# Launching to an orbit with a chemical propellant staged rocket systems 

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#### Abstract

There is one way to explore space by using the space launch vehicles, which is known as rockets, and it can carry useful load named simply as payload of satelite from Earth into Space. In this study, performance predictions of the multi rocket motors are discussed and compared with single rocket motor with the same amount of propellant used for space travel. In this article in serial or tandem staging schemes, the boosting stage is usually the largest, the second stage and subsequent upper stages are above it, usually decreasing in size are used. In boosting stage parallel staging schemes solid or liquid rocket boosters are used to assist with launch. At low level starting to high altitude higher density fuel solid fuels, kerogen and cryogenic hydrogen $\left(-250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ are used as fuel. In solid propellants oxidizer is generally ammonium per chloride is used but in cryogenic liquid propellants oxygen $\left(183.3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ are used. In the first stage, both liquid propellant in a booster and five solid rocket propellent are used to reach about a certain altitude and velocity. In second stage, after reducing the weight by ejecting the five solid rocket propellent and only liquid propellant is used only to reach the an extra altitudes and velocities at low earth orbit (LEO). Drag and gravity effects are successfully used in all of the calculations. The added total result of velocities and altidudes found by these staged rockets are higher than the first single staged case. The advantage of multistage rockets, having same amount of propellant in staged rockets where total velocity will be increased by separating and removing waste from the system weight out of the system. Use of staged rocket system are usefull for increasing the amount of payload and decreasing the cost per unit weight as well.


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## 1 Introduction

Most modern, high-performance rocket, particularly those used in space application are the multi-stage rocket systems. Multi-staging is an excellent way to attain higher velocity and higher altitude or more payload by using staged model. Staging is a concept where one engine's velocity is added to an already existing velocity of another, engine one engine's altitude is added to an already existing altitude of another engine. If you keep the velocity same then you can increase your payload for making more economical flight. Mathematical calculation of this case study is presented in three parts as staged rocket calculations.

Tsiolkovsky's Rocket Equation states that the rocket velocity is the function of exhaust velocity and the propellant to total mass change while the propellant is consumed

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{e}} \operatorname{Ln} \frac{\mathrm{~m}_{0}}{\mathrm{~m}} \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where,
$V$, required velocity change, $V_{e}$, is exhaust velocity,
$m_{0}$ the initial mass and
$m$ the mass of the rocket at each time

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\begin{equation*}
V_{e}=I_{S P} g_{0} \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$I_{S P}$ is the specific impulse,
$g_{0}=9.80665 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}^{2}}$, is the gravitational acceleration at sea level.

Specific impulse (usually abbreviated Isp) is a measure of how efficiently a reaction mass engine (a rocket using propellant or a jet engine using fuel) creates thrust. For engines whose
reaction mass is only the fuel they carry, specific impulse is exactly proportional to exhaust gas velocity. Specific impulse which may be expressed as total impulse namely thrust time per unit weight of propellant is a fuel property and for solid propellants $180-250$ s, liquid propellant $300-475$ s have been used.

Table 1. Practical Isp values for common rocket propellants[1]

| Propellant type | Isp [sec] |
| :--- | :--- |
| Solid | $180-270$ |
| *N2O4/MMH | $260-310$ |
| **N2O4/UDMH | $300-350$ |
| Kerogene/LO2 455 <br> ***LH2/LO2  |  |

*(N2O4 Dinitrogen Tetraoxide) (MMH Monomethylhydrazine) (UDMH **Unsymmetrical Dimethylhydrazine ((CH3)2NNH2))
***(LH2/LO2 Liquid H2/O2)

## 2. Theory

In this article, two fundamental types of rocket stages, five solid propellant boosters (SRB) with liquid propellant center core booster (CCB) are at the same time are fired in parallel Fig (1) and Fig (2). A popular method for producing large first stage has been to cluster several SRB rockets together to provide greater combined thrust without actually having to build the larger rocket. Number of solid rocket boosters may be change starting from two to seven. In this article taken as five and when those SRB rockets rocket motors are completely consumed, ejected away in the flight. Until the end of CCB liquid booster continues to burn as booster. After ejection of SRB system since the total weight is reduced CCB may be referred as vertically staging sustainer rocket.


Figure 1. Three staged Rocket System [2]

The total rocket system mass is composed of $n$ units of SRB, one CCB with solid and liquid propellant

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\begin{equation*}
m_{T}=n m_{S R B}+m_{L C C B}+m_{L 1 S}+m_{L 2 S} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

| $n$, | number solid rocket booster |
| :--- | :--- |
| $m_{S R B}$, | solid rocket booster mass |
| $m_{S R B P}$, | solid rocket booster propellant mass |
| $m_{L C C B}$, | total center core mass |
| $m_{L R B P}$, | center core propellant mass |
| $m_{L B}$, | total center core mass of the first stage |
| $m_{L 1 S}$, | mass of first stage rocket motor |
| $m_{L 2 S}$, | mass of second stage rocket motor |



Figure 2. Multiple Rocket System Configurations [3]
In the calculation of the altitude of any potential rocket, one must take into account the weights of the rockets and the forces produced by both the thrust of the engine and the gravitational pull of the Earth. A simplified approach can be developed for estimating altitude performance of model rocket vehicles.

Table 2. U.S. Standard Atmosphere Air Properties - SI Units[4]

| Geo potential Altiude above Sea Level - $h$ - <br> (m) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Temperature } \\ -t- \\ \left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Acceleration of Gravity -g $\left(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}^{2}\right)$ | Absolute Pressure $\begin{gathered} -\rho= \\ \left(10^{4} \mathrm{Nm}^{2}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Density } \\ -\rho- \\ \left(10^{-1} \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Dynamic Viscosity $\left(10^{-5} \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -1000 | 21.50 | 9.810 | 11.39 | 13.47 | 1.821 |
| 0 | 15.00 | 9.807 | 10.13 | 12.25 | 1.789 |
| 1000 | 8.50 | 9.804 | 8.988 | 11.12 | 1.758 |
| 2000 | 2.00 | 9.801 | 7.950 | 10.07 | 1.726 |
| 3000 | -4.49 | 9.797 | 7.012 | 9.093 | 1.694 |
| 4000 | -10.98 | 9.794 | 6.166 | 8.194 | 1.661 |
| 5000 | -17.47 | 9.791 | 5.405 | 7.364 | 1.628 |
| 6000 | -23.96 | 9.788 | 4.722 | 6.601 | 1.595 |
| 7000 | -30.45 | 9.785 | 4.111 | 5.900 | 1.561 |
| 8000 | -36.94 | 9.782 | 3.565 | 5.258 | 1.527 |
| 9000 | -43.42 | 9.779 | 3.080 | 4.671 | 1.493 |
| 10000 | -49.90 | 9.776 | 2.650 | 4.135 | 1.458 |
| 15000 | -56.50 | 9.761 | 1.211 | 1.948 | 1.422 |
| 20000 | -56.50 | 9.745 | 0.5529 | 0.8891 | 1.422 |
| 25000 | -51.60 | 9.730 | 0.2549 | 0.4008 | 1.448 |
| 30000 | -46.64 | 9.715 | 0.1197 | 0.1841 | 1.475 |
| 40000 | -22 80 | 9.684 | 0.0287 | 0.03996 | 1.601 |
| 50000 | -25 | 9.654 | 0.007978 | 0.01027 | 1.704 |
| 60000 | -26.13 | 9.624 | 0.002196 | 0.003097 | 1.584 |
| 70000 | -53.57 | 9.594 | 0.00052 | 0.0008283 | 1.438 |
| 80000 | -74.51 | 9.564 | 0.00011 | 0.0001846 | 1.321 |

### 2.1. First Boosting Stage Five Rockets with Solid and Liquid Propellant in CCB

To calculate time and velocity at burn out solid rockets and half of the liquid used the Newton's second law;

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\begin{equation*}
m_{S L B}=m_{T}-\frac{5 m_{S R B P}}{2}-\frac{m_{L R B P 1}}{2} \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
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$\boldsymbol{m}_{\boldsymbol{S L B}}$, average mass of the rocket system .
$m_{L R B P 1}$, center core first liquid propellant mass of the first stage

Where, the liquid propellant is used with 5 solid propellant rocket is fired then the rest of liquid propellant continue to burn in CCB.

In the configuration design, n unit $d_{S B}$, diameter of solid rocket boosters are added symmetrically to peripheral of central core booster with diameter $d_{C C B}$. The aerodynamic cross section areas $A_{S L B}$ are calculated below.
$A_{S L B}=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[\mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{CCB}}^{2}+5 \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{SRB}}^{2}\right]$

### 2.1.1. Burn out time at boosting stage

$F=m_{S L B} \cdot a$
$F=\boldsymbol{m}_{S L B} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$
$T_{S B}=n . T_{S R B}$

## $T_{L B}$, Thrust Force of Liquid Booster

## $T_{S R B}$, Thrust Force of SRB

$T_{S L B}=n . T_{S R B}+\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{LB}}$
The drag force, $F_{D}=\frac{1}{2} \rho_{A I R} v^{2} C_{D} A_{S L B}$
Where, $\rho$ is the air density, and V is the instantaneous speed of the rocket.
The drag coefficient $C_{D}$ is related to the geometry of the rocket and the quality of flow (laminar, turbulent, etc. ) over the surface of the rocket. The quantity A is a reference area to indicate rocket size." $k "$ is air drag coefficient in $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}$ and defined as [4,5,6];
$k_{S L B}=\frac{1}{2} \rho_{A I R} \cdot \sigma_{S L B} C_{D} \cdot A_{S L B}$
Air density, $\quad \rho_{A I R}=1.223 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$
Drag coefficient, $C_{D}=0.75$
$m_{S L B} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}=T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g-k_{S L B} \cdot v^{2}$
$\partial t=\frac{m_{S L B} \cdot \partial v}{k_{S L B} \frac{T_{S B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g}{k_{S L B}}-k_{S L B \cdot} \cdot v^{2}}$
The terminal velocity of solid and liquid propellant booster phase is given below;
$q_{S L B}=\sqrt{\frac{T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g}{k_{S L B}}}$
(1.10)
$\partial t=\frac{m_{S L B} \cdot \partial v}{k_{S L B \cdot} \cdot q^{2}-k_{S L B} \cdot v^{2}}$
$\int \partial t=\frac{m_{S L B}}{k_{S L B}} \int_{0}^{v} \frac{\partial v}{q_{S L B}^{2}-v^{2}}$
The burnout time of solid and liquid boosters
$t_{S L B}=\frac{m_{S L B}}{k_{S L B}} \frac{1}{2 q_{S L B}} \ln \frac{q_{S L B}+v}{q_{S L B}-v}$
(1.11)

### 2.1.2 Burn out velocity at boosting stage

$\frac{2 . q_{S B} \cdot k_{S L B}}{m_{S L B}} t=\ln \frac{q_{S L B}+v}{q_{S L B}-v}$
Let $\quad x_{S B}=\frac{2 . q_{S L B} \cdot k_{S L B}}{m_{S L B}}$
So that
$-x_{S L B} t=\ln \frac{q_{S L B}-v_{S L B}}{q_{S L B}+v_{S L B}}$
$e^{-x_{S L B} t}=\frac{q_{S L B}-v_{S L B}}{q_{S L B}+v_{S L B}}$
$e^{-x_{S L B} \cdot t} \cdot q_{S L B}+e^{-x_{S L B} \cdot t} \cdot v_{S L B}=q_{S L B}-v_{S L B}$
The burnout velocity solid and liquid boosters are expressed as
$v_{S L B}=q_{S L B} \frac{1+e^{-x} x_{S L B} t}{1-e^{-x_{S L B} t}}$

### 2.1.3. Burn out altitude at boosting stage

For finding burnout altitude similarly Newtons second law is used.
$F=m_{S L B} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}=m_{S L B} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} v$
$T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g-k_{S L B} v^{2}=m_{S L B} \cdot v \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial h}$
$\partial h=\frac{m_{S L B} .}{T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g-k_{S L B} v^{2}} v \partial v$
$\int \partial h=\frac{m_{S L B}}{2 k_{S L B}} \int \frac{1}{T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g-k_{S L B} v^{2}} \partial v$
The burnout altitude solid and liquid booster is found as
$h_{S L B}=\frac{m_{S L B} \cdot}{2 \cdot k_{S L B}} \ln \frac{T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g}{T_{S L B}-m_{S L B} \cdot g-k_{S L B} \cdot v_{S L B}{ }^{2}}$
Velocity and Total Altitude of the Rocket System.
$v_{B T 1}=v_{S L B}$

### 2.2 Second Boosting Stage with only Liquid Propellant in CCB

After n solid rockets ejected from the system, new calculations are made for the liquid stage of center core booster with reduced weight of the system. To calculate time and velocity at burnout stage used the Newton's second law;
$m_{L B}=m_{T}-n . m_{S R B}-m_{L R B P 1}-\frac{m_{L R B P 2}}{2}$
$m_{L B}$, average mass of system after ejected five rockets
$\mathrm{m}_{\text {LRBP2 }}$, center core second liquid propellant mass of the first stage

After ejections of n unit $d_{S R B}$ diameter solid rockets, the crosssection area central core booster with diameter $d_{C C B}$ is calculated.
$A_{L B}=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[d_{C C B}^{2}\right]$

### 2.2.1. Burnout time at boosting stage

$F=m_{L B} \cdot a$
$\boldsymbol{F}=\boldsymbol{m}_{L B} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial \boldsymbol{t}}$
$F=T_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot g-k_{L B} \cdot v^{2}$
$" k "$ is air drag coefficient in $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}$ and defined as;
$k_{L B}=\frac{1}{2} \rho_{A I R} \cdot C_{D} \cdot A_{L B}$
Air density,$\rho_{A I R}=1.223 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$
Drag coefficient, $C_{D}=0.75$
Mean altitude value, $\sigma_{B L}$

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m_{L B} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}=T_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot g-k_{L B} \cdot v^{2}
$$

$$
\begin{gather*}
\partial t=\frac{m_{L B} \cdot \partial v}{k_{L B} \frac{T_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot g}{k_{L B}}-k_{L B} \cdot v^{2}} \\
\boldsymbol{q}_{L B}{ }^{2}=\frac{\boldsymbol{T}_{L B}-\boldsymbol{m}_{L B} \cdot g}{k_{L B}} \\
\boldsymbol{q}_{\boldsymbol{L B}}=\sqrt{\frac{\boldsymbol{T}_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot \boldsymbol{g}}{\boldsymbol{k}_{L B}}} \tag{1.18}
\end{gather*}
$$

Above liquid propellant booster phase terminal velocity is found.

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\begin{aligned}
& \partial t=\frac{m_{L B} \cdot \partial v}{k_{L B} \cdot q^{2}-k_{L B} \cdot v^{2}} \\
& \int \partial t=\frac{m_{L B}}{k_{L B}} \int_{0}^{v} \frac{\partial v}{q_{L B}{ }^{2}-v^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

The burnout time half of only CCB
$t_{L B}=\frac{m_{L B}}{k_{L B}} \frac{1}{2 q_{L B}} \ln \frac{q_{L B}+v}{q_{L B}-v}$

### 2.2.2. Burn out velocity at boosting stage

$\frac{2 . q_{L B} \cdot k_{L B}}{m_{L B}} t=\ln \frac{q_{L B}+v}{q_{L B}-v}$
Let $\quad x_{L B}=\frac{2 . q_{L B} \cdot k_{L B}}{m_{L B}}$
$x_{L B} \cdot t=\ln \frac{q_{B L}+v}{q_{B L}-v}$
$-x_{L B} t=\ln \frac{q_{L B}-v}{q_{L B}+v}$
$e^{-x_{L B} t}=\frac{q_{L B}-v}{q_{L B}+v}$
$e^{-x_{L B} \cdot t} \cdot q_{L B}+e^{-x_{L B} \cdot t} \cdot v=q_{L B}-v$
$s_{L B}=\frac{q+v_{S L B}}{q-v_{S L B}}$
$v_{L B}=q_{L B} \frac{s_{L B}-e^{-x_{L B} t}}{s_{L B}+e^{-x_{L B} t}}$

### 2.2.3. Burn out altitude at boosting stage

For finding burnout altitude similarly Newtons second law is used.
$F=m_{L B} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}=m_{L B} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} v=m_{L B} v \frac{\partial v}{\partial h}$
$T_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot g-k_{L B} v^{2}=m_{L B} \cdot v \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial h}$
$\partial h=\frac{m_{L B} .}{k_{L B} q^{2}-k_{L B} v^{2}} \partial v$
$\int \partial h=\frac{m_{L B}}{k_{L B}} \int \frac{v}{q_{L B}{ }^{2}-v^{2}} \partial v$
$h_{L B}=\frac{m_{L B}}{2 \cdot k_{L B}} \ln \frac{T_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot g-k_{L B} v_{S B}{ }^{2}}{T_{L B}-m_{L B} \cdot g-k_{L B} v_{L B}{ }^{2}}$
Velocity and Total Altitude of the Rocket System.

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\begin{align*}
& v_{B T 2}=v_{S L B}+v_{L B}  \tag{1.24}\\
& h_{B T 2}=h_{S L B}+h_{L B} \tag{1.25}
\end{align*}
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### 2.3. Calculation Of Time, Velocity And Altitude At Stage 1

Average mass of system after the ejection of center core booster, at first stage
$m_{L 1}=m_{T}-5 m_{S R B}-m_{L B}-\frac{m_{L 1 P}}{2}$
$m_{L 1}$, avarage mass of system after the ejection of center core booster, at first stage
$\begin{array}{ll}\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{L} 1 \mathrm{~S}}, & \text { 1. stage liquid propellant rocket mass with its stsfectpafal mass } S_{L 1} \cdot t=\ln \frac{q_{L 1}+v}{q_{L 1}-v} \\ \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{L} 1 \mathrm{SP}}, & \text { 1. stage liquid propellant }\end{array}$
The cross section of first stage with a diameter of $d_{L 1}$
$A_{L 1}=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[d_{L 1}^{2}\right]$

### 2.3.1 Burn out time at first stage

$F=m_{L 1} \cdot a$
$\boldsymbol{F}=\boldsymbol{m}_{L 1} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$
$F=T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g-k_{L 1} \cdot v^{2}$
$T_{L 1}$, thrust of first stage
" $k_{L 1}$ " is air drag coefficient in $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}$ and defined as;
$k_{L 1}=\frac{1}{2} \rho_{A I R} \cdot \sigma_{L 1} C_{D} \cdot A_{L 1}$
Air density,$\rho_{A I R}=1.223 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$
Drag coefficient,$C_{D}=0.75$
$m_{L 1} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}=T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g-k_{L 1} \cdot v^{2}$
$\partial t=\frac{m_{L 1} \cdot \partial v}{k_{L 1} \frac{T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g}{k_{L 1}}-k_{L 1} \cdot v^{2}}$
$q_{L 1}{ }^{2}=\frac{T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g}{k_{L 1}}$
$q_{L 1}=\sqrt{\frac{T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g}{k_{L 1}}}$
Above liquid propellant sustainer phase terminal velocity is found.

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\begin{gather*}
\boldsymbol{\partial} \boldsymbol{t}=\frac{\boldsymbol{m}_{L 1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial v}}{\boldsymbol{k}_{L 1} \cdot q_{L 1}{ }^{2}-\boldsymbol{k}_{L 1} \cdot v^{2}} \\
\int \boldsymbol{\partial} \boldsymbol{t}=\frac{\boldsymbol{m}_{L 1}}{\boldsymbol{k}_{L 1}} \int_{\mathbf{0}}^{v} \frac{\partial v}{\boldsymbol{q}^{2}-v^{2}} \\
t_{L 1}=\frac{m_{L 1}}{k_{L 1}} \frac{1}{2 q_{L 1}} \ln \frac{q_{L 1}+v}{q_{L 1}-v} \tag{1.30}
\end{gather*}
$$

### 2.3.2 Burn out velocity at boosting stage

$\frac{2 . q_{L 1} \cdot k_{L 1 S}}{m_{L 1}} t=\ln \frac{q_{L 1}+v}{q_{L 1}-v}$, Let $\quad x_{L 1}=\frac{2 . q_{L 1} \cdot k_{L 1}}{m_{L 1}}$
$-x_{L 1} t=\ln \frac{q_{L 1}+v}{q_{L 1}-v}$
$e^{-x_{L 1} t}=\frac{q_{L 1}-v}{q_{L 1}+v}$
$e^{-x_{L 1} \cdot t} \cdot q_{L 1}+e^{-x_{L 1} \cdot t} \cdot v=q_{L 1}-v$
$s_{L 1}=\frac{1+v_{B T 2}}{1-v_{B T 2}}$
the burnout velocity half of only $\mathrm{CCB}\left(t=t_{L 1}\right)$
$v_{L 1}=q_{L 1} \frac{s_{L 1}-e^{-x_{L 1} t}}{s_{L 1}+e^{-x_{L 1} t}}$

### 2.3.3 Burnout altitude at boosting stage

For finding burnout altitude similarly Newtons second law is used.
$F=m_{L 1} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t}=m_{L 1} \frac{\partial v}{\partial h} v=m_{L 1} v \frac{\partial v}{\partial h}$
$T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g-k_{L 1} v^{2}=m_{L 1} \cdot v \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial h}$
$\partial h=\frac{m_{L 1} \cdot g}{k_{L 1} q_{L 1}{ }^{2}-k_{L 1} v^{2}} \partial v$
$\int \partial h=\frac{m_{L 1} \cdot g}{k_{L 1}} \int \frac{v}{q_{L 1}{ }^{2}-v^{2}} \partial v$
The burnout altitude at the second half of only CCB:
$h_{L 1}=\frac{m_{L 1} \cdot g}{2 \cdot k_{L 1}} \cdot \ln \frac{T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g-k_{L 1} v_{B T 2}{ }^{2}}{T_{L 1}-m_{L 1} \cdot g-k_{L 1} v_{L 1}{ }^{2}}$
Velocity and Total Altitude of the Rocket System.

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\begin{align*}
& v_{T S 2}=v_{S L B}+v_{L B}+v_{L 1}  \tag{1.34}\\
& h_{T S 2}=h_{S L B}+h_{L B}+h_{L 1} \tag{1.35}
\end{align*}
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2.4. Calculation of time, velocity and altitude at stage 2

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\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{L} 2}=\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{T}}-5 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{SRB}}-2 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{LB}}-\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{CCBS}}-\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{L} 1 \mathrm{P}} \\
-\mathrm{m}_{1 \mathrm{~S}}-\frac{\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{L} 2 \mathrm{P}}}{2} \tag{1.36}
\end{gather*}
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$m_{L 2} \quad$ avarage mass of system during the second stage.
$m_{L 2} \quad$ 2. Stage liquid rocket mass
$m_{L 2 P}$ 2. Stage liquid rocket propellant mass
The cross section of second stage with a same diameter of $d_{L 2}$

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\begin{gather*}
A_{L 2}=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[d_{L 2}^{2}\right]  \tag{1.37}\\
k_{L 2}=\frac{1}{2} \rho_{A I R} \cdot C_{D} \cdot A_{L 2} \tag{1.38}
\end{gather*}
$$

$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{L} 2}=$ Thrust of first stage rocket after booster
Burn out time at first stage,
Terminal velocity of the first stage after booster:

$$
\begin{gather*}
q_{L 2}=\sqrt{\frac{T_{L 2}-m_{L 2} \cdot g}{k_{L 2}}}  \tag{1.39}\\
\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{L} 2}=\frac{2 \cdot \mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{L} 2} \cdot \mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{L} 2}}{\mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{L} 2}}  \tag{1.40}\\
\mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{L} 2}=\frac{\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{L} 2}+\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{T} 1}}{\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{L} 2}-\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{T} 1}}  \tag{1.41}\\
\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{L} 2}=\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{L} 2} \frac{\mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{L} 1}-\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{t}}}{\mathrm{~s}_{\mathrm{L} 1 \mathrm{~S}}+\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{L} 1} \mathrm{t}}}  \tag{1.42}\\
\mathrm{~h}_{\mathrm{L} 2}=\frac{\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{LB}}}{2 \cdot \mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{L} 2}} \ln \frac{\mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{CCB}}-\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{L} 2} \cdot \mathrm{~g}-\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{L} 2} \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{T} 1}^{2}}{\mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{CCB}}-\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{L} 2} \cdot \mathrm{~g}-\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{L} 2} \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{L} 2}{ }^{2}} \tag{1.43}
\end{gather*}
$$

All velocity and altitude calculations were made for booster and sustainer rockets before are added to find out Total Velocity and Total Altitude of the Rocket System:
$v_{T 2}=v_{S L B}+v_{B L}+v_{L 1}+v_{L 2}$
$h_{T 2}=h_{S L B}+h_{L B}+h_{L 1}+h_{L 2}$
In the remaining system of the two-stage booster and two stage sustainer rockets with some constructional mass, completes its mission with orbit engines running with some chemical fuel and of course with some payload.


Figure 3. Orbit altitudes[3] LEO satelites are confined between 500 to 1500 km . altitude. The GEO satellite altitude is of around $36,000 \mathrm{~km}$, MEO satellites altitude is in the range of 10,000 to 15,000 km . and MEO and LEO satellites are referred to as NonGeostationary Orbit (NGSO) satellites.

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## 3. Scope of work, results and discussion

In this study, a vehicle with multistage rockets to reach a Low Earth Orbit were designed. The rocket used as solid propellants in five solid rocket booster (SRB) and a liquid propellant in common core booster (CCB) which divided in two tanks.

At the boosting (first stage), the solid propellants in the five solid rocket booster and liquid propellant in CCB is ignited for 90 seconds. After the five solid rockets with pay rejected from the rocket, the other liquid propellant in the boosting stage. The duration of this stage is about 180 second. The table (3) shows all data which are partially taken for design vehicle in boosting phase [7].

Table 3. Principal boosting phase design data[7]

| Item BOOSTING PHASE | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mass of launch vehicle $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 467000 |
| SOLID ROCKET BOOSTERS(SRB) |  |
| Solid Rocket Booster (SRB ) no. | 5 |
| Fuel mass (Kg) | $41000 \times 5=205000$ |
| Structure mass (Kg) | $5740 \times 5=28700$ |
| Burning Time(s) | 90 |
| I sp (s) | 275 |
| Diameter (m) | 1.55 |
| Total Thrust (N) | $5 \times 1688400=8442000$ |
| COMMON CORE BOOSTERS CCB |  |
| Fuel mass1 (Kg), $m_{L R B P}$ | 92700 |
| =90s(1030)kg/s=61800kg |  |
| Fuel mass2 (Kg), $m_{L R B P}=$ | $92700 / 185400$ |
| 90s(1030)kg/s=92700kg | 21173 |
| Structure mass(Kg) | $90 / 90+$ |
| Burning Time(s) | 460 |
| Specific Impulse (Isp) (s) | 3.81 |
| Diameter (m) | 3827000 |
| Thrust (n) at sea level | 4152000 |
| Thrust (n) at airless(vacuum) |  |

$m_{T}=\left(n m_{S R B}+m_{L C C B}\right)+m_{L 1 S}+m_{L 2 S}$
$n$
$m_{S R B} \quad$ number solid rocket booster $=5$
$m_{S R B P} \quad$ solid rocket booster mass $=47000 \mathrm{~kg}$
$=41000 \mathrm{~kg}$

$m_{C C B S}$
$m_{L B P 1} \quad$ structural mass of the $C C B=21173 \mathrm{~kg}$
$m_{L C C B} \quad$ common core propellant mass $=185400 \mathrm{~kg}$
total center core mass $=206573 \mathrm{~kg}$
$m_{\text {L1s }}$, 1.stage liquid propellant with structural mass $=22247 k$
$m_{\text {L1SP }}, 1$. stage liquid propellant $=20000 \mathrm{~kg}$
$m_{\text {L2S }}$, 2. stage liquid propellant with structural mass $=2018 \mathrm{~kg}$
$m_{\text {L2SP }}, \quad$ 2. stage liquid propellant $=1850 \mathrm{~kg}$
3.1. First Boosting Stage Five Rockets with Solid and Liquid Propellant in CCB For 90 Seconds
$D=$ Overall Diameter
$D=3.82+1.58=5.4$
$A=$ rocket cross-sectional area in $m 2 \quad A_{S L B}=22.9 m 2$
$t=90 \mathrm{~s}$
$m_{S R B P}=41000 \mathrm{~kg}$
$m_{\text {LRBP }}=1030 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{s}(90 \mathrm{~s})=92700 \mathrm{~kg}$
$m_{S L B}=m_{T}-\frac{5 m_{S R B P}}{2}-\frac{m_{L R B P 1}}{2}=308250 \mathrm{~kg}$
$T_{S R B T}=5(1680000 N)=8400000 \mathrm{~N}$ Thrust of Solid Booster
$T_{L R B}=3827000 N=$ Thrust of Liquid Booster
Air density, $\rho_{\text {AIR }}=1.223 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{3} \quad$ Drag coefficient,
$C_{D}=0.75$
Table 4. First boosting stage five rockets with solid and liquid propellant in ccb for 90 seconds

| BS <br> $\mathrm{T}^{*}$ | $k_{S L B}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~kg}}{\mathrm{~m}}\right.$, | $q_{S L B}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}\right)$ | $v_{S L B}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}\right)$ | $h_{S L B}(\mathrm{~m})$ | $v_{B T 1}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}\right)$ | $h_{B T 1}(\mathrm{~m})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 10.5 | 931 | 927 | 57644 | 927 | 57644 |

> 3.2 Second boosting stage liquid propellant in CCB for 90180 seconds
> $D=d_{C C B}=$ Overall Diameter
> $D=3.82+1.58=5.4 \mathrm{~m}$
> $A=$ rocket cross-sectional area in $m 2 A=A_{S L B}=22.9 m 2$
> $m_{C C B S}=21173 \mathrm{~kg}$
> $m_{\text {LBP }}=1030 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{s}(90 \mathrm{~s})=92700 \mathrm{~kg}$
> $m_{L B}=m_{T}-\frac{5 m_{S R B}}{2}-m_{L R B P}-\frac{m_{L R B P}}{2}$
> $=467000-5(47000)-92700$
> $-\frac{92700}{2}=82950 \mathrm{~kg}$
> $T_{L B}=3827000 N=$ Thrust of liquid booster
> $t=90 s$

Table 5. Second boosting stage liquid propellant in CCB for 90180 seconds

| CCB <br> liquid <br> prop | $k_{S L B}\left(\frac{k g}{-}\right.$, | $q_{S L B}\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ | $v_{S L B}\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ | $h_{S L B}(m)$ | $v_{B T 1}\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ | $h_{B T 1}(m)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Result <br> s | 10.5 | 535 | 535 | 23480 | 1362 | 81124 |

$v_{B T 2}=v_{S L B}+v_{L B}=927 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}+535 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}=1362 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}$
$h_{B T 2}=h_{S B}+h_{L B}=57644 \mathrm{~m}+23480 \mathrm{~m}=81124 \mathrm{~m}$
In the typical case, the first-stage and booster engines fire to propel the entire rocket upwards. When the boosters run out of fuel, they are detached from the rest of the rocket (usually with some kind of small explosive charge or explosive bolts) and fall away. The first stage then burns to completion and falls off. This leaves a smaller rocket, with the second stage on the bottom, which then fires.

Known in rocketry circles as staging, this process is repeated until the desired final velocity is achieved. In some case with serial staging, the upper stage ignites before the separationthe inter stage ring is designed with this in mind, and the thrust is used to help positively separate the two vehicles.
In this article at start 467ton of three stage rocket system first stage which is called as booster's final altitude is found as 81 km . It is in the range of LEO and vertical velocity is found as $1362 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s} .205$ tons of solid propellant and 185.4 tons liquid propellants are consumed. Additionally,30tons of solid rocket and 21.173 tons of used bile load reduced the weight of the system and are creating smaller drag forces on the system at higher altitudes.

### 3.3. First stage after boosting

The RL10 is a liquid fuel cryogenic rocket engine built in the United States by Aerojet Rocketdyne that burns cryogenic liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen propellants. Modern versions produce up to $110 \mathrm{kN}(24,729 \mathrm{lbf})$ of thrust per engine in vacuum.

Inert mass: $2,247 \mathrm{~kg}(4,954 \mathrm{lb}) \quad$ Length: $12.68 \mathrm{~m}(42 \mathrm{ft}$
Fuel: Liquid Hydrogen Oxidizer: Liquid oxygen
Fuel and Oxidizer mass: 12000kg
Thrust: $99.2 \mathrm{kN}(22,300 \mathrm{lbf})$
Burn time: Variable, $\mathrm{t}=100 \mathrm{~s}$ ( 842 s on Atlas V)
$m_{L 1}=m_{T}-5 m_{S R B}-2 m_{L B}-m_{C C B S}-\frac{m_{L 1 P}}{2}$
$=467000-5(47000)-92700-92700-21173-\frac{20000}{2}=$ 5427 kg
$A_{L 1}=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[d_{L 1}^{2}\right]=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[1.51^{2}\right]=1.79 m 2$
$T_{L 1}=198400 \mathrm{~N}$
Table 6. First stage after boosting

| Stage 1 | $k_{L 1}\left(\frac{k g}{m}\right)$ | $q_{L 1}\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ | $v_{L 1}\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ | $h_{S L B}(m)$ | $v_{T L 1}\left(\frac{m}{s}\right)$ | $h_{T L 1}(m)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Results | 0.0012 | 6262 | 2556 | 505260 | 4018 | 586384 |

$\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{TL} 1}=927 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}+535 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}+2556=4018 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}$
$\mathrm{h}_{\mathrm{TL} 1}=57644 \mathrm{~m}+23480 \mathrm{~m}+505260 \mathrm{~m}=586384 \mathrm{~m}$
$V_{\text {OR1 }}=\sqrt{\frac{\left(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\mathrm{Nm}^{2}}{\mathrm{~kg}^{2}}\right)\left(5.98 \times 10^{24} \mathrm{~kg}\right)}{6378000 \mathrm{~m}+586000 \mathrm{~m}}}=\sqrt{\frac{\left(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\mathrm{Nm}^{2}}{\mathrm{~kg}^{2}}\right)\left(5.98 \times 10^{24} \mathrm{~kg}\right)}{69.6400}}=7568 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$
At 586 km altitude the orbit velocity $7568 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ which is still higher than $4018 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ and not able to enter the orbit at 586 km altitude.

### 3.4. Second stage after booster

Engine Mass, 168 kg (restartable) Engine Length, 2.32 m
Engine Diameter, 1.51 m
Propellant, Hydrazine
Attitude
Control,4X40N Thrusters
$m_{L 2}=m_{T}-5 m_{S B}-2 m_{L B}-m_{C C B S}-m_{L 1 P}-m_{1 S}$ $m_{L 3}=467000-5(47000)-185400-21173-20000-$ $2247 \mathrm{~kg}=3180 \mathrm{~kg}$

So far booster and first stage rocket motors has an 586 km altitude and $4018 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ velocity. If its velocity is increased to very close to $8000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$, at appropriate altitude the orbit transfer can be completed. According to calculations for this purpose 1847 kg of fuel should be added the system for the required fuel to make the velocity around $8000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ which means we need second stage rocket.
$m_{L P 2}=3180\left(1-e^{-\frac{4000}{4600}}\right)=1847 \mathrm{~kg}$
In order to reach orbit velocity, required mass $=1847 \mathrm{~kg}$ has been taken as 1850 kg

Engine dry-weight: 168 kg

$$
\begin{aligned}
& m_{L 3}=m_{L 2}-\frac{1850}{2}=3180-925=2255 \mathrm{~kg} \\
& A_{L 2}=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[d_{L 2}^{2}\right]=\frac{\pi}{4}\left[1.51^{2}\right]=1.79 \mathrm{~m} 2 \\
& T_{L 2}=99200 \mathrm{~N} \\
& t=\frac{m_{L 2}}{k_{L 2}} \frac{1}{2 q_{L 2}} \ln \frac{q_{L 2}+v}{q_{L 2}-v}=\frac{2255}{0.0006(11334) 2} \ln \frac{11334+4018}{11334-4018}=123 \mathrm{~s} \\
& t_{L 3}=100 \mathrm{~s} \\
& v_{L 2}=q_{L 2} \frac{s_{L 2}-e^{-x_{L 2} t}}{s_{L 2}+e^{-x_{L 2} t}}=11334 \frac{2.10-0.55}{2.10+0.55}=6629 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}} \\
& t_{L 2}=80 \mathrm{~s}
\end{aligned}
$$

Table 7. Second stage after boosting.

| Stage 11 | $k_{L 2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~kg}}{\mathrm{~m}}\right)$ | $q_{L 2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}\right)$ | $v_{L 2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}\right)$ | $h_{L 2}(\mathrm{~m})$ | $v_{T L 2}\left(\frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}\right)$ | $h_{T L 2}(\mathrm{~m})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Results | 0.0006 | 11314 | 4273 | 879042 | 8291 | 1586560 |

$v_{T L 2}=927 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}+535 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}+2556+4273 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}=8291 \frac{\mathrm{~m}}{\mathrm{~s}}$
$h_{T L 2}=57644 m+23480 \mathrm{~m}+647534+879042 \mathrm{~m}=1586560 \mathrm{~m}$
The staged rocket system either the velocity and altitude calculated above can enter the orbit below the 1500 km which we define as LEO. The corresponding orbit velocity at 1500 km found as
$V_{\text {OR1500 }}=\sqrt{\frac{\left(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\mathrm{Nm}^{2}}{\mathrm{~kg}^{2}}\right)\left(5.98 \times 10^{24} \mathrm{~kg}\right)}{637800 \mathrm{~m}+1500000 \mathrm{~m}}}=\sqrt{\frac{\left(6.67 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\mathrm{Nm}^{2}}{\mathrm{~kg}^{2}}\right)\left(5.98 \times 10^{24} \mathrm{~kg}\right)}{78.78000}}=7116 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$

This means whenever second stage system enters to orbit at any height it may it may go to the higher altitudes by elliptic orbit transfer or even go to the other space regions.

In the literature, artificial satellites are first launched into the desired altitude by conventional liquid/solid propelled rockets after which the satellite may use onboard propulsion systems for orbital station keeping. Once in the desired orbit, they often need some form of attitude control so that they are correctly pointed with respect to the Earth, the Sun, and possibly some astronomical object of interest.[9] They are also subject to drag from the thin atmosphere, so that to stay in orbit for a long period of time some form of propulsion is occasionally necessary to make small corrections (orbital station-keeping).[10] Many satellites need to be moved from one orbit to another from time to time, and this also requires propulsion.[11] A satellite's useful life is usually over once it has exhausted its ability to adjust its orbit.

Table 8. Satellite orbit engines working with chemical fuel

| Thrust <br> Power <br> $(\mathrm{kW})$ | Battery <br> Weight <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Power <br> Distribution <br> Control Unit <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Power <br> Sub <br> Unit <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Solar <br> Antenna <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Total <br> Weight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 88 | 163 |
| 5 | 25 | 20 | 30 | 39 | 114 |
|  |  |  |  | 35 | 110 |
| 10 | 25 | 30 | 50 | 162 | 267 |
|  |  |  |  | 72 | 177 |
|  |  |  |  | 65 | 170 |
| 15 | 25 | 40 | 70 | 111 | $2586^{*}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 100 | 235 |

## 4. Conclusions

In this article a multistage rocket is required to reach orbital speed, $7116 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ and successively verified by 3 stage system is the velocity of $8291 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ at 1500 km altitude.

Payload is the object or the entity which is being carried by an aircraft or launch vehicle. For a rocket, the payload can be a satellite, space probe, or spacecraft carrying humans, animals or cargo.

Firstly in [8], the travelling to Moon is discussed. By using the data Table (3) and the results of the article, it is possible to travel to Moon. The payload is found as 758 kg which may be considered as a reasonable payload. The vehicle 3180 m payload by consuming nearly 407 kg Lunar Transfer Fuel for a hyperbola that encounters the Moon for 6 days, total velocity change has been expected approximately $4000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ having at least with $7116 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ launcher velocity. The mass driver starts orbiting at 1500 km at this Earth altitude to Lunar Orbit of 100km height of Moon orbit Table (9).

Table 9. Direct transfers from 185-km circular Earth orbits to 100-km prograde lunar orbits, given in inertial frame [8].

| $m_{L 2}(\mathrm{~kg})$ | $m_{L P 2}(\mathrm{~kg})$ | Total <br> Lunar <br> Transfer <br> Fuel $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 2ndStage <br> Mass(kg) | Payload(kg) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3180 | 1847 | 407 | 168 | 758 |

Secondly if this vehicle is separated from main mass body, 168 kg of $2^{\text {nd }}$ stage the new capsule is satellite may go to the to Geosynchronously Equatorial Orbit in Space at 35,786m altitude[9].

Table 10. Direct transfers from $80-\mathrm{km}$ circular Earth orbits to $42164-\mathrm{km}$ GEO satellite orbits, given in inertial frame[10].

| $m_{L 2}(\mathrm{~kg}$ | $m_{L P 2}$ <br> $(\mathrm{~kg})$ | Apogee / <br> Perigee <br> Fuel $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Orbit <br> engine <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | 2.Stage <br> Mass <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Payload <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3012 | 184 | $38 / 246$ | 246 | 168 | 467 |
|  | 7 | $(284)$ | *Table <br> $(10)$ |  |  |

This results are evaluated from perigee to apogee circular orbit transfers consuming approximately 284 kg of fuel and using 15 kw power satellite orbit engine Table(10). Finally, reasonable mass of payload is found as 467 kg .

In the scope of this article, mathematical modelling of gravity and drag calculations with changing density of the air with altitude are introduced by a successfully. It is found that multi staged chemical rockets are advantageous with respect to single rockets which has almost $90 \%$ of system propellant mass where the system is found highly expensive due to limited amount of payload.

In the literature, rather than relying on high temperature and fluid dynamics to accelerate the reaction mass to high speeds, there are a variety of methods that use electrostatic or electromagnetic forces to accelerate the reaction mass directly by a stream of ions such an engine typically uses electric power, first to ionize atoms, and then to create a voltage gradient to accelerate the ions to high exhaust velocities by using solar, nuclear electric rockets. But, power generation adds significant mass to the spacecraft, and ultimately the weight of the power source limits the performance of the vehicle. Ion thrusters, electro thermal thrusters, electromagnetic thrusters and mass drivers for propulsion are the typical examples of electromagnetic methods.

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