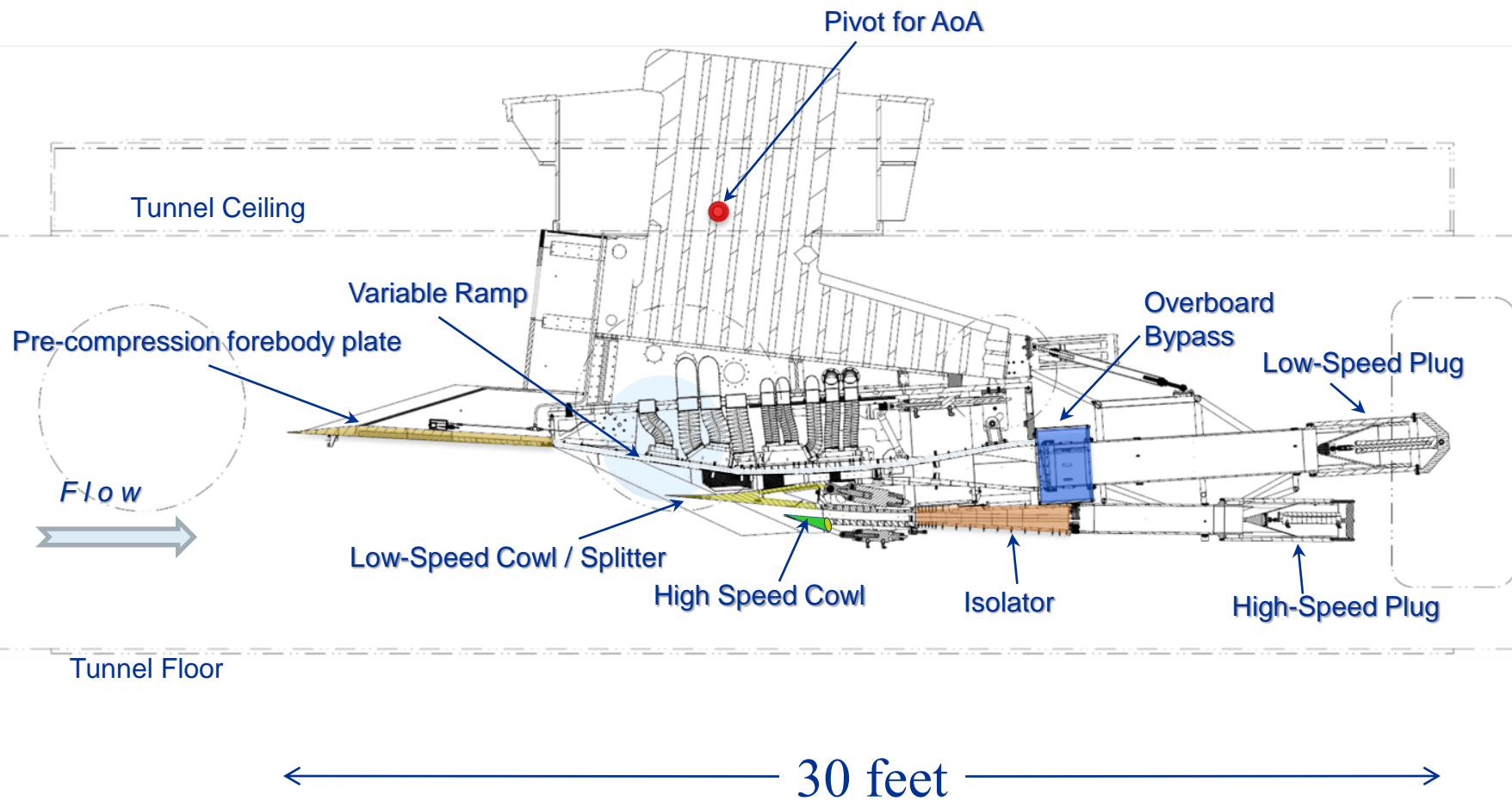
High-Speed Flow Path  
(DMSJ engine)

# CCE-LIMX Model

## UnderMounted Low-Speed Flow Path

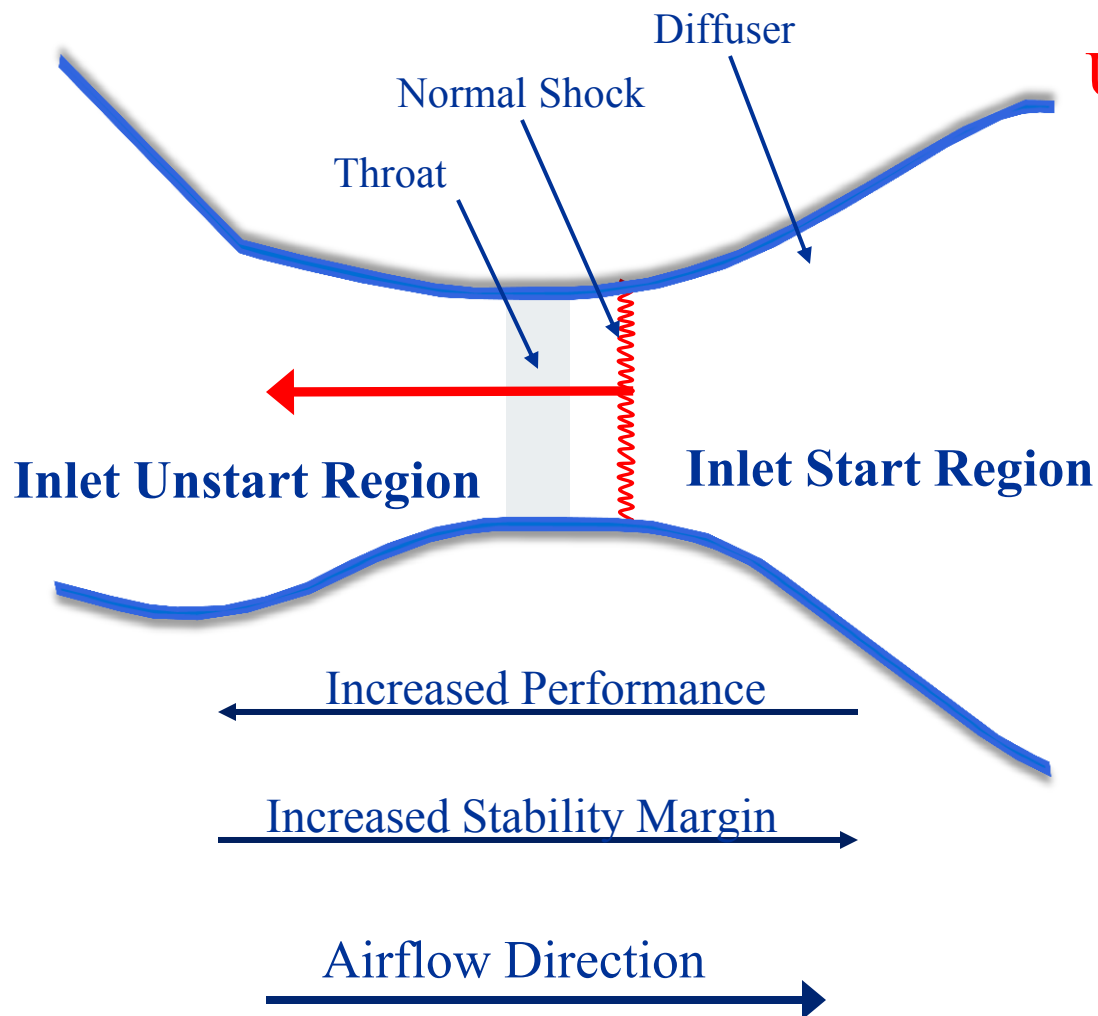


# CCE-LIMX Model





# CCE-LIMX LSFP Terminology



**Un**Started Inlet

~~High mass recovery~~  
~~High pressure recovery~~  
~~Low distortion~~  
~~Low drag~~

Causes of Inlet Unstart:  
Compressor stall  
Free stream changes

Compressor stall  
Combustor flame-out



# CCE-LIMX Test Plan

- Phase 1 – Inlet characterization and performance testing
  - Static inlet operating points
  - Mode transition schedule
- Phase 2 – System identification
  - Step response
  - Sinusoidal sweep response
- Phase 3 – Controls testing
  - Disturbance rejection testing
  - Controlled mode transition
- Phase 4 – Propulsion system testing
  - Turbine engine for LSFP
  - Dual-mode combustor for HSFP

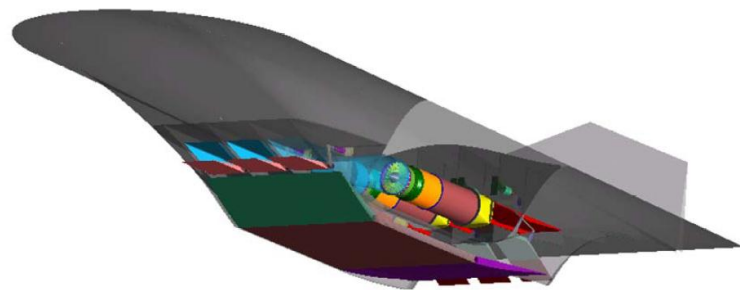


# Guidance Navigation and Control Team

- Develop tools and procedures to streamline:
  - Experimental data analysis
  - Inlet mode transition controls design
  - Controls evaluation
- Simulation models:
  - LARge Perturbation INlet (LAPIN)
  - Aerosim interactive simulation
  - High Mach Transient Engine Cycle Code (HiTECC)

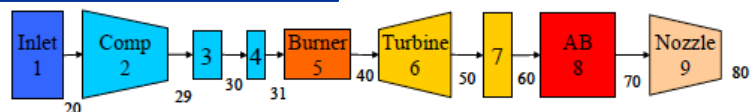
# HiTECC Simulation

- High Mach Transient Engine Cycle Code (HiTECC)
- Simulation package originally developed by SPIRITECH Advanced Products Inc.
- Demonstrate all modes of operation of a TBCC propulsion system
  - Afterburner, turbine engine, and dual-mode scramjet
  - Simulate mode transition sequence of events
- Designed to be generic and modular
  - Inlet geometry described using the Mathworks® Simscape™
  - Fast prototyping of inlet designs

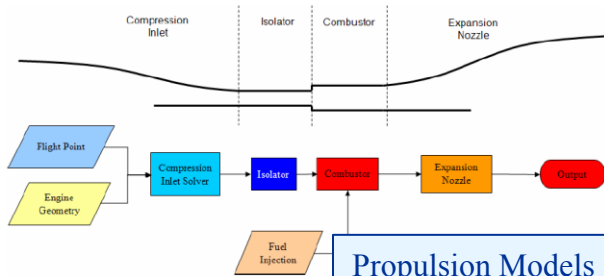


# High Mach Transient Engine Cycle Code (HiTECC)

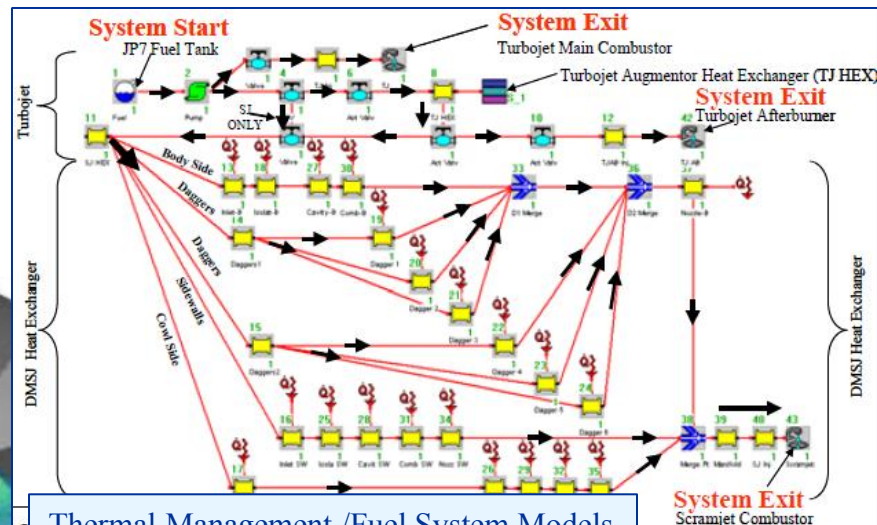
## Turbo Jet Engine Model



## Dual Mode Scramjet Model

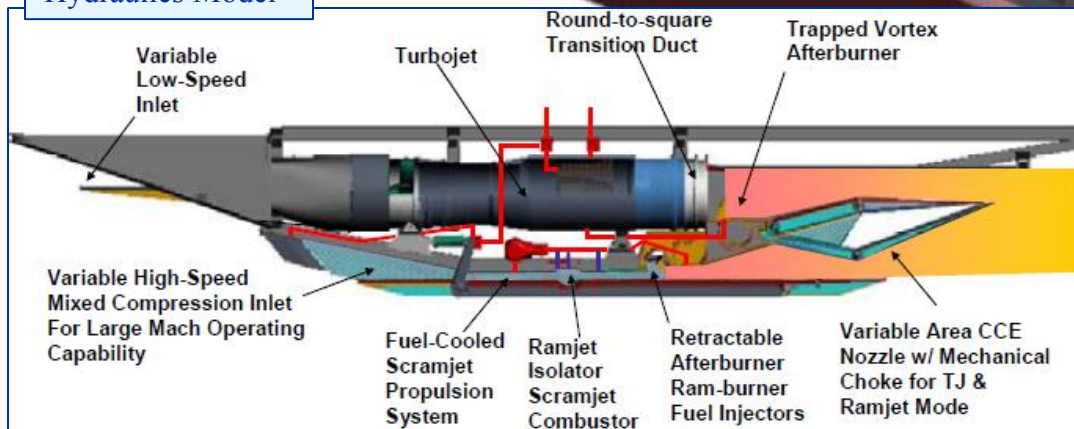


## Propulsion Models

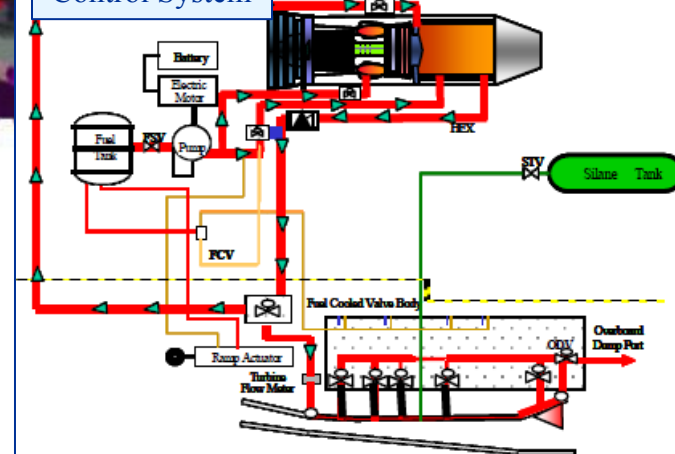


## Thermal Management / Fuel System Models

## Hydraulics Model



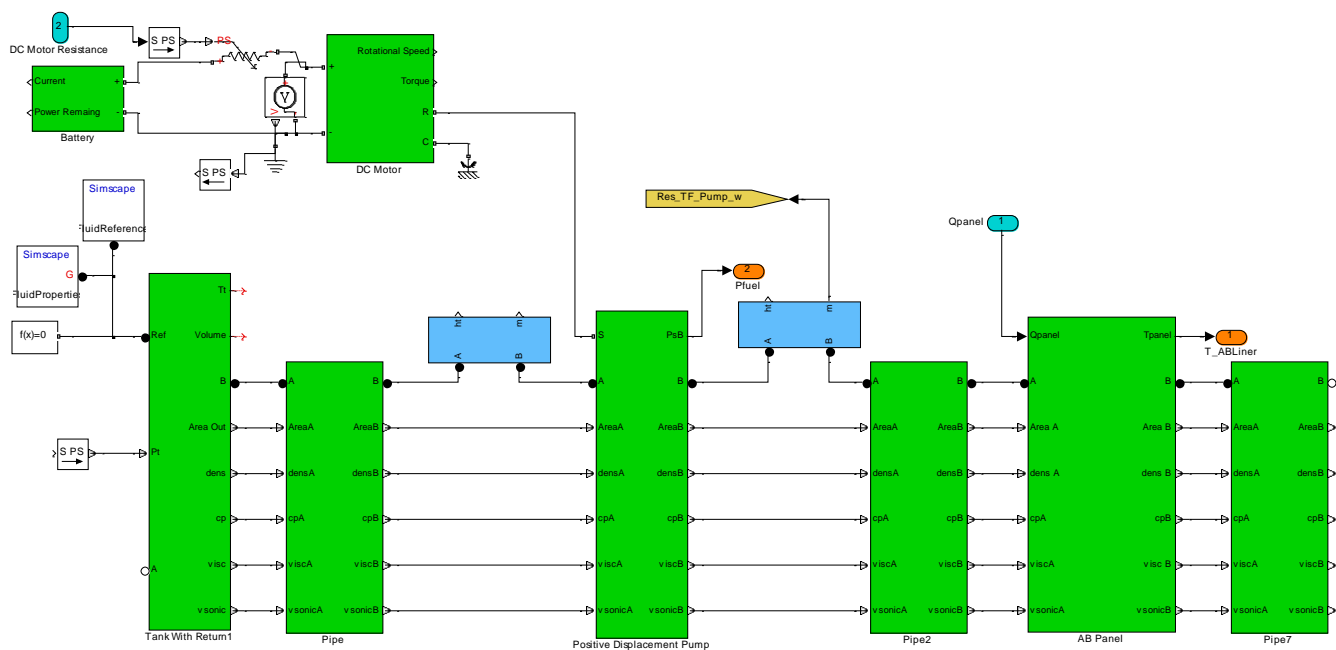
## Control System





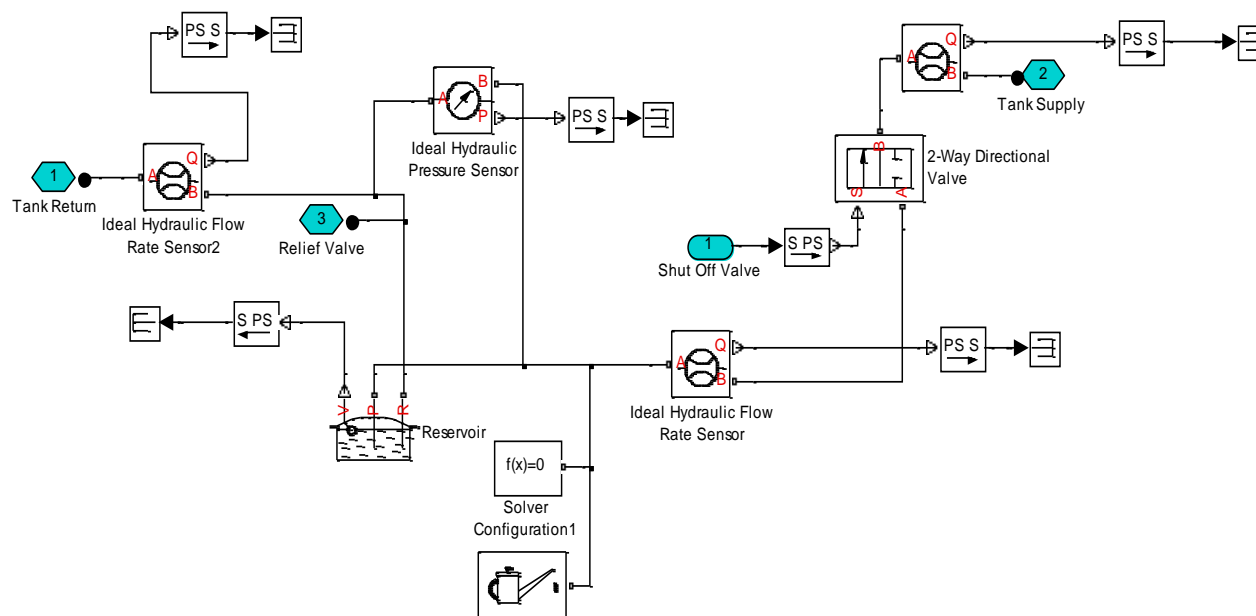
# Thermal Management / Fuel Systems

- Simulates fuel flow, fluid energy, and thermal energy transfer for both the LSFP and HSFP
- One-dimensional compressible flow solver allows a variety of fuels, including hydrogen, to be modeled



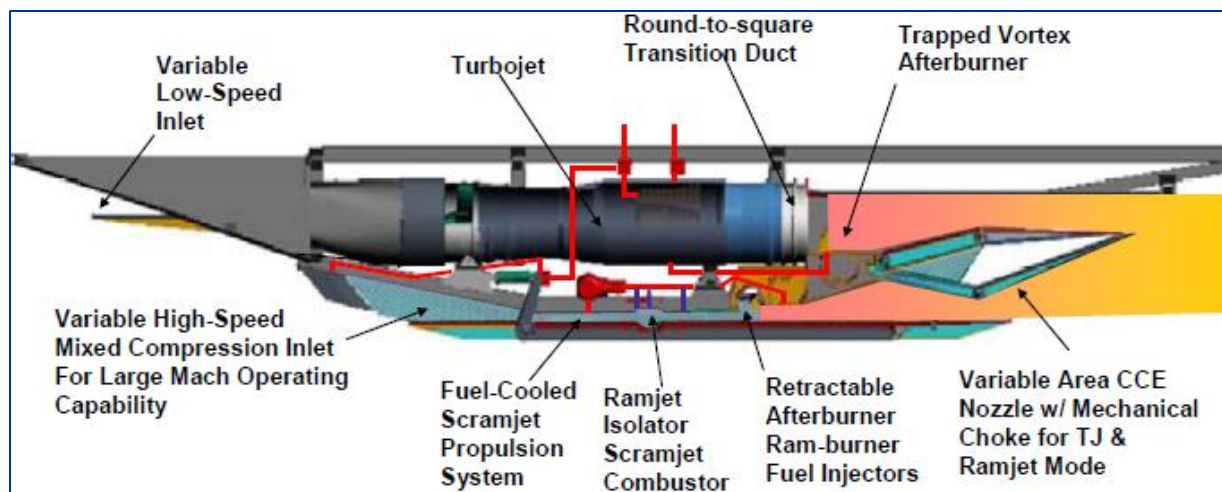
# Hydraulics Model

- Simulates the kinematic features of the variable inlet and nozzle for both flow paths
- Models the dynamic response of the hydraulic fluid
- Models for the power storage and generation for pumping the hydraulic fluid



# Propulsion System

- Variable Inlet (P,T,W)
- Gas Turbine (with afterburner)
- Dual Mode Scramjet
- Assume Started Low-Speed and High-Speed Inlets (No external normal shocks)



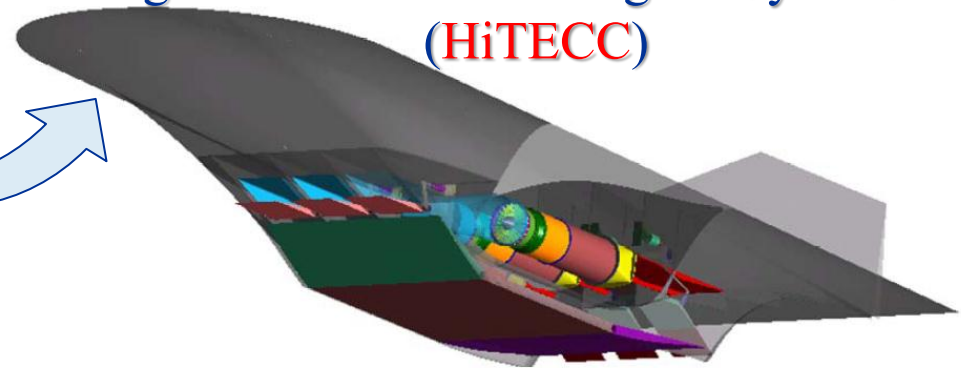
# HiTECC Configured for CCE-LIMX Inlet

Wind Tunnel Model  
for Testing and  
Evaluation of  
Control Algorithms

CCE-LIMX

**H**igh **M**ach **T**ransient **E**ngine **C**ycle **C**ode  
(**HiTECC**)

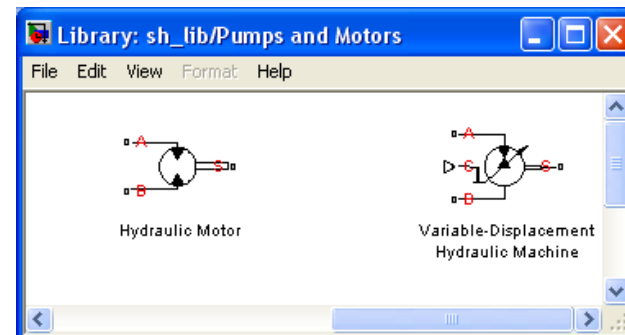
Update Model to  
Match CCE-LIMX  
Model



# SimScape® (The Mathworks, Inc)

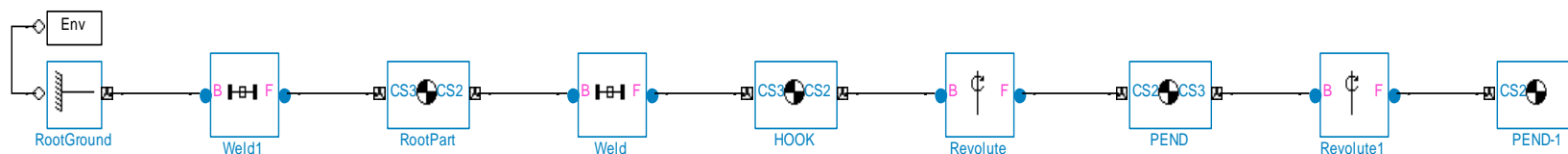
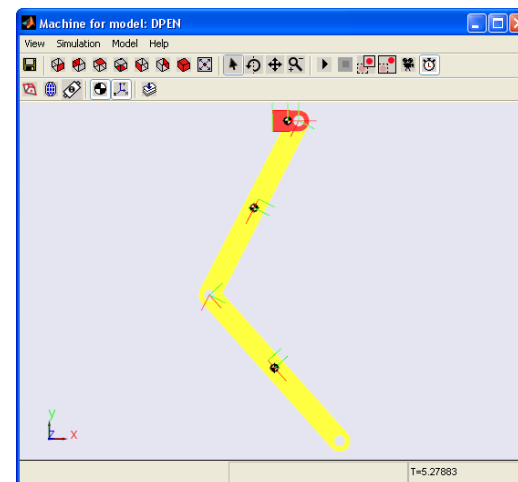
## SimHydraulics®

- Models hydraulics power and control systems
- Library of components (pumps, valves, accumulators, pipelines)
- Customizable library of common hydraulic fluids

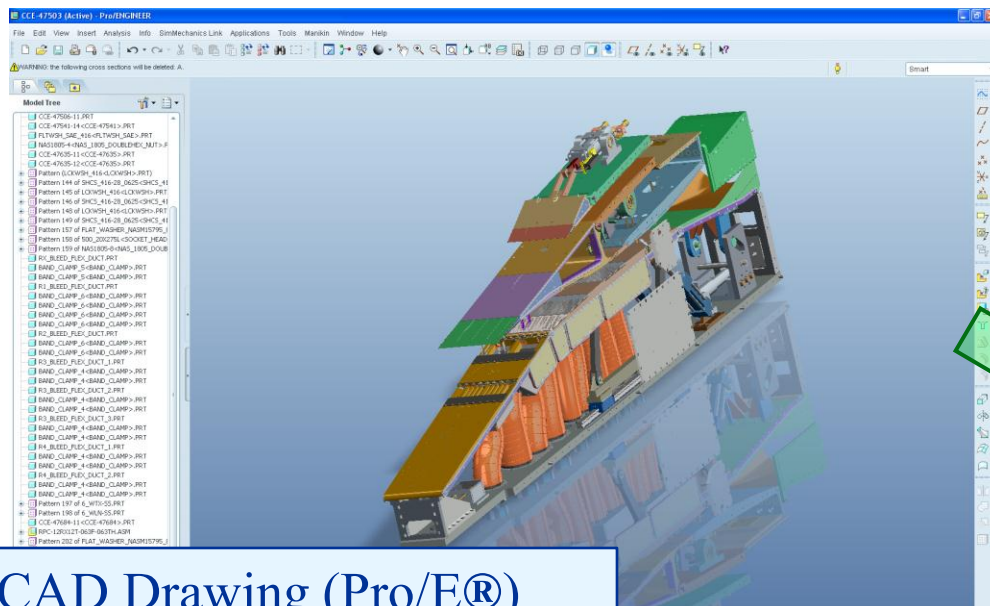


## SimMechanics®

- Models 3-D rigid-body mechanical systems
- Analyzes motion and calculates forces
- Visualize and animate mechanical system dynamics with 3-D body geometry
- Integration in Simulink
- **Provides interfaces to CAD platforms (Pro/E®)**

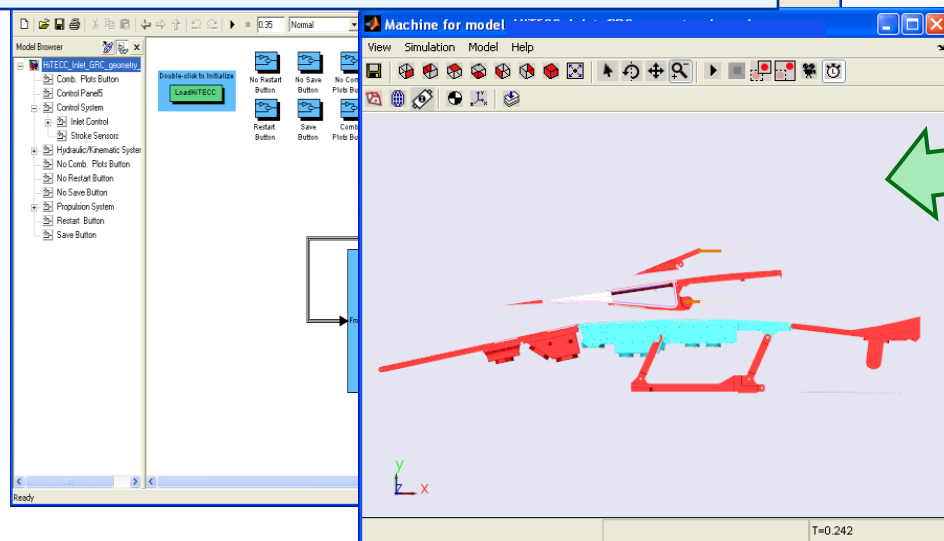




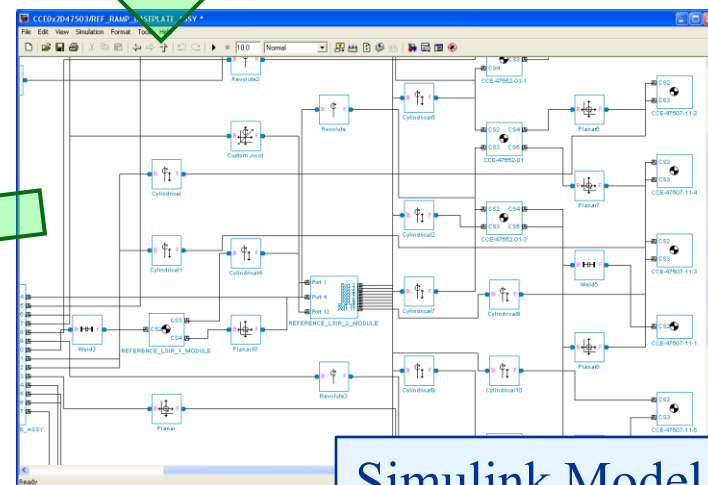
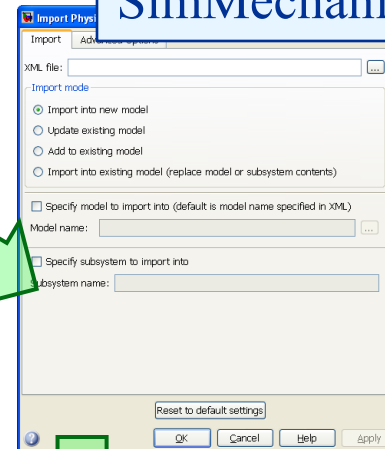


CAD Drawing (Pro/E®)

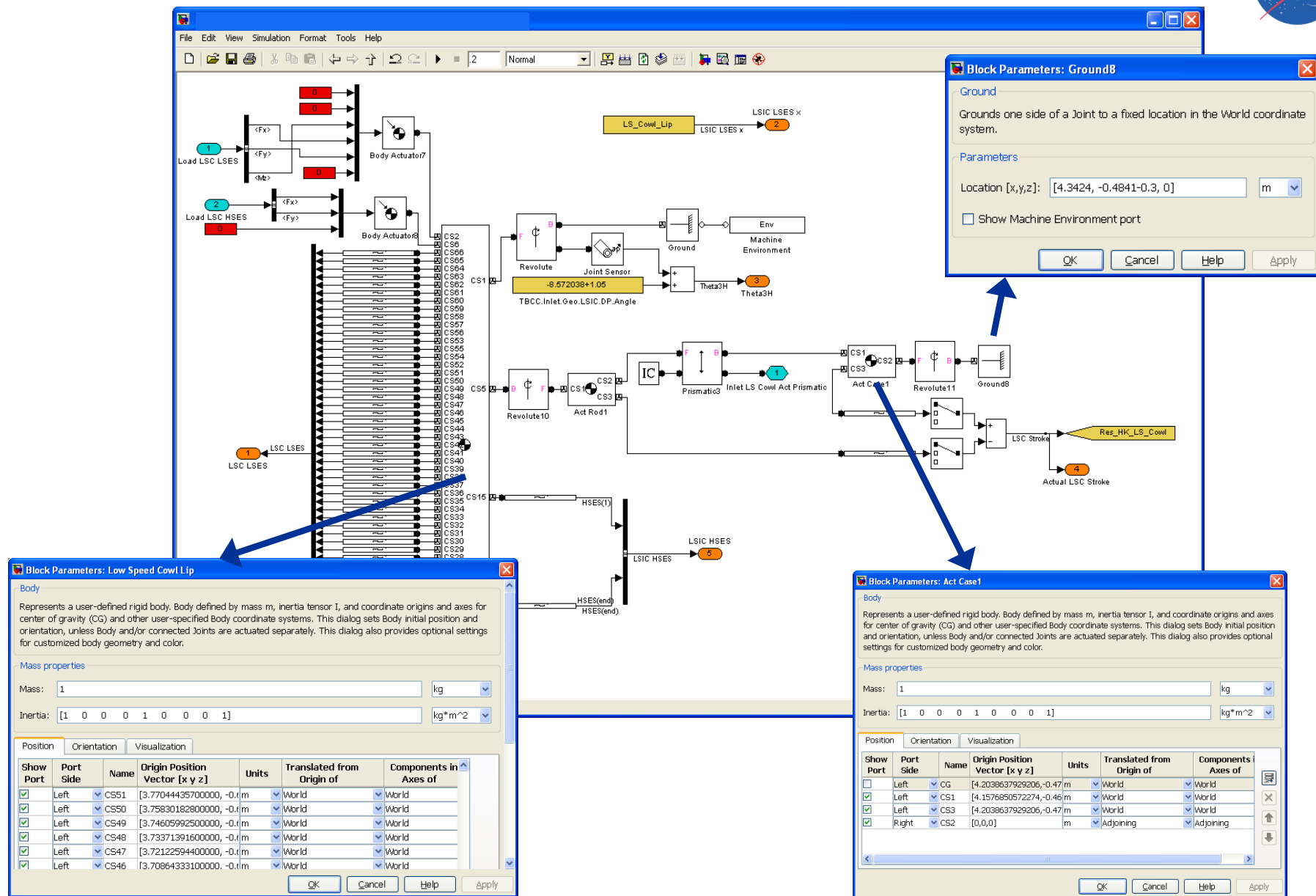
HiTECC Simulink Model



SimMechanics Link

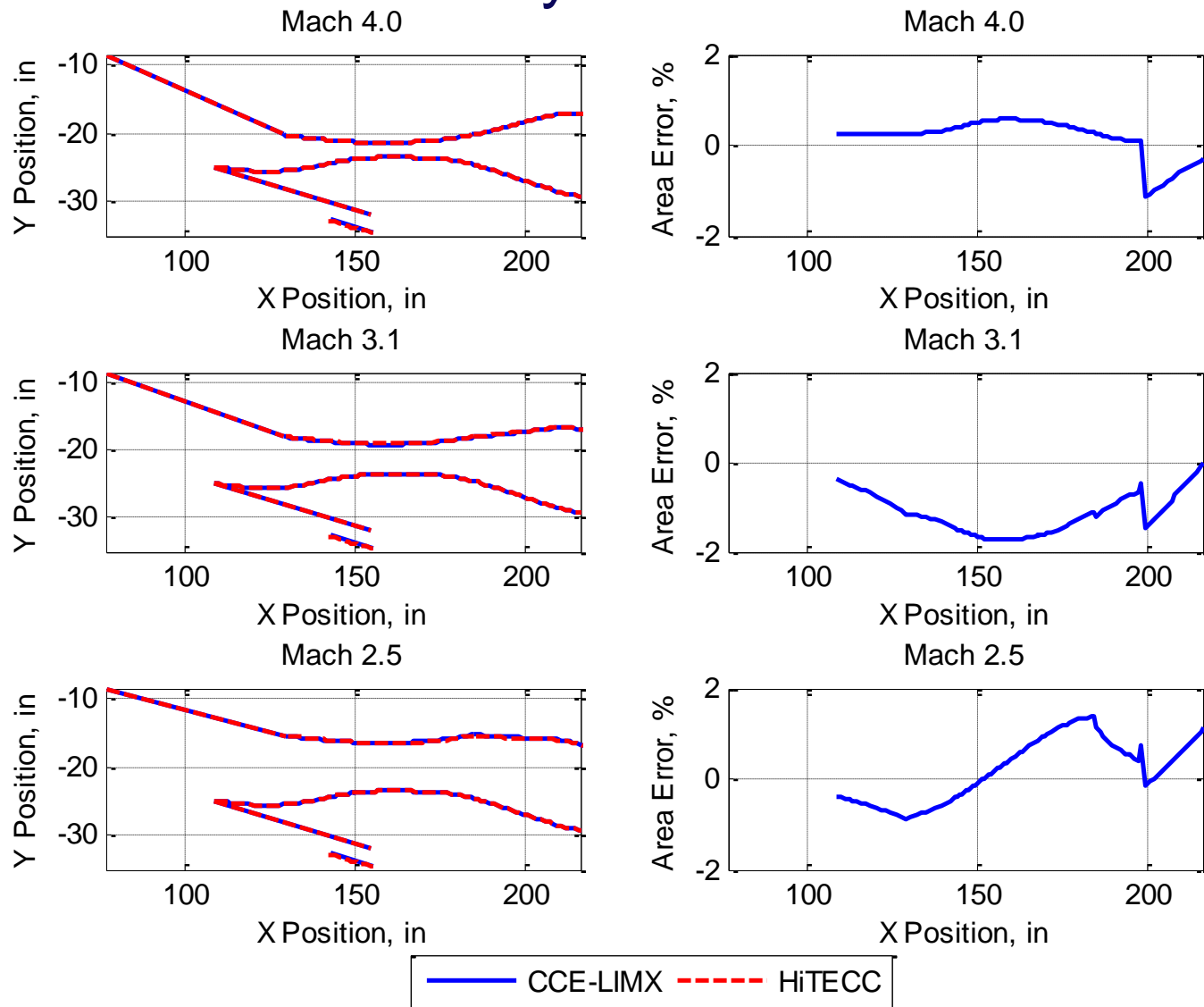


Simulink Model

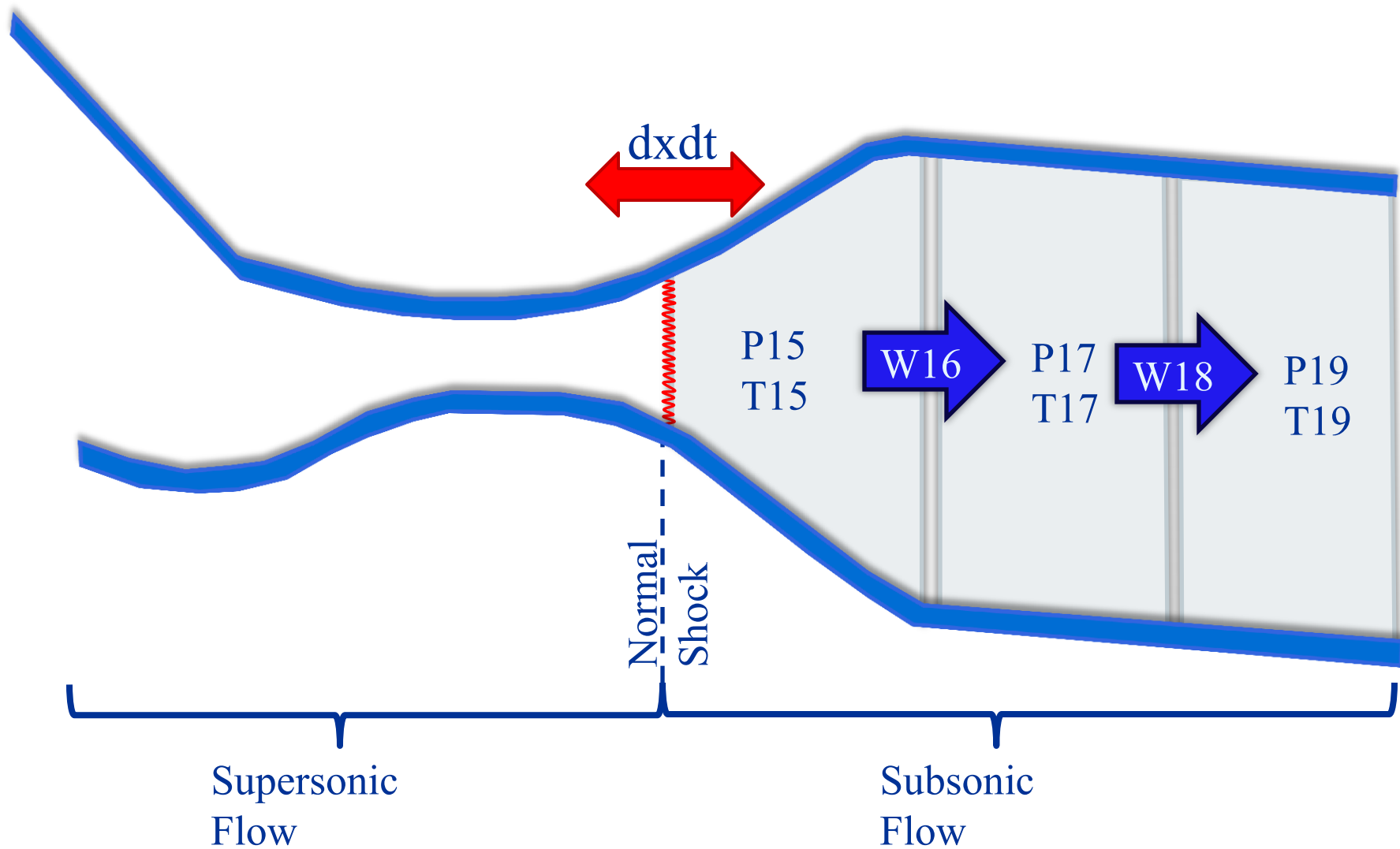




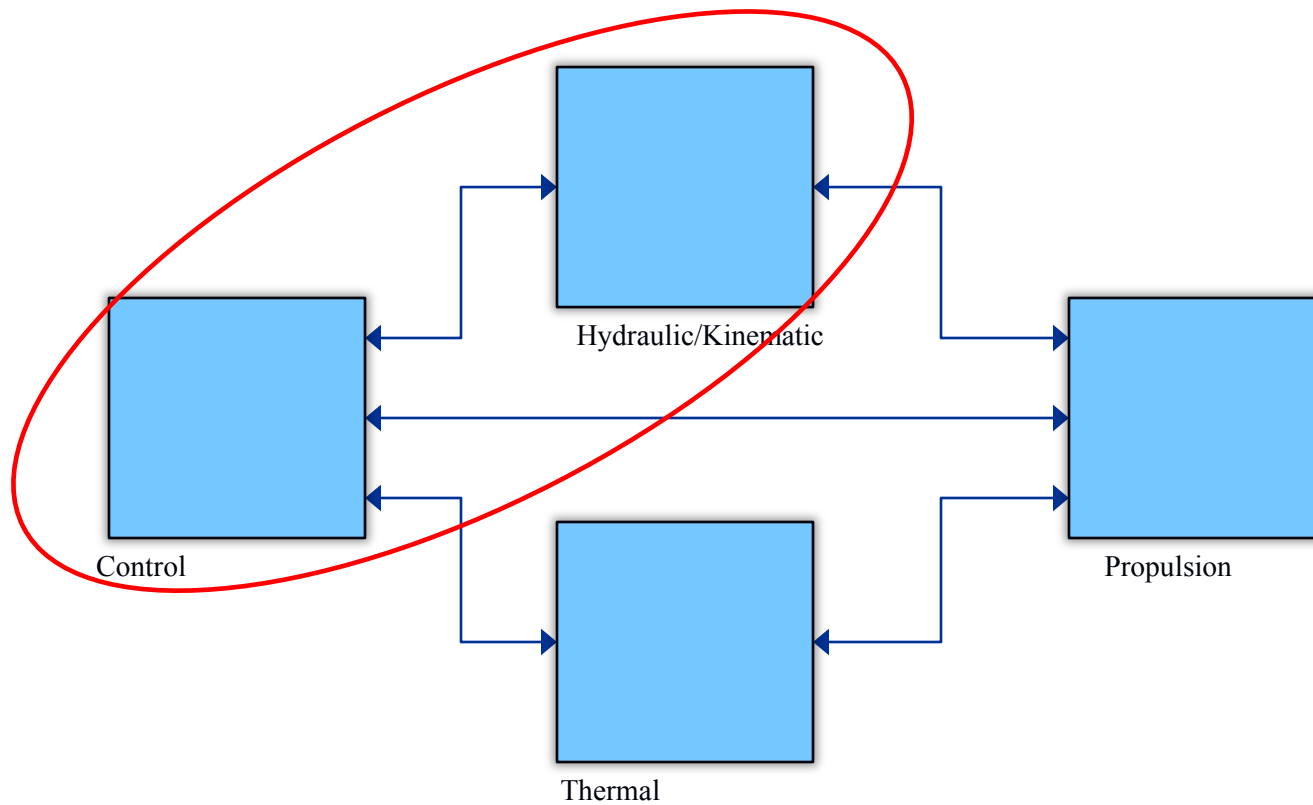
# Redesign Geometry, Actuators, and Control Systems



# HiTECC Subsonic Volume Initial Conditions

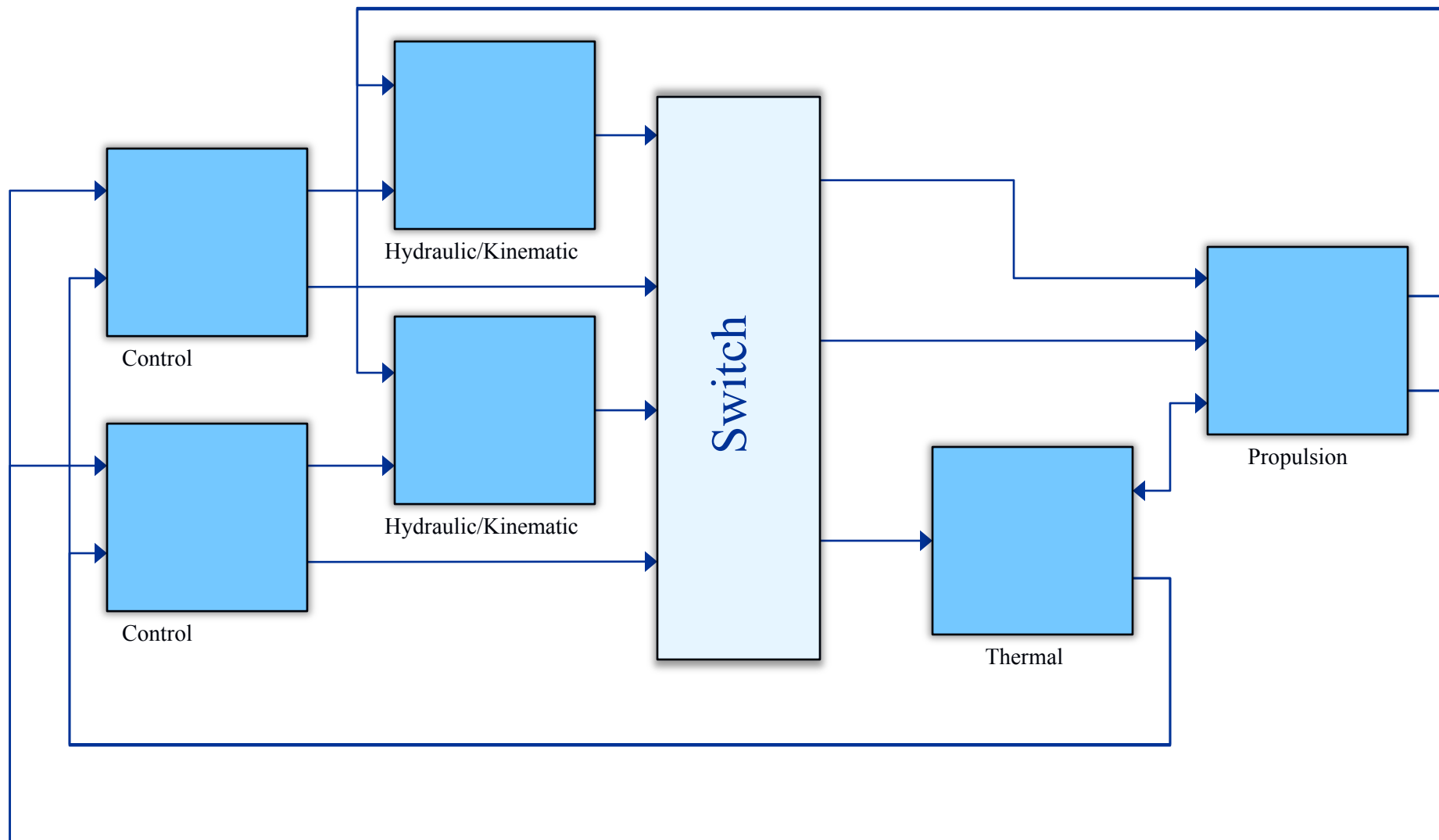


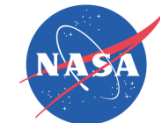
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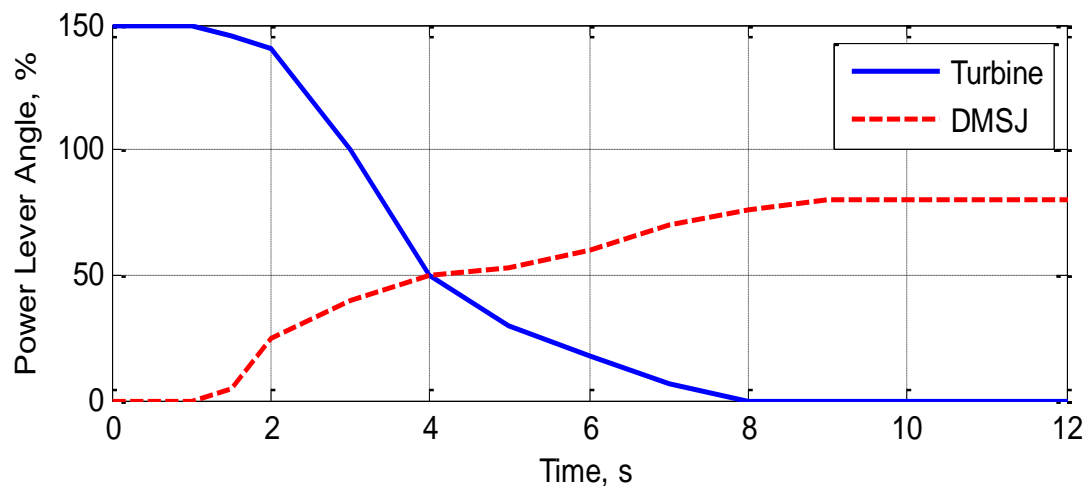
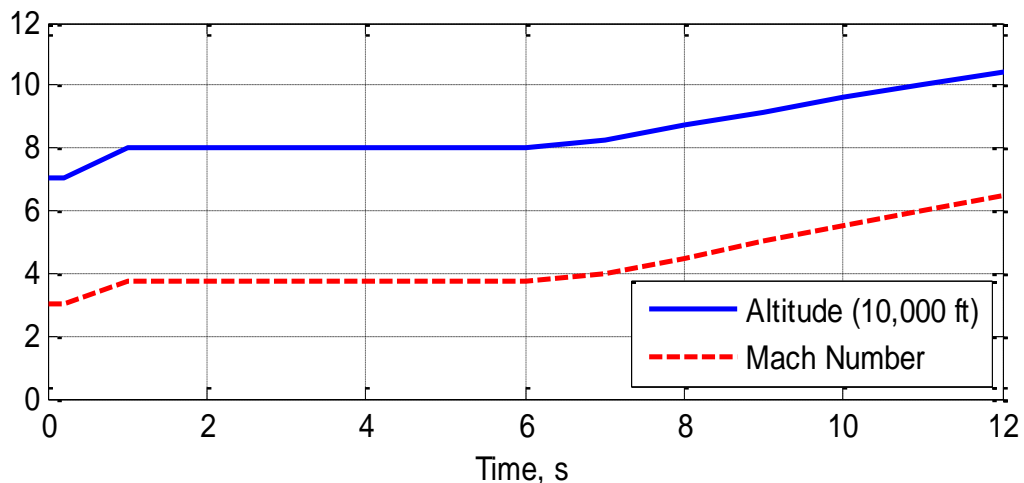
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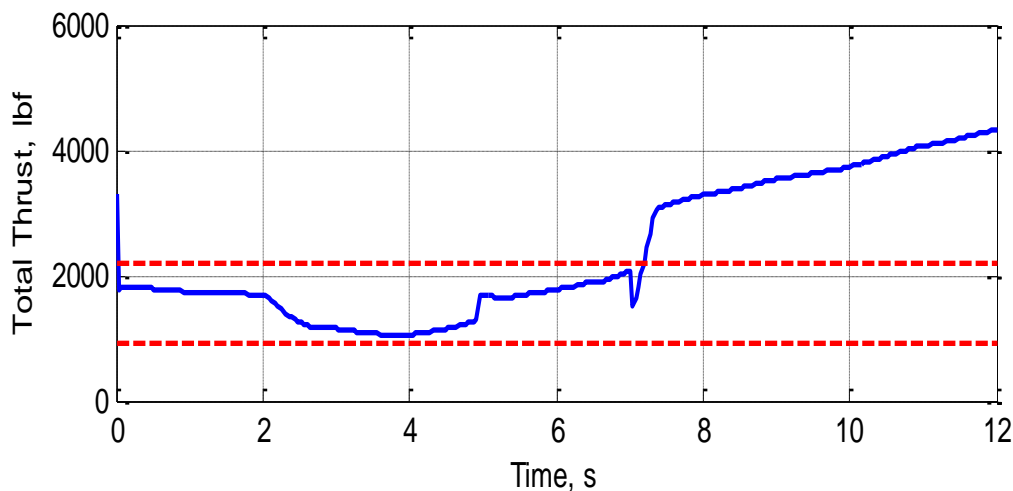
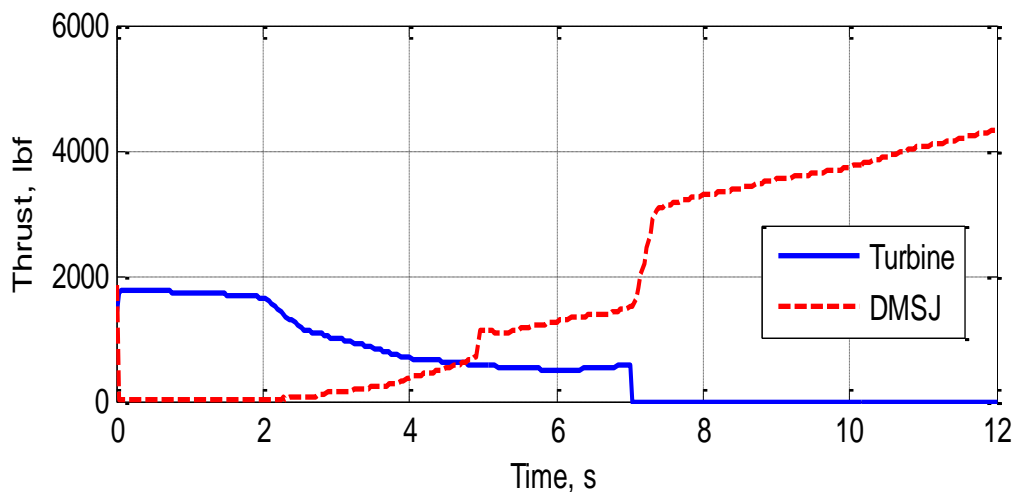
# Mode Transition

- Mode transition with HiTECC
  - Mach 3.75
  - Afterburner shutdown (PLA 150 -100)
  - Start DMSJ
  - Transition power
  - Shutdown Engine
  - Close off LSFP
  - Continue with mission



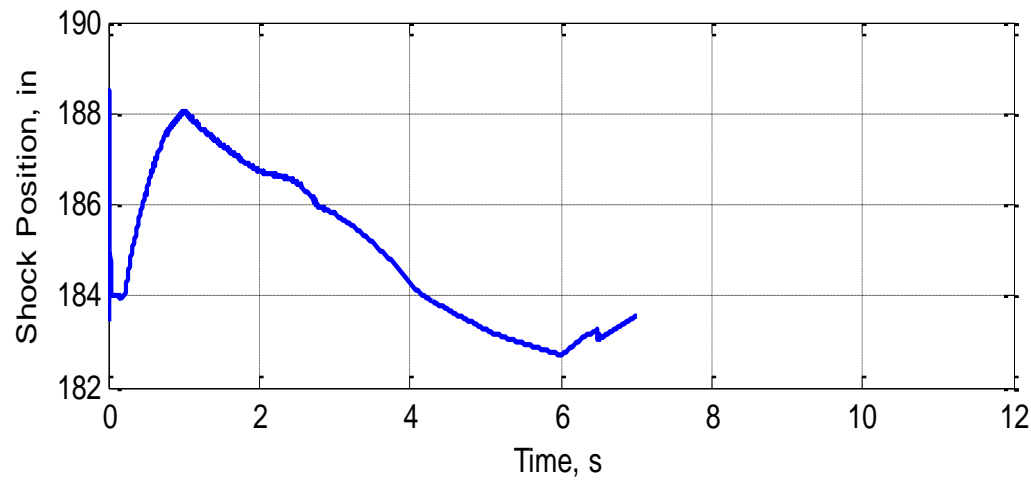
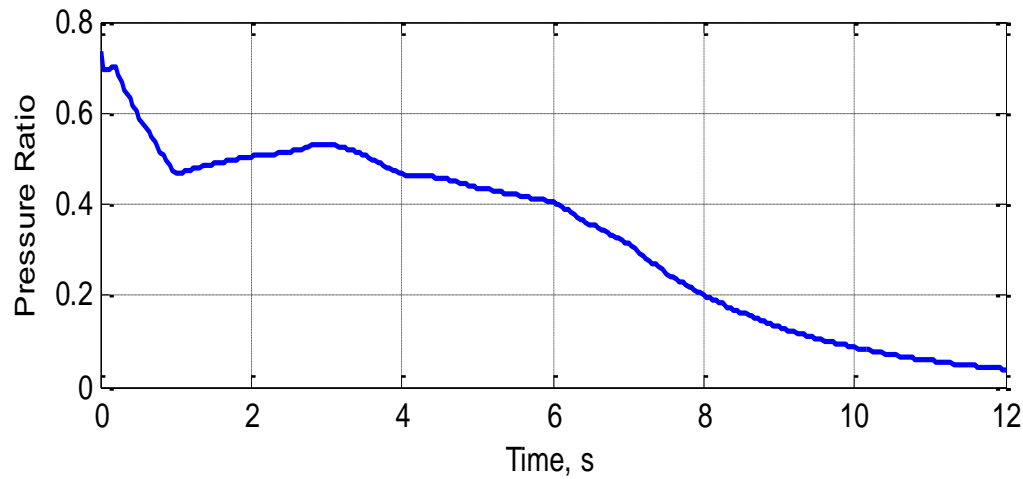
# Mode Transition

- During mode transition, propulsion system must produce enough thrust to keep vehicle at Flight Condition.
- TBCC produces thrust between the min/max bounds

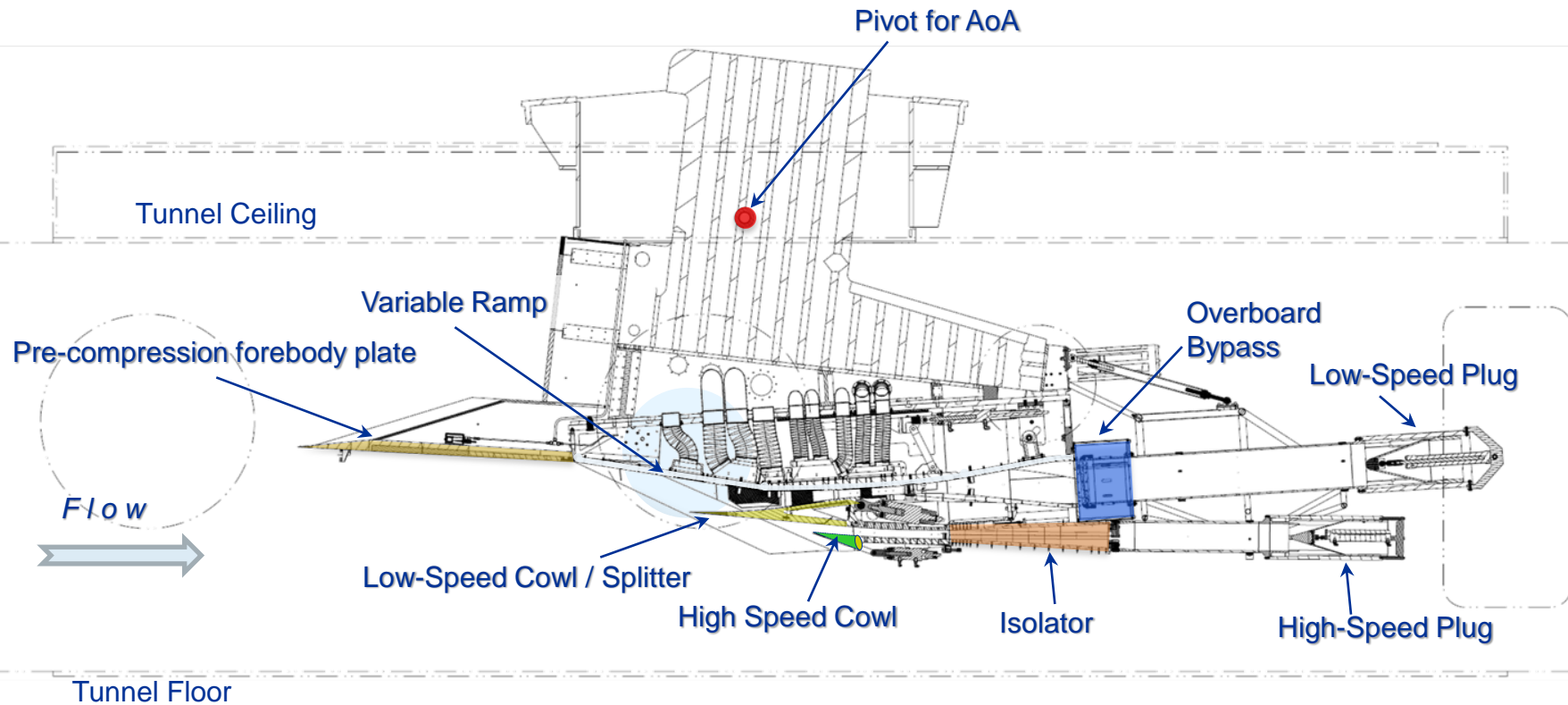




# Mode Transition Plots



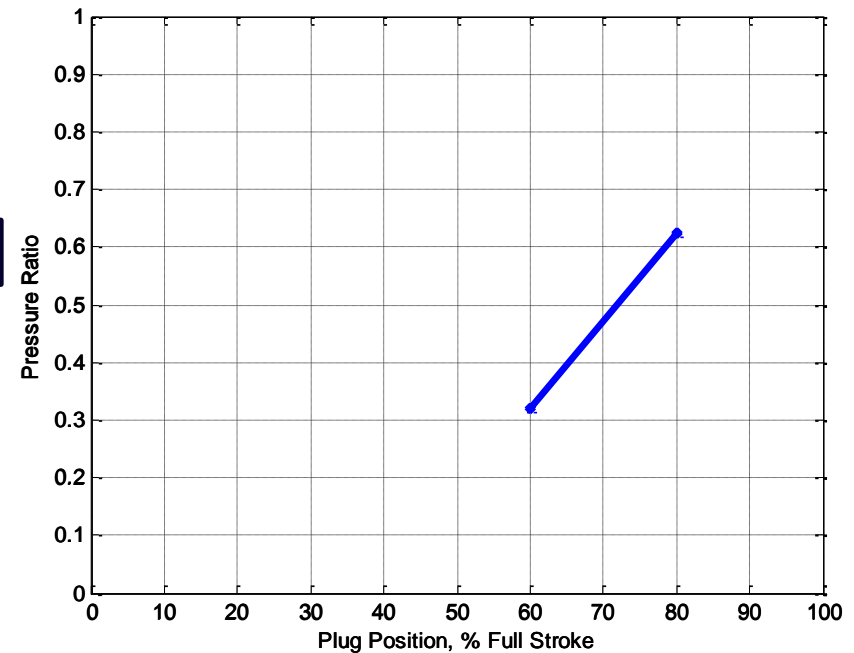
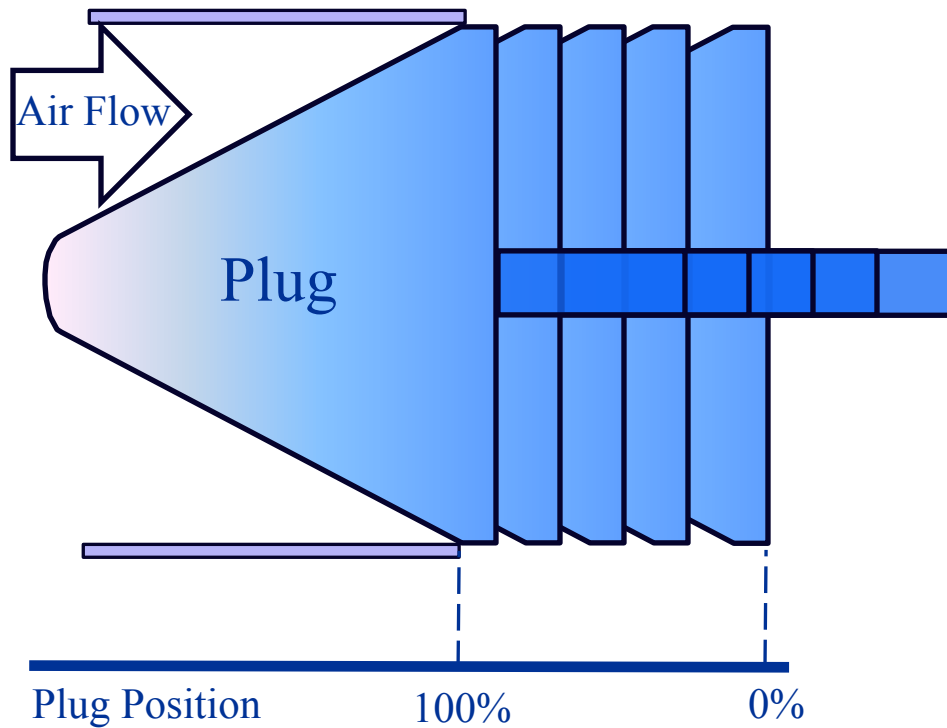
# CCE-LIMX Model



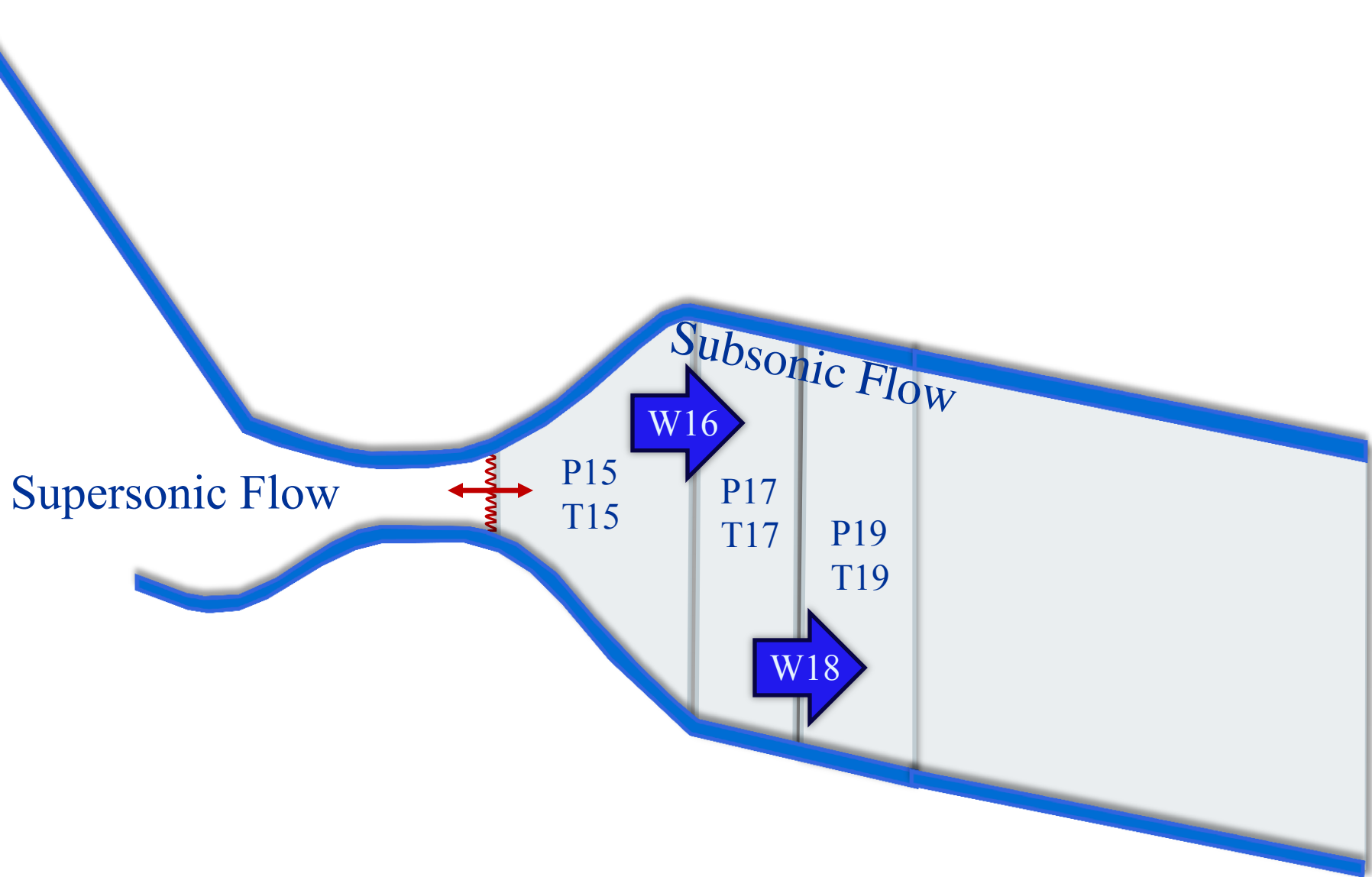
- Testing candidate mode transition and shock position control algorithms before implementation
- Compare performance of HiTECC to wind tunnel data model validation



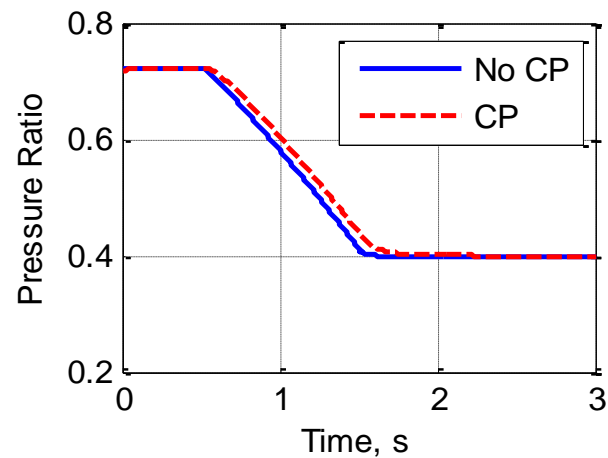
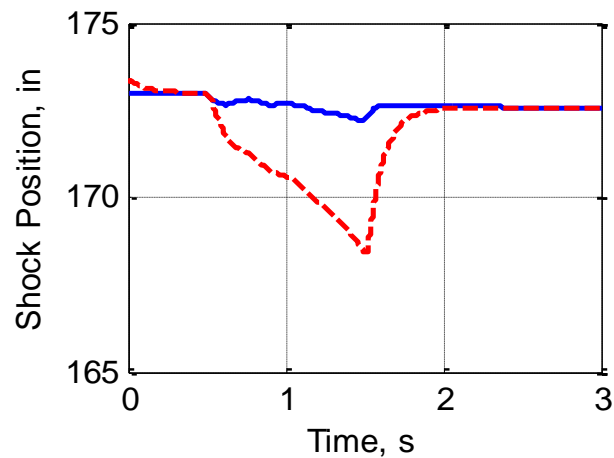
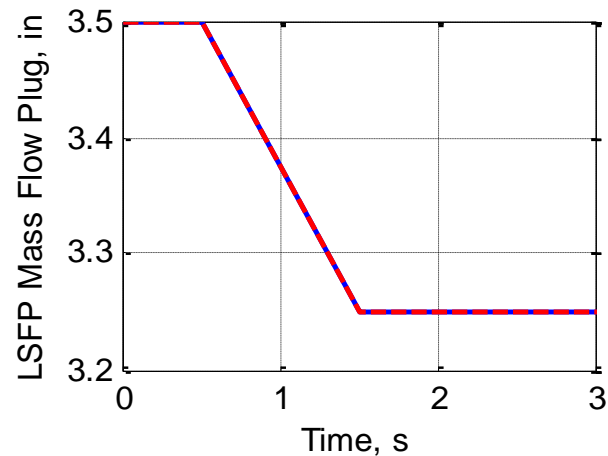
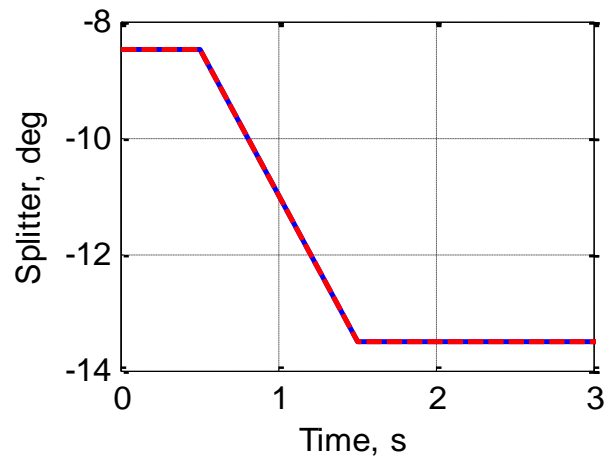
# Replacement of Turbine Engines with a Plug



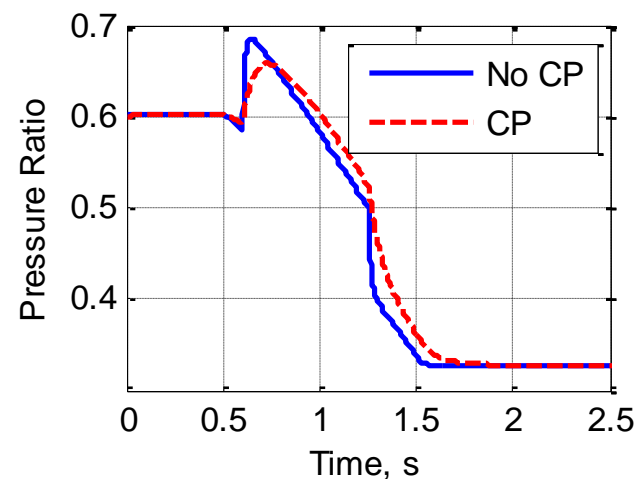
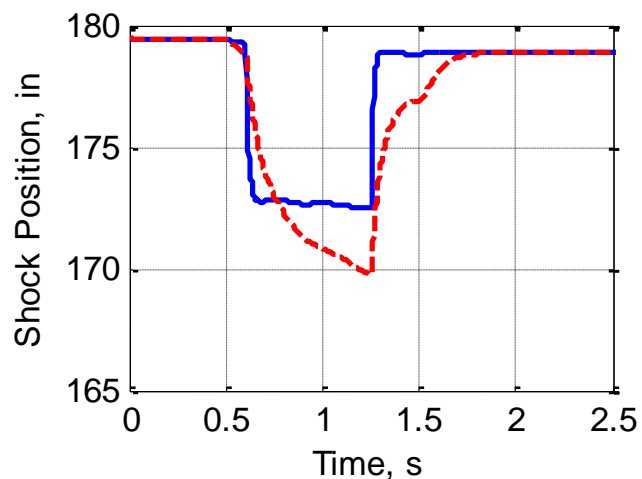
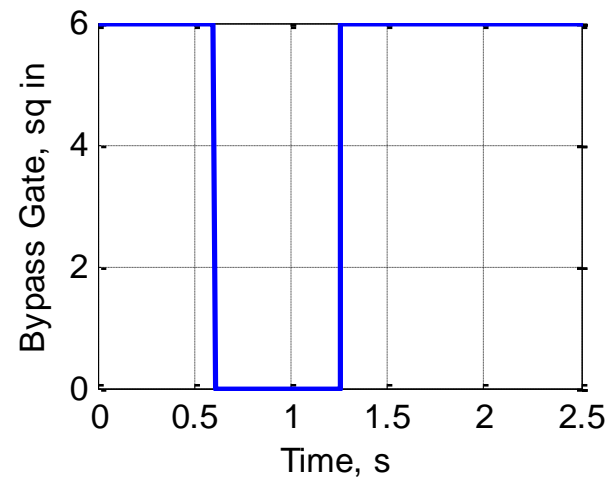
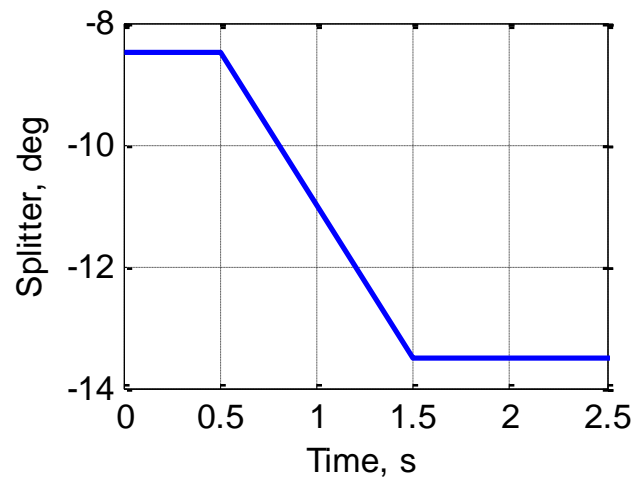
# Addition of the Cold Pipe Volume



# HiTECC Wind Tunnel Model Plots



# HiTECC Wind Tunnel Model Plots





# Conclusions

- CCE-LIMX Experiments
  - Accomplished Phase I and II of testing
    - Developed a mode transition schedule
    - Collected experimental data to be used for model development
- GN&C Team
  - Updated HiTECC model to match the CCE-LIMX inlet geometry
  - Fixed and improved the HiTECC code
  - Created a new model based off HiTECC to be used for:
    - Model validation against experimental data
    - To be used for control design and evaluation



## Future/Ongoing work

- Compare HiTECC to captured wind tunnel data. Results will be published and presented at the 2012 JANNAF Conference in Monterey, CA, 12/2012.
- Use HiTECC to design shock position control algorithms. Results will be published and presented at the 2012 JANNAF Conference in Monterey, CA, 12/2012.



**Thank you  
Any Questions?**

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