

## **Intelligent Control Systems for Autonomous Re-entry and Landing of Reusable Rockets**

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### **Abstract**

The project requires integration of cutting-edge technologies such as sensor integration, trajectory planning, control system, and safety measures to ensure safe and exact landing. The research presents a development and application of intelligent control system for autonomous re-entry and landing that is specifically created for reusable rocket. The primary goal of our research is to develop an intelligent control system that can autonomously guide reusable rocket through the challenging process of re-entering the atmosphere and landing. Advance sensor integration is essential for gathering real-time data from various sensors and enabling the control system to make decisions during crucial descent stages. In order to lessen risk to the rocket and its payload, it also covers trajectory planning, which optimizes the flight route to assure precision upon landing. Safety is the first priority throughout the project, with strong safety measures being implemented to reduce potential risk and assure protection. An intelligent control system that has been designed and built can autonomously direct a reusable rocket through the difficult re-entry and landing process. This work offers a reliable and efficient method for the autonomous re-entry and landing of reusable rockets, making a substantial addition to the field of rocketry. By running efficiently and sustainably, the intelligent control system created here has the potential to revolutionize the space sector.

### **1)Introduction.**

The operational environment for the reusable rocket is extremely demanding and calls for high performance, minimal maintenance, and reliability standards. The search for innovations in the dynamic realm of space exploration is a quest for effectiveness, sustainability, and accuracy There is a vertical (retrograde) multistage launch system that allows for the reuse of some or all of the component stages. Do not confuse such reusable launch vehicles with those shown in science fiction films. Unfortunately, humanity has not yet reached that level of technical enlightenment to create a reusable launch engine that could make the vehicle operate and manoeuvre both in the air and in space. Although the development of such an engine is underway, it is called Sabre. Since RLV could allow for far lower per flight costs than expendable vehicle, intensive research has been investigated at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in order to improve safety, reliability and affordability for RLV. To this end, the system must have capabilities of optimality,

robustness and reconfiguration. As pointed in , reentry guidance algorithms that are not based on optimal control and high fidelity model compromise safety , In recent years, reusable rockets have gained prominence thanks to private space companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin. SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, with its innovative technology, has become a prime example of the possibilities of reusability. This resurgence has reignited the exploration of space and prompted a wave of innovation aimed at making reusable rockets not just a reality but a sustainable and efficient solution for space access. Our project exemplifies this spirit by utilizing cutting-edge technologies to tackle one of rocketry's most difficult problems, specifically autonomous return and landing. Our study aims to reinvent the possibilities of reusable rockets by integrating cutting-edge sensors, careful trajectory planning, a strong control system, and unyielding safety precautions. The creation and use of an intelligent control system tailored exclusively for autonomous return and landing is the primary objective of our research. The ability to autonomously negotiate a dangerous course through the Earth's atmosphere and achieve the highest landing precision is what we want to give to reusable rockets. The field of space exploration has advanced significantly as the result of this work. Advanced sensor integration, which enables real-time data capture from various sources, is a key tenet of our strategy. Our control system can make quick judgments during crucial descent stages because to this plethora of information, optimizing accuracy and safety. This document emphasizes the importance of trajectory planning, which maximizes flight trajectories to ensure the highest level of landing precision. We carefully evaluate the best route in order to reduce dangers to the rocket and its priceless cargo. Safety is always the top priority in our research. The ability to autonomously discuss a dangerous course through the Earth's atmosphere and achieve the highest landing accuracy is what we want to give to reusable rockets. The field of space exploration has advanced significantly as the result of this work. Advanced sensor integration, which enables real-time data capture from various sources, is a key tenet of our strategy. Our control system can make quick decisions during crucial descent stages because to this plethora of information, optimizing accuracy and safety. This document emphasizes the importance of trajectory planning, which optimizes flight trajectories to ensure the highest level of landing precision. We carefully evaluate the best route in order to reduce dangers to the rocket and its expensive cargo. Safety is always the top priority in our research. The scope of this paper extends beyond theoretical concepts and embraces practical applications. Advanced sensor integration plays a pivotal role, enabling real-time data acquisition from various sources. This wealth of information empowers the control system to make instantaneous decisions during descent, mitigating risks to both the rocket and its payload.

## **2)Literature Review**

Jeffrey L. Musgrave et al. 1992: NASA developed an intelligent control system to reduce maintenance using control systems, monitoring systems, sensors and actuators (focusing on the space shuttle's main engine), system focused on identifying engines, thus improving engine life and operational failure mode, valve freeze and pump failure the system includes an engine-level monitor that analyzes behaviour using images and translates target demand and engine health into operational strategies for various controls; this document discusses control settings and other designs to achieve high tolerance . When the control system is not correct.

Mohamed m ragab et al. 1964: RLV development and re-engineering history according to previous instructions, also includes weak systems such as aerodynamic retarder and which direction to land, entering air using hypersonic inflatable aerodynamic retarder possibility points. A method called air recovery was introduced for the landing of sensitive objects.

Marco Sagliano et al. 2021: The article focuses on the connection of energy controls for reusable rockets during aerodynamic landing, the energy control process based on the  $H_\infty$  concept, and the comparison of  $H_\infty$  models. This article discusses the reusable recovery and landing rocket called CALLISTO. Rocket flight phases include climb, lift maneuvers, and power landing and landing phases. The  $H_\infty$  method family is recommended as a solution for security. The  $H_\infty$  framework is more difficult to apply to nonlinear systems than LTI systems, but progress has been made with LPV systems.

Cusick et al. 2020: The optimization software developed by the University of Glasgow for RLV using low-cost testing combined with high-speed and easy aerodynamic testing. It is used in a population-based design optimization framework that focuses on Point method iteration is used for coupling and Aitken relaxation is used for collision acceleration. The chosen optimization algorithm is particle swarm optimization as it can perform continuous and large-scale problems without spending a lot of money. This article presents various optimization techniques that can address different configurations and nonlinear targets by defining parameters and constraints. This work identified areas for future improvement, such as improving mass, improving definition, and continuing to improve the inclusion of various RLV designs and configurations to reduce and improve wing weight.

John knoos et.al 2011: Focuses on control design (linear and nonlinear) for suborbital reusable launch vehicles. The initial research is to understand the behaviour of the vehicle and then design a linear controller to control the control. Nonlinear control methods, especially block inversion, time difference and nonlinear control have been studied and used to design two different nonlinear control schemes for vehicles a consensus was developed by considering three different research methods with different evolution genetic optimization algorithms carried out the function. The proposed controller shows that nonlinear dynamic inversion by timescale separation performs better than block backstepping in the scenarios studied. The slowness of the NDI-TSS controller is important for responsiveness and identifies potential areas for improvement. In comparison, the improvement proposal includes a more rigorous long-term perspective and requires a different response as part of the business objectives. Genetic optimization has become important not only for control selection, but also for comparing different controls; indicating that there are no control cables

Walter c. Merrill et.al 1988 the paper said about intelligence control system for Rocket launch vehicle . Explaining about the hierarchical control system which embodies a high degree of intelligence and comparison between air breathing and rocket engine control concepts to assess to determine the applicability of air breathing control concepts to future reusable vehicle.

Delma C. Freeman et.al 1996 the reusable launch vehicle technology programme, which includes the flying systems for the DC-XA, X-33, and X-34. The goals of the technology programme are to create, launch, and test new technologies.

A methodical approach to developing a low-cost programme. The programme elements take into account the hazards associated in the execution of the programme and the flying test.

Bill Wu et.al 2018 In terms of the safety of the propulsion system design, hybrid rocket propulsion is thought to be superior to its solid and liquid predecessors. In this study, hybrid rocket engines were found to have similar thrust performance to liquid engines but at lower production costs. The goal of the project is to offer quick and affordable launch services for future commercial and customised spacecraft.

Marco Sagliano et.al 2018 proposed a paper on the title “Onboard This essay discusses a generic approach that can be used for reusable rockets’ powered landings as well as their controlled aerodynamic descent. An ad hoc formulation of the equation of motion that minimises the existence of non convex terms is supported in this study, along with the inclusion of parametrization of controls and systematic transcribing methods. Planning, limitations, dynamics, connecting conditions, and cost effectiveness are discussed in the paper. Numerical guiding for reusable rocket powered landing and aerodynamic descent. Convergence behavior approach is to solve both aerodynamic and landing guidance problem.

Xinfu Liu et.al 2018 proposed a paper on the title “ Fuel optimal rocket landing with Aerodynamic controls “. Angle of attack and thrust are used as inputs and restrictions in the formulation of the optimum control problem to reflect the capabilities of the vehicle. Rocket non linear dynamics and relaxation strategies for the rocket landing problem. The dynamics, restrictions, landing control strategies, and comparison with optimal control software are discussed in the paper. Goal is to provide a reliable and effective landing solution.

Bailing tian et.al 2015 : A reusable launch vehicle is designed to improve flexibility, safety and autonomy, and firstly, an outer loop of optimal re-entry guidance feedback with online trajectory shape change is designed. Some representative simulation tests are performed to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed integrated guidance and control strategy for RLV. And RLV could enable lower cost per flight than expandable vehicles, the main thing is to bring safety, reliability and affordability to RLV. the main contribution of the paper is presented as a guidance and control architecture with online trajectory design, multivariable controllers and control allocation for 6DOF RLV. an integrated guidance and control scheme with trajectory reshaping capability is proposed for the 6DOF RLV. Then, a multivariable smooth second-order sliding position controller and disturbance observer scheme is designed to ensure that the guidance and control system.

Cong Wang et.al 2005: The missile landing process starts from the time of separation of the stage until the end of the vertical landing in the desired area. This paper presents a homotopy-based trajectory optimization algorithm for the reusable rocket landing problem, which can handle complex landing constraints and is also a practical method for analyzing the entire reusable rocket landing process. The ability of the rocket to carry the cargo has a positive relationship with the amount of the cargo. Available Fuel Therefore, in order to minimize the loss of carrying capacity, it is necessary to minimize the required fuel consumption from the time of separation to the return of the rocket booster.

The adaptive pseudospectral method should be applied to solve each transmission problem and finally obtain the optimal solution. The main problem is to accurately understand the design priorities and challenges at different stages of flight.

Timothy R Jorris et.al A Common Aero Vehicle supports Global Strike. Autonomous trajectory optimization reduces flight time, respects constraints. Various methods, including geometric, analytical, and collocation, are compared for accuracy and efficiency. The proposed numerical technique optimizes reentry trajectories for minimal time, meeting various constraints. GS and GPA are USAF concepts. Hypersonic and reentry tech for global reach are pursued via FALCON and NASA's NGLT. CAV aids global strike mission with rapid, long-range UAV capabilities. AFRL/VA develops SAVMOS sim for MSP and CAV. IDOS generates reentry trajectories satisfying dynamics and constraints. The overall mission is to fly from an initial point to a final / terminal point or target in minimum time.

Stephen A .Cook et.al 1996 The RLV program aims to develop cost-effective, next-gen reusable launch tech. X-33 is a Single Stage to Orbit (SSTO) demonstrator, showcasing critical concepts and tech. Three X-33 classes explored: VTHL wing-body, VTHL lifting-body, VTVL. Lockheed Martin Skunkworks selected to build and fly. Challenges include reentry for lightweight yet robust system; graphite composites tested for viability. X-33 leverages aircraft experience, combining ground and flight tests for robust launch and reentry systems Lockheed Martin Skunkworks designs VTHL lifting-body, using shape for reentry lift. Unique linear aerospike main engine integrated, enhancing performance via altitude-compensating nozzle with external expansion surface.

Robert Tomanek et.al 2018 The paper centers on reusable space systems, discussing reusability status and analyzing Falcon rocket launch costs. It introduces reusability and launch history. It covers post-STs era and RLV concept. Subsequent sections analyze current Falcon carrier rocket launch prices. Reusable launch systems recover components for reuse, while expendable systems are used once. Reusability development began in the 20<sup>th</sup> century with Silbervogel project. Post-war era saw rapid space advancements, leading to piloted flights and moon landing in 1969. 1970s marked significant development of reusable systems, exemplified by STS Space Shuttle. However, economic goals of Shuttle program weren't fully realized, as cost reduction targets weren't met despite the aim to reduce low Earth orbit access costs. The space industry envisions a launch vehicle delivering fast, safe, reliable, and cost-effective space access. Reusability meets these goals. Reusability's impact will grow in decades, becoming commonplace. It's a current cosmonautics trend, exemplified by Falcon 9's first stage recovery, aiding SpaceX in reducing launch costs for various missions.

WU FENG et.al 2020: Goal is to improve the space transportation in and out. Application of the artificial intelligence technology inovation has been explored. It involves three step. Firstly, development need and basic principle. Secondly, development status in and out of the country. Finally, future development mapping and research on reusable rocket intelligent control. Development should be based on low cost, fast response and reusable. By developing space transportation intelligent control technology system , rockets will have rapid autonomous adjustment and performance optimal on orbit to deal with complex environments and failure situation. It also focusses on making the

reusable rockets with precise autonomous return and rapid re-entry capabilities. In order to do this it should have a capabilities such as cheap, fast, mobile, reliable in and out space.

OMKAR HALBE et al 2013: A non-optimal re-entry redirection logic for reusable rockets is described using predictive static programming of a recently developed computational model. Guidance shapes the trajectory of the missile by predicting the angle of deviation and attack of the missile. You also need to make sure that it complies with many route and terminal restrictions. The theory of nonlinear optimal control is the basis of guidance methods. For this reason, powerful path optimization techniques are included. The guide is robust enough against state perturbations and parametric uncertainties. I will explain with a model

QIANG XUE et al. 2017: A robust altitude control system and dynamic inversion approach for a re-entry stage reusable launch vehicle is presented. The robust approach is based on fractional order sliding mode control, which replaces one of the correct order. The dynamic inversion of the designed inner-loop controller introduces errors that are compensated by the robust outer-loop controller designed here. A pigeon-inspired optimization algorithm is developed to increase the robustness of the controller. The reliability and efficiency of an advanced control system is expressed by the following equation: Monte Carlo simulation results

SAM K MIHARA et.al 2003: The USA sectors which develop reusable launch vehicles are discussed that is government and private sector initiatives. Government's integrated space transportation plan includes shuttle upgrades, space launch initiative and advanced transportation program in the order and each program is termed as generation. Purpose of the programs done by U.S. government is given. The space shuttle is time consuming and expensive to operate. It is replaced by X-33 and X-44 programs. NASA invested \$5 billion towards space launch initiative in order to provide more safety and reduce cost. The advanced transportation program aims at achieving even more lower cost. The recent system architectures of NASA is discussed. Also concepts by Boeing, team of orbital science is discussed. The projects which are begun or on process in private sector is mentioned. The reusable launch vehicles projects which are undergoing in 19 companies are discussed.

Jean-Philippe Préaud et.al 2019: We discuss the future development of European space transport. This program was known as the Future Launcher Preparation Program (FLPP). The future development of European space transport will be discussed. This program was known as the Future Launcher Preparation Program (FLPP). It offers lower cost, higher performance, greater mission versatility and faster time to market. The three areas that make up the future launch readiness program are advanced technologies that do not yet have a high enough Technology Readiness Level (TRL) to allow a clear assessment. Analysis of launch vehicle performance and associated risks, compatibility with research that identifies and evaluates interest in future applications, including commercial manned space transportation services, and integration with research that identifies and evaluates these risks. We also explore reusability through the above areas in areas where reusable launch vehicles are used. The current growth of European space transport includes various initiatives to create innovative and attractive solutions for more competitive services.



### 3) The Trajectory path way

The trajectory pathway is more than the path a rocket takes to launch, travel through space, and eventually land on the planet's surface in the case of reusable rockets. The development and execution of a rocket's pathway involves ongoing calculations and adjustments made by its guidance and navigation systems, which rely on data from various sensors and tracking stations. For the autonomous re entry of the reusable rocket, a micro controller unit, linear control systems, and rocket uses a combination of onboard systems and ground based guidance system. Together, these mechanisms make sure that the rocket accurately follows the desired trajectory.

The trajectory path will involve a number of control systems, including The re entry trajectory optimization and vehicle-tailored solutions can be generated using a pseudospectral-based optimal guidance technique. Along with other things like GPS, onboard computers, inertial navigation, guidance systems, thrust vector control, ground tracking, star tracking, and aerodynamic control. All of these are used in order to control or maintain the rocket's trajectory. additionally, to land on the same trajectory path upon return.

In order to design the trajectory pathway every of the rockets functions should be predetermined. Likewise the properties such as altitude and range at which the rocket reaches to complete the task should be calculated and also at what point the payload is discharged and burner is reignited should be preprogrammed for autonomous re entry. The control systems that control the altitude, speed and angle of the rocket should be preprogrammed.

Designing the trajectory pathway for a reusable rocket involves complex calculations and considerations and here are some steps are there Mission objective, vehicle characteristics, orbital mechanics, launch site, optimal trajectory, guidance and control, re entry and landing, safety, software simulation, cost analysis so by these factors we will design the trajectory path way.

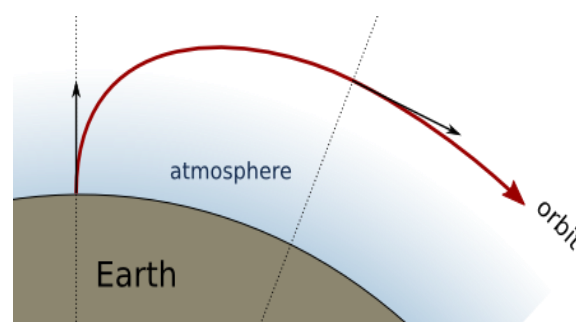


Fig 1 : Trajectory path way

The goal is to send the mission into Earth orbit after releasing the payload, then return and land in the same direction. This study proposes a direct path optimization framework for vertical takeoff and vertical landing (VTVL) of reusable single-stage rockets. If these steps cause a problem in the orbital path of the reusable rocket, we solve the problem using a finite element interpolation method using Radau interpolation using an internal point optimizer (IPOPT). The technology of reusable rockets is advancing at a faster rate these days as it saves time and money. cost associated with

producing new rockets for launches. The VTVL rocket is a potential recovery technique for the space industry, and as such, its use is increasing daily. This is made possible by the trajectory path design. Ascent and Descent, or rocket launch in a path and rocket return in a path, are the two main forms of trajectory design for the whole flight processes of VTVL reusable rockets.

#### **4) The landing legs ;**

This study modified the landing system of the Falcon 9 to use five landing legs instead of four. This modification aims to increase strength and redundancy so that if one of the landing legs fails, the remaining four legs can support and maintain the required level of stability and reliability during the landing phase. I will do it. This new strategy will improve the reliability of the missile landing to deal with potential hazards. The weight is increased due to the use of five landing legs. Therefore, graphene materials can be used to reduce weight. Carbon atoms are organized into a two-dimensional honeycomb lattice of individual sheets that make up the amazing material called graphene. It is the main component of other carbon allotropes such as fullerenes, carbon nanotubes and graphite. The hexagonal lattice of carbon atoms that make up graphene resembles a honeycomb. Strong covalent bonds are formed between each carbon atom and its three neighbors. The tensile strength of graphene is almost 100 times that of steel, making it very strong. Excellent thermal and electrical conductivity. Graphene is very flexible and can be bent and stretched while being strong. It is transparent and transmits light. Lightweight materials like graphene are very thin. Graphene has potential applications in electronics due to its excellent electron mobility. Faster and more efficient electronic devices may adopt this. When added to composite materials, they can strengthen the material. Graphene-based materials are being investigated for use in solar cells, batteries, and supercapacitors. Graphene-based sensors have good sensitivity and can detect a wide range of chemicals. In the medical field, graphene is being investigated for use in biosensors and drug delivery. Mass production of high-quality graphene is difficult and expensive. Due to its unique combination of properties, graphene is a material that has attracted a lot of attention in various fields and has the potential to revolutionize technology and industry in the future.

#### **5) Sensor integration**

**a) Model-based error management** It serves as the main sensor integration technique in this study. We use a model-based approach to identify and describe abnormal operating behaviors. Specifically, the model relies on a piecewise linear model carefully developed using simulated data. The investigated faults are systematically classified into three different types: actuators, sensors and processes related to system degradation and operation. Each of these failure modes is precisely represented by a dedicated mode.

To facilitate error parameter estimation, three hypothesis modules are deployed, each using an online parameter estimation technique. These hypothesis modules are intricately involved in the estimation process and play an important role in selecting the correct failure hypothesis. The output of these modules provides a comprehensive description of the detected defects and helps to better understand the nature of the abnormality. This methodological framework is a key



element of our research and provides a systematic and effective tool for diagnosing and diagnosing errors in complex systems.

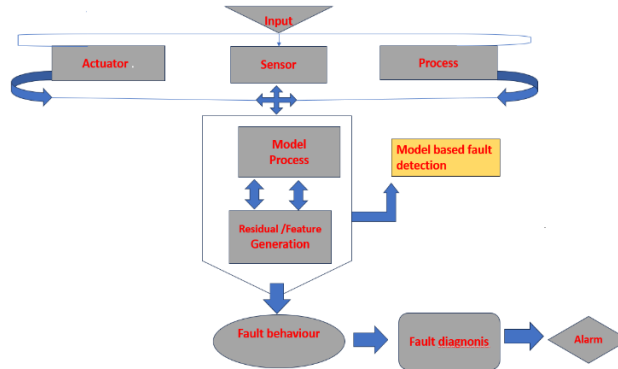


Fig 2 : Model based error detection

### b) Smart graphical interface:

An intelligent graphical interface acts as a secondary platform and facilitates real-time operation while detectin

- 1) Mouse sensitivity: Users interact with diagrams that represent components or the entire system.
- 2) Sensitivity Graphs: The interface plots the time response of system variables and shows errors.
- 3) Interactive Input: Users can view messages and issue commands to the system.

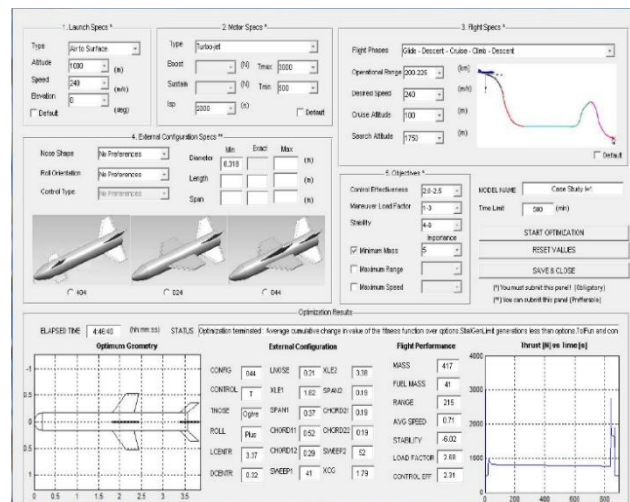


Fig 3: Intelligent Graphical user interface

### Sensor Integration:

To achieve effective sensor integration, a sensor fusion algorithm is adopted that uses a Kalman filter for data processing. Kalman filter helps in effective estimation of discrete data obtained from noisy sensors and ensures optimal estimation accuracy.

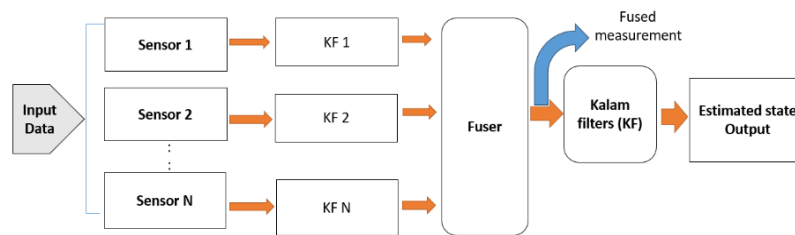


Fig 4 : Working of kalam filters

**Communication interface:** Communication is set to I2C (Integrated Circuit) connection type. This interface is used for post-flight analysis and real-time transmission of telemetry data to the ground, enabling continuous monitoring of sensor data.

**Sensor in use:** Pressure sensors are strategically placed in the nose cone of the rocket to determine the Mach number and angle of attack. Fuel consumption, engine level and tank pressure are controlled using fuel and oxidizer sensors. Ultrasonic testing is used to detect cracks and internal defects through high-frequency sound waves. Fiber optic sensors are embedded in materials to detect temperature changes and structural distortions. An inertial measurement unit (IMU) is integrated to measure acceleration and rotation, providing critical data on the missile's position and direction. Barometric altimeters are used to determine altitude by measuring atmospheric pressure. Seismographs (seismometers) measure ground vibrations during take off and landing. Load cells are used to measure force. Sun sensor is navigational instrument used to detect position of sun .

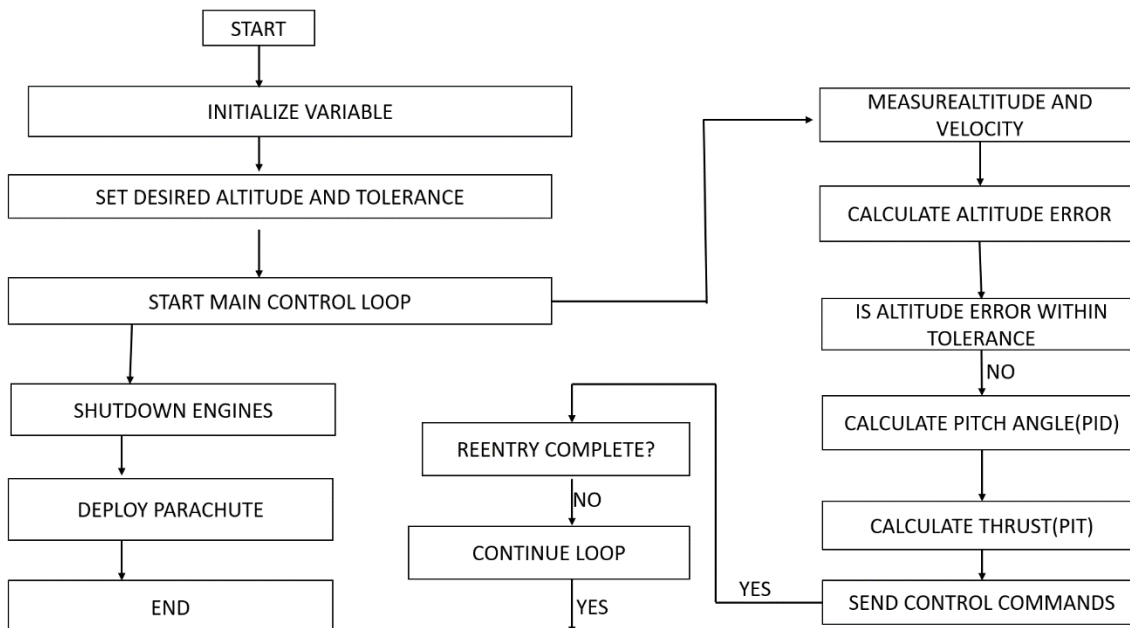


Fig 5: Intelligent control system for sensor

**Sensor function:** Accelerometer, gyroscope, magnetometer plays an important role in the following cases: Determine the acceleration, trajectory and angular velocity to ensure stability control. Measurement of navigation and position magnetic fields: Accelerometer and gyroscope data are important for navigation guidance and control. It uses GPS technology to pinpoint the precise location of the rocket and enhance navigation capabilities. This structured integration provides a clear and professional understanding of intelligent graphical interfaces, sensor integration, communication and the role of various sensors in rocket operations and surveillance.

## **6) SAFETY MEASUREMENT :**

### **Problem identification :**

**a)FLAMMABLE PROPELLANTS :** The propellant of the rocket contain powerfull propellants that can release the large amount of energy . Mishandling these type of propellant can lead to explosion of fire or chemical reaction .

**b)STRUCURE DESIGN :** The powerfull thrust generated by motors can put stress on the rockets structure . unstable points or structure can lead to failure during the launch or flight .

**c)LAUNCH SITE SAFETY :** Launching a high powered motors require a launch site that adheres to safety regulations . the launching site must be remote area and unpopulated area .

**d)TRAJECTORY PATHWAY :** The pathway of the flight must be carefully planned to avoid hazards such as overflight of populated area , roadways ,or infrastructure.

**e)RETURN SYSTEM :** Ensuring the return system such as a parachutes, is crucial for safe and successful landing . failure of return system could lead to hazardous descent .

**f)ELECTRICAL SYSTEM :** Rockets often include electrical components like igniters, accelerometer and altimeters. Proper handling and insulation are vital to prevent short circuits

**g)WEATHER CONDITION :** Launching rockets in the unfavourable conditions such as high wind , heavy rain thunderstorm might increase the rate of failure .

**h)COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATON :** Failure to comply with local, regional and national regulations related to high powered rocketry could lead to hazards . due to these problems the organization must adhere to safety guidelines ,perform through risk assessment and take all precautions to minimize the risk associate with their activities like safety codes, using certified components , conducting pre launch test , and maintaining a safety approach throughout the life cycle .

### **RISK ASSESSMENT :**

Risk assessment involves identifying potential problems and evaluating the hazards occurring . the primary risk associate with the rockets include :

- a) Launch misalignment : Accidents during launch period can lead to unstable flight paths and endanger both participants and spectators .
- b) High velocity impact : Rockets reaching supersonic speed can become hazardous if they off course and crashed into the surrounding area or structure .
- c) Electrical and Mechanical failure: Electronic and Mechanical component not functioning properly it cause unintended rocket behaviour leading to rockets failure situation or problematic situation occurs .
- d) Environmental conditions : weather conditions like heavy rain , heavy wind and thunderstorm can lead to risk during launch and recovery phases .
- e) Air traffic issues : unauthorized launches near airports or restricted area can lead to serious legal consequences , harms the populated area and endanger manned aircraft .
- f) Hazardous propellants : Rocket engine use powerfull propellants that can cause significantly harm the area .

## **RISK EVALUATION**

Assessing the possibility and significance of any potential risk that have been discovered is the next step . By ranking risk its easy to concentrate resources and attention on the most pressing problems . the factors take into account include probability, consequences risk tolerance , monitoring and review .

## **SECURITY STRATEGIES:**

- a) Quality assurance: Processes for ensuring product quality during the design, production, and assembly phases.
- b) Safety regulations: create and adhere to safety regulations for the entire rocketry life cycle.
- c) Select a secure launch site: by picking a suitable area for the launch . taking into account the area that is unpopulated, close to the equator, and in an area that is environmentally sensitive in order to benefit from the earth's revolving speed.
- d) Trajectory pathway and altitude : Setting the proper trajectory path and height will help you avoid unanticipated damage.
- e) Return system: Including a trustworthy return or recovery system to ensure that the rocket lands safely.
- f) Safety equipment: both participants and observers in launch events and rocket building use the proper safety equipment..

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING :**

- a) Recognition of problem : The response planning start with the identification of all problems related to the rocket.mechanical and electrical system failure, early ignition , fire hazards , and environmental effects .

b)Risk evaluation : after risk identification,thoroughly analyse the each risk and quantify the risk and rank them according to their data, and expert views .

c)Team : create a team for emergency response who are skilled in emerging , safety, first aid , and communication . the member needs to be aware with their responsibility when responding the various situations .

d)Emergency stop protocol : establish clear protocol for halting the launch process in critical issues . ensure that all personnel involve are trained on these procedure and execute them safely .

e)Public safety measures : implementing warning signs, restrict access to hazard areas during the launch , and educate spectators about the risk and safety guidelines .

f)Training : train all members on emergency response and conduct drills to simulate emergency scenario,evaluate the response and identify the area of improvement .

g)Observation and evaluation : during the launching period , continuously observe the key parameter, indicator and sensor to detect emergency risk promptly . post launch conduct a evaluation of the risk assessment process and emergency response to enhance safety measures for future launches .

## **RECOGNITION OF TYPICAL METHODS AND STRATEGIES EMPLOYED IN PROSPEROUS LAUNCHES**

a)Prelaunch safety checks : Before the launch , a series of safety checks are conducted . this involves inspecting the rocket structure, every components are connected properly and return system of the rocket

b)Simulation and evaluation : engineers typically use simulation software to recreate the rockets flight path. From this they can predict the situations and make necessary adjustment to high its performance .the rockets experts aerodynamics is taken into consideration by reducing air resistance and maintaining stability during flight . Engineers are strive to determine the thrust to weight ratio in order to give stable accent.

c)Use of high quality propellants : the kind and amount of propellants have a big impact or effect on how well it performs . quality propellants can give consistent engine performance.

d)Reliable ignition system : reliable ignition system are essential for rocket liftoff . this requires precisely timed ignition

e)Weather : its important to choose the correct weather for a launch . in order to confirm a safe landing and prevent flighting pattern , for rocket launch there should be no wind and no cloud

f)Recovery system : usefull return system like parachute , are included in rockets to enable controlled and safe landing on the ground when rockets achieve the higher altitude .

g)Post launch safety checks : after the launch the flight data is examined . Enginners can use the results of this analysis in the future upcoming launches .

h)Respect for laws :its important to observe the local laws keeping legal requirements under control reduces threats to the public and property .

### **TESTING AND SYSTEM USED IN ROCKETS :**

It is very important to inspect different parts of the rocket such as frame, turbine, engine, pressure tank, wing, body, composite, welding, etc. Non-destructive testing (NDT) methods such as ultrasonic testing and eddy current array (ECA) are used to inspect these parts without causing damage. Range safety is ensured by monitoring the flight paths of missiles and launch vehicles, establishing no-go zones for air and sea traffic, and limiting public access. A web-based fire tracking system helps monitor receipts and files, increasing public safety by eliminating drift, lift and deflection at all vehicle stages. While in Western countries the Flight Destruction System (FDS) is manually activated if the missile deviates from its intended trajectory, in the Soviet Union an Automatic Thrust Termination System (TTS) is used in the launch vehicle to Stop the engine. The vehicle deviates from the designated route. Adjust the trajectory so that the rocket can hit the ground if necessary. GPS-based metrological tracking is used to determine position and velocity in orbit and is useful for tracking suborbital launches. LIDAR is used for communication and guidance systems and radar altimeter for control during the launch phase.

### **SAFETY MEASUREMENT TAKEN DURING THE ROCKET BUILD:**

**SAFETY TRAINING** : In rocket construction receive compressive safety training,including handling materials and emergency procedures and use of safety equipment.

**SAFETY GEAR** : Workers wear personal protective equipment such as helmets,safety glasses and flame resistant clothing .

**Clean environment** : to minimize the contamination and reduce the risk of chemical reactions for to control damage .

**Material handling** : proper handling and storage of rocket materials propellants and components are essential to prevent accidents.

**Quality control** : rigorous quality control processes are in place to ensur that component and system meet safety standards. This include inspection and documentation .

**ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTION (ESD)** : Sensible electronic components in rockets are protected from ESD by grounding personnel and using ESD safe workbenches and equipmen

**FIRE SAFETY** : Fire prevention and fire fighting equipment are readily available in case of accidental fires. Fire drills and emergency response plans are in place .

**Chemical safety** : chemical handling procedures, including the use of fume hoods , chemical storage , and disposal are strictly followed to prevent chemical accidents .

**Tool safety** : trained in order to use of tools and machinery to prevent accidents and injuries .



**Emergency response** : emergency response team and plans in case of accidents , medical assistance and evacuation procedures.

**Documentation** : documentation of rocket construction processes, materials used, and safety protocol is essential for traceability and accountability.

**Security** : construction areas is restricted to authorized personnel to prevent unauthorized entry and potential sabotage

**Environmental protection** : measures are taken to minimize the environmental impact of rocket construction,including waste disposal and spill containmen

## 7) Shock absorbers

In reusable rockets, shock absorbers are essential for reducing vibrations and maintaining the rocket's structural integrity during launch and flight. However, if these dampers malfunction or are improperly built, a number of issues may arise:

a)Damage to Structure: Poor shock absorption can result in excessive vibrations that could harm the structural integrity of the rocket's parts. The effectiveness and security of the rocket may be jeopardized.

b)Payload Integrity: Sensitive payloads, including satellites or research equipment, are frequently carried by rockets. These payloads may be damaged or interfered with by excessive vibrations, which would make the mission impossible.

c)Guidance and Control: The rocket's control and guidance systems may be hampered by vibrations, making it more difficult to maintain the intended trajectory. Off-course flights or even mission failure may occur from this.

d)Astronaut Health: In operated missions, high vibrations can put the astronauts' health at risk, which could result in discomfort, harm, or poor performance.

e)Vibrations can also result in greater fuel use since the propulsion system of the rocket may need to adjust for variations from the desired flight path.

The most effective and trustworthy shock absorber needs to be employed to solve these issues.Employing the Active Vibration Controller will solve this issue. Reusable rockets shake between 5 and 200 Hz, although the active vibration controller reduces vibration by 8dB and 3dB.It is a very effective technique for absorbing vibration.Active vibration control systems actively counteract vibrations and shocks in real-time, in contrast to passive shock absorbers, which merely dissipate energy. They employ sensors to identify vibrations, and then they produce opposing forces to lessen or completely eliminate the impact.To detect vibration in the reusable rockets, a sensor made of lead zirconium titanate (PZT) is used.

## 8)Guidance and control system

The main role of the guidance and control system is to ensure the control and stability of the vehicle during maneuvers. A number of navigation sensors form the guidance subsystem and determine the vehicle's position and linear and angular

speed. An onboard computer performs the calculations required for this operation. It all depends on the engine used. The guidance system ensures safe transportation. The main control systems of reusable rockets include the height control system and the grid vanes. GPS and inertial navigation systems (INS) are used for guidance. A model predictive controller (MPC) enables multivariable control. The onboard computer then receives real-time INS and GPS data and compares it to the pre-planned flight path. The on-board computer uses this information about the missile's direction, position, speed, acceleration and altitude to make the appropriate flight adjustments so that the missile can successfully make a vertical landing during re-entry. High accuracy and reliability. Inertial Measurement Units (IMUs) are used to target the landing site and can also aid in precision landings, i.e. landing even when pushed by external disturbances such as wind. Each motor consists of a microcontroller unit that works with electrical power. The PC provides the thrusters and fins of the MPC algorithm to correct path deviations and reach the main objective. For the shuttle, an Autoland molding processor is used as the guidance system. Predicting Touchdown Conditions Linear control systems are used for automatic re-entry of launch vehicles because the control system operates in a closed-loop system. LIDAR is used for communication and guidance systems. Various sensors are used in the control system. Check atmospheric properties such as pressure and temperature. The missile is also controlled from a ground station using a camera. A thrust vector control (TVC) system is used to control the thrust direction of the engine. Rockets use star tracking to track stars. The sky to help determine direction. The thrust system adjusts the amount of thrust produced to the launcher or stage. Electrical and power systems are used to supply, control, distribute and convert electrical energy to consumers. Command and control systems use input instructions to calculate appropriate commands. Thrust and mixture ratio for each engine, measured or estimated data required for engine bay control. When used in conjunction with engine control, the thrust vector control system generates thrust direction for each engine from an upper thrust vector and applies it to each engine individually. The linear fault detection and automatic recovery capabilities of the health monitoring system are performed at the engine and cluster level. The reference specification of the reference path is sent to the guidance and control system. Navigation control and display using interconnected sensors. Using sensors with different functions, a complete control system is built and used to control the missile. Data is collected and sensors operate based on real world environments, mechanics and kinematics. The control system uses the TVC to change thrust direction to avoid disturbances caused by misalignment caused by the propulsion system or wind. The attitude control system automatically determines and directs the missile. Recoil control system allows correct maneuvering using thrusters. Data updates from the flight management system work in conjunction with Mission Vehicle Management (MVM), a computing system that improves the performance and flexibility of space missions. And all these systems are connected to the engine. The flight control system that controls the position, trajectory and stability of the missile during launch and ascent is controlled using sensors. Two PID (Proportional Integer Derivative) controllers are used in the simulation to adjust the grid fins to achieve the desired yaw and pitch during landing. The complete guidance and control system

transmits and receives data from entire system and subsystem of the rockets.

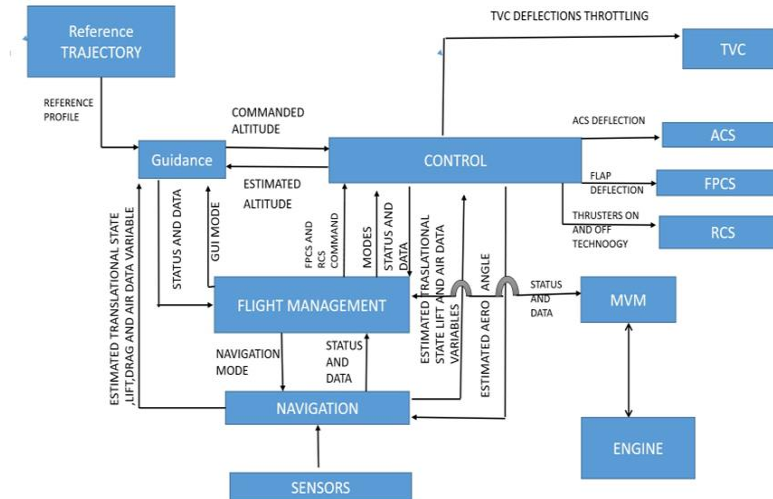


Fig 6: Autonomous control system

## 9) Conclusion:

Our research project focuses on the development and application of an intelligent control system for the autonomous re-entry and landing of reusable rockets. We have outlined the various components and methodologies employed to achieve safety landing. We have emphasized the critical importance of safety precision and technological innovation in the field of rocketry particularly in context of reusable launch vehicles. Safety is the very important aspect of rocketry from handling flammable propellant to design of launch sides and trajectory pathways. The trajectory pathway design plays a critical role in ensuring the rocket precise return to Earth through calculation and preprogramming. By determining the altitude, speed, angle, and other critical parameters necessary for a safe and accurate landing through the sensor integration. Sensor integration is a fundamental aspect enabling real-time data acquisition from various sources. We have employed model-based error management and sensor fusion algorithms, such as the Kalman filter, to ensure accuracy and reliability. Safety measures extend to the construction phase, where rigorous quality assurance, material handling, and environmental protection protocols during launching and landing. Workers are trained extensively in safety procedures and wear personal protective equipment. Guidance and control system is the main concept of the research, responsible for ensuring the rocket's control and stability during maneuvers. It relies on a combination of navigation sensors and onboard computers. Whether it's altitude control, grid fins for stability, or GPS and inertial navigation systems for pinpoint accuracy the rocket is designed for high reliability. Future integration in the control system can improve the efficiency of the rockets performance. An intelligent guidance and control system with trajectory shaping is explained for reusable launch vehicle. A reentry guidance law is designed based on real-time trajectory ensuring the flexibility and autonomy of reusable rocket. The integration of advanced sensor technologies, including GPS, inertial navigation, star tracking, and various environmental sensors, ensures that the rocket remains on its intended course and responds to dynamic conditions during flight. This can increase the stability and performance of the reusable rocket. The trajectory pathway of a rocket represents the culmination of these efforts, enabling humanity to explore

space, conduct scientific research, and advance our understanding of the cosmos. Five landing legs were proposed to reusable rockets in this study for greater dependability and redundancy. Due to its outstanding qualities, including strength, flexibility, and conductivity, graphene has been proposed to reduce weight. Reusable rockets need shock absorbers to avoid structural problems, payload problems, and trajectory deviations. To successfully solve these issues, active vibration controllers that can lower vibrations in real-time were recommended. Reusable rockets have vibration sensors made of lead zirconium titanate (PZT). The success of rocket missions relies on the seamless integration of various systems, a commitment to safety, rigorous testing and quality control, adherence to regulations, and the relentless pursuit of technological advancements. The success of reusable rockets has the potential to revolutionize space exploration, making it more efficient, sustainable, and cost-effective. Our project contributes to this vision by pushing the boundaries of technology and safety in the autonomous re-entry and landing of these remarkable vehicles.

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