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1 February 12, 2018.  
2 Physics seminar.  
3 >>Dr. Garrison: All right  
4 there's a sign-up sheet  
5 floating around. Hopefully you  
6 got a chance to, students  
7 taking the 4372 class, hand in  
8 your papers from last week and  
9 I did hand them back to you.  
10 So I want to introduce our  
11 speaker today. I think  
12 everybody saw the announcement  
13 this is an interesting topic  
14 about parts of re-usable  
15 spacecraft. One of the reasons  
16 we invited Wes Kelly today is  
17 we bandage talking for a while  
18 about internships with UHCL  
19 students. This is one  
20 motivation you get a chance to  
21 hear more about what they are  
22 doing and if this is something  
23 you might want to join in and  
24 become part of, then you have  
25 people to talk to right now.

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1 quickly his bio. wes Kelly and  
2 associates founded Triton  
3 systems to develop easier  
4 systems and for simple and  
5 commercial space projects.  
6 Since the 70s he participated  
7 in design programs for  
8 spacecraft local and across the  
9 country. Sometimes examining  
10 astro physical as well. He  
11 obtained his bachelor's from  
12 University of Michigan and in  
13 arrow astro from University of  
14 Washington. Written over 20  
15 publications and contributed to  
16 articles on aerospace and  
17 astronomy for the local AIAA  
18 providers newsletter. with  
19 that I'll turn it to wes.  
20 >>Dr. Kelly: Thank you Dr.  
21 Garrison. So I'm happy to be  
22 here tonight and also happy to  
23 say some of our colleagues are  
24 here as well to join us tonight  
25 from the (indiscernible) with

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1 Mr. Ricky Smith, our test pilot  
2 and 70 Christopher Vice  
3 President of the organization.  
4 Both active on issues and --  
5 one of the interns at Rice and  
6 jet propulsion I'll tell you  
7 about later.

8 KATE (writer): (Having a hard  
9 time hearing, audio very  
10 muffled)

11 >>Dr. Kelly: Going back to the  
12 abstract historically the news  
13 launch systems that had their  
14 (indiscernible) go in and out,  
15 there have been variations of  
16 approaches and one of the  
17 prominent forms is to have the  
18 re-usable like the shuttle and  
19 this case wants to define craft  
20 and rocket (indiscernible) but  
21 this is not copied very often  
22 especially when it come to  
23 horizontal take off and  
24 landing. when you fly through  
25 the immediate trajectory and

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1 the aircraft in an airfield  
2 somewhere. We have within  
3 examining this approach for a  
4 number of years and I'll  
5 explain why. But the concept  
6 is to start with the size of  
7 the gulf stream three. My  
8 colleagues have a lot of  
9 experience with this. Depends  
10 on what airfield you have  
11 available and hallow.  
12 Several applications should be  
13 promising, most immediate is  
14 the deployment of small  
15 satellites. I don't have to  
16 tell you about that, seems like  
17 everybody at the university is  
18 trying to figure out how the to  
19 get it into orbit.  
20 So as our design is ensured we  
21 are looking at the flight  
22 design not only the trajectory  
23 and some of the material issues  
24 the aerodynamics and  
25 electronics. I'll give you

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1 some perspective on this  
2 besides what you might read on  
3 the newspaper and a summary  
4 report.  
5 Back if 2007 I was at a  
6 conference on the west coast  
7 NAAI, this is a national  
8 organization for aerospace  
9 engineering. This convention  
10 had a few thousand people there  
11 and the chairman or the  
12 consulting organization, the  
13 aerospace corporations gave a  
14 key note address. The I gave  
15 a -- was supposed to follow  
16 somebody else. The only thing  
17 I remember is he's the guy that  
18 (indiscernible) (inaudible).  
19 Everybody else got out. Room.  
20 He was talking about future  
21 direction of aerospace out to  
22 be in this country. Saying  
23 well, you have to choose a  
24 middle path. Or in this case  
25 we had a path to the right.

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1 And previously we had a lot  
2 expendable launch  
3 (indiscernible) and then some  
4 of the plans looking at  
5 re-usable launch vehicles. The  
6 best approach he found would be  
7 partially re-usable. That's  
8 what I'm here to talk about.  
9 But there was a catch. The  
10 idea was the vehicle was  
11 supposed to take off  
12 vertically. I said he no, and  
13 for many years after, because  
14 this seems to be more interest  
15 in take off and landing.  
16 Now, horizontal or partially  
17 re-usable vehicles have been  
18 around for a number of years.  
19 This is an old textbook I found  
20 somewhere that was published  
21 back in 1960. Most of these  
22 studies are the vertical launch  
23 as indicated to the left. Then  
24 some discussion about taking  
25 off horizontally and obviously

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1 it was wrong. But I have a  
2 question for you: If you go to  
3 a conference and several  
4 (indiscernible), how many of  
5 you arrive in vertical take off  
6 and landing. You got to a  
7 conference out of town and  
8 horizontal take off. I expect  
9 quite a few but basically  
10 because we have devices, the  
11 737 here does quite well  
12 cruising along and subsonic  
13 speeds, 35,000 feet and  
14 economic. Planning for  
15 partially re-usable launch  
16 vehicles, their components  
17 exist. wings. If you look to  
18 the right here this was the  
19 concept of electric rocket  
20 boosters with wings. The idea  
21 was to take off vertically  
22 (inaudible, OFF MIC) Back in  
23 1990 but it didn't happen. But  
24 the launch system -- liftoff to  
25 make it work. We were

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1 representing this idea in the  
2 year 2,000 or so, we used a  
3 drawing like this. This is  
4 altitude over here and a  
5 vehicle taking off and flying  
6 under TURBO FAN propulsion and  
7 gets up to CRUISING ALTITUDE OF  
8 A 737 AND LIGHTS its rocket.  
9 The rocket coasts and then this  
10 is the upper stage and comes  
11 back down to the horizontal  
12 landing.  
13 What's interesting about this,  
14 at the time it was AGAINST  
15 CONCEPTS FOR small satellites.  
16 IT might cost \$20,000. If you  
17 had a thousand pound satellite  
18 going up on a Pegasus rocket,  
19 might be 1,000 pounds,  
20 \$20 million or so. So whether  
21 you can beat that price or not  
22 there's still problems.  
23 So here's what our concept  
24 looks like. You may have seen  
25 the video before I started



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1 talking that went through the  
2 sequence.

3 (AUDIO MUFFLED)

4 >>Dr. Kelly: We gave a  
5 presentation for horizons. If  
6 you notice in the lower point  
7 there's a lot of sketches of  
8 the trajectory and how it  
9 varies and I'll get into that  
10 more in a moment.

11 The upper stage flight is  
12 illustrated by the darkening  
13 sky and the upper stage goes to  
14 satellite. We have a couple of  
15 organizations, maybe three or  
16 four that are interested in  
17 flying with us (inaudible).

18 But I'll pull the brakes for a  
19 moment. Is this for real? Is  
20 this something like a unicorn?  
21 Or is there something there?  
22 Well, let's look at some other  
23 vehicles that have horizontal  
24 profiles and trying to go off  
25 into space. Back when I was a

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1 kid in the 60s, late 50s, the  
2 X15 was released from a B52,  
3 about 35 to 40,000 feet. Fly  
4 up to about 6,000 feet per  
5 second and what's indicated up  
6 here. They had another flight  
7 path they fly at 70,000 feet at  
8 the same speed. They would  
9 heat up at that speed. The  
10 higher the trajectory it's more  
11 (inaudible, PERSON COUGHING).  
12 They did this with three  
13 aircraft in a period of several  
14 years and there were about 200  
15 flights. So operationally it's  
16 a can do. So here's a vehicle  
17 that never flew. Like the  
18 little engine that could. A  
19 lot of data associated with  
20 this. Just short of flying and  
21 we have some members FLYING and  
22 we -- you see that feature  
23 right there. The red, there's  
24 a roller coaster ride and I  
25 believe that's the larger wing

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1 span. The delta wings caused  
2 it to glide farther.  
3 Other hardware we might see the  
4 Shuttle Endeavor flew into  
5 Houston in 2012. It was nested  
6 on top of the 747. It was  
7 released at 20,000 feet for  
8 approach and landing tests and  
9 then it was carried across the  
10 country to various launch  
11 sites. This is not the shuttle  
12 but a vehicle like it. It  
13 actually took off. It was the  
14 version of the same thing on  
15 display in Germany. A friend  
16 of mine sent it as a note. And  
17 it had four tush bow jets that  
18 flew up to maybe 20,000 feet  
19 and did it's approach test the  
20 old fashioned way.  
21 There's another point in favor  
22 of take-off and landing. If  
23 you are going to do this it has  
24 to be for a reason (inaudible,  
25 OFF MIC). Normal take off with

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1 wings everything, jet engines,  
2 it makes sense if it satisfies  
3 a certain criteria. Rocket  
4 engines on board have high  
5 performance and impact  
6 economical but expensive to  
7 manufacture, you want to get  
8 them back. There's a lot of  
9 reasons why space flight is  
10 expensive, all of that hardware  
11 in the Atlantic Ocean. And the  
12 criteria for looking at the  
13 effectiveness of a rocket  
14 engine in terms of this  
15 so-called rocket equation which  
16 is in red up here. The first  
17 stage and start and so-called  
18 specific impulse  $I$  with the  
19 subscript SP. As that  
20 increases the mass DIFFERENCE  
21 INCREASES and you have more  
22 payload left. You get more  
23 lift when you are going back  
24 thanks to the jet engines you  
25 get to an altitude more

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1 economically because they are  
2 effected by the speed it's ten  
3 time higher than a chemical  
4 rocket.

5 Also the so-called recurring  
6 and nonrecurring costs referred  
7 to as RDT and E, there are  
8 competitive systems. And  
9 missions that are attracted to  
10 this for the right size and  
11 ergonomics and environment.

12 And the vehicle is flexible,  
13 versatile to go after these  
14 projects.

15 Now these two gentlemen are  
16 probably people that are  
17 referred to as important people  
18 you probably never heard of. I  
19 wouldn't if I didn't get into  
20 this business at the right time  
21 and ended up at the right  
22 place. Valentin Petro Glushko  
23 and Nikolai, they were in the  
24 Soviet union and developed  
25 rockets. But they had the

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1 distinction of building the  
2 most remarkable engines of the  
3 20 century. This country for  
4 space operations -- they  
5 probably had longer lives --  
6 recent times is with the space  
7 shuttle main engine burns  
8 liquid hydrogen oxygen. It was  
9 aerospace than kerosene.

10 (audio very muffled)  
11 The basic stage system turbines  
12 and partially burn propellant  
13 oxidizer into the combustion  
14 chamber which is higher  
15 pressure than the alternative  
16 which is called gas generated  
17 where that fluid was dumped  
18 over the side. So these are  
19 high energy systems and the  
20 fact they come up with these  
21 was probably something  
22 difficult to compete in this  
23 country but was an opportunity  
24 for a reasonable rocket  
25 systems.

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1 So here's our answer. And this  
2 is a vehicle that we propose to  
3 develop here in the Houston, I  
4 should say, even more  
5 specifically the ellington  
6 field. Looking at the X34  
7 image we had earlier you go up  
8 and down with that roller  
9 coaster, angular cap for the  
10 various flights, six or seven  
11 Mac and an altitude which is  
12 high as the edge of space. I  
13 think the trajectory I've been  
14 writing is 320,000 lately.  
15 The verse tilt features of this  
16 vehicle, you can go off any  
17 direction, with an airplane you  
18 are not a speeding bullet. The  
19 up per stages you can carry  
20 from the initial tip toes or  
21 treading into water and the  
22 upper stages. And the  
23 capability of the launch site.  
24 There's a hurricane in one part  
25 of the country, take off with

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1 this vehicle ab land it in an  
2 airfield there. And you can do  
3 flight TESTS without ignition  
4 of the rocket because of the  
5 commercial aircraft engines  
6 should do the jobs for TO GET  
7 YOU UP TO ALTITUDE  
8 (inDISCERNIBLE) or you can see  
9 the properties of the  
10 (INDISCERNIBLE).  
11 So I guess I probably explained  
12 most of why we do this. The  
13 reasons we just discussed.  
14 Market consideration. This is  
15 a great time for launch  
16 vehicles. scalability. And if  
17 you want to have an alternative  
18 to say space X doing everything  
19 in the future like standard oil  
20 did for petroleum might be  
21 interested in alternative such  
22 as a horizontal take off and  
23 landing. Although I admit I  
24 admire the demonstration done  
25 last week.



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1 This is, I'll say these are  
2 graphs, there's a corresponds  
3 to events in the flight phases.  
4 The ignition here. The beam  
5 point here. We have areas  
6 where you get the rocket engine  
7 started.

8 Now, from the commercial  
9 standpoint we have found a  
10 summary the so-called Stellar-J  
11 elevator presentation. MIT  
12 enterprise forum downtown,  
13 essentially you try to send up  
14 everything that you are trying  
15 to do for a potential investor  
16 on an elevator ride. This is  
17 the world trade tower. The  
18 idea is the small satellite  
19 user community needs an  
20 inexpensive reliable launch  
21 system. That can grow with the  
22 user. Cultivate capabilities  
23 for the future such as  
24 rendezvous or return cargo.  
25 Maybe those are not the only

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1 things but you have to  
2 anticipate something. Besides  
3 the community both domestic and  
4 foreign is large. Small  
5 companies want to large  
6 satellites and more people are  
7 building (inaudible). Civil  
8 military offices have a need  
9 for a satellite. Research  
10 institutes, universities and  
11 related research such as down  
12 the street with planetary  
13 science and the organizations  
14 associated with that, and  
15 potentially University of  
16 Houston clear lake. So our  
17 approach is a horizontal take  
18 off and landing first stage  
19 with wings and jet engines.  
20 Rocket burn from airline cruise  
21 to typical booster rocket  
22 staging. As big as an air bus,  
23 like a 380, IT'S hard to find a  
24 place to land. Payload is  
25 (inaudible, AUDIO MUFFLED).

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1 And that would be  
2 (inDISCERNIBLE).  
3 So what is the virtue of the  
4 rocket engines (inaudible).  
5 (Off mic). I'll give you the  
6 answer. It takes the work out  
7 of thing I just mentioned. If  
8 you are 40,000 feet closer to  
9 your trajectory there's work  
10 involved get there. If it's on  
11 the left side that indicates  
12 there's a (off mic). No work  
13 is going into and the energy is  
14 something that is flying along  
15 the at sphere at 2000 feet  
16 there's work involved and less  
17 work to get to that orbital  
18 station from the flight to the  
19 ground.  
20 I'm going to veer off again  
21 myself and look at this a  
22 little differently than what I  
23 was going to continue to do  
24 because this is an organization  
25 involved in physics. And some

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1 of that is related to research  
2 and I often look at emails at  
3 the tail end you have professor  
4 Garrison send (indiscernible).  
5 If we knew what we were doing  
6 it wouldn't be called research.  
7 We will talk about an episode  
8 like that. Most of the talk is  
9 about design and analysis. You  
10 see what happens when we change  
11 this. That's what a lot of  
12 this will involve. Finally  
13 there's the development phase  
14 and people looking at charts  
15 and saying let's look at the  
16 results and the schedule. And  
17 then finally (inaudible).  
18 Several years ago working with  
19 a subcontractor on a contract  
20 with (indiscernible) looking  
21 at propulsion systems they were  
22 interested in beam energy. I  
23 didn't know much about it so I  
24 started to check it out. So we  
25 were looking at how beamed

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1 energy can be used to propel  
2 upper stages on rocket systems.  
3 And the idea that either you  
4 launch on the ground and maybe  
5 on an upper stage where you  
6 have a beamed energy propulsion  
7 system using hydrogen as a fuel  
8 and laser beam and microwaves  
9 cause us to exit of high energy  
10 or you are in orbit and doing  
11 this. So we wanted to see if  
12 there's anything we can learn  
13 about it. We studied the  
14 projects. Looked at the  
15 geometry. If you get a chance  
16 to look at this you might find  
17 it interesting. Basically  
18 there's a window where you can  
19 get the ground site and see a  
20 spacecraft or orbiting  
21 satellite coming over the  
22 horizon. The question comes  
23 down to if you have this for an  
24 upper stage can you take  
25 advantage of it. So we

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1 compared the characteristics of  
2 beamed energy which might be  
3 higher specific impulse than a  
4 chemical engine and saw that  
5 trajectory on a finite burn,  
6 the dynamics, not just the  
7 calculation, but the  
8 integration. And various  
9 colors indicate which of those  
10 we are talking about. 500,  
11 600, 800 seconds is the most  
12 efficient. And these are the  
13 trajectories down here. Where  
14 the stellar-J comes into the  
15 act is if this beam is coming  
16 from a ground station on an  
17 island or aircraft battleship  
18 you have choices you can fly  
19 over that site. You can fly  
20 out in some direction and go to  
21 switch backs. But when you  
22 came over that flight where the  
23 laser beam was you can aim your  
24 trajectory in a way you can get  
25 this all as REGION we have

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1 been talking about. (AUDIO  
2 MUFFLED) Look at the impulse  
3 how much weight payload would  
4 be left. Also see how many  
5 mega watts you have to direct  
6 in that direction if you have  
7 100 percent efficiency. Say  
8 from 4,000-pound system from  
9 the stellar-J we are talking  
10 about a 30-megawatt system on  
11 the receiving end. When you  
12 look at the system you find  
13 there's various ways you can  
14 have problems. Now we got to  
15 talk to the designing analysis,  
16 engineering in other words.  
17 And I try to do this in a  
18 hierarchal approach, staying at  
19 the top of the pyramid for sake  
20 of argument and computer tools,  
21 some discussion about which  
22 ones you use and why. And then  
23 the output behavior. And what  
24 you would get out that have  
25 would be trajectories that

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1 would determine how you layout  
2 your vehicle. Mass property,  
3 aero thermodynamics, control  
4 systems, materials, hardware  
5 such as wings, jet engines,  
6 several protection systems.  
7 Beyond that if we have time or  
8 interest it would be missions  
9 and markets criteria for  
10 trades.  
11 This is going to local type of  
12 trajectory simulation. That's  
13 what you use in the aerospace  
14 community. But there's a  
15 couple of problems. First is  
16 it's directed to minimize the  
17 time or fuel expended between  
18 two points trying to optimize  
19 the trajectory, doesn't tell  
20 you about the design or how big  
21 the wings are. Just tells you  
22 how to use it efficiently. So  
23 a whole lot of my experience,  
24 not really getting down to the  
25 fast tracks of how these are



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1 designed. That's important. I  
2 want to emphasize that. Ways  
3 to which -- jet engines and  
4 rocket engines are separate  
5 neighborhoods. They hardly  
6 talk to each other. If there's  
7 a tool like (indiscernible)  
8 you won't have a JET engine in  
9 there or a simulation of an  
10 aircraft. And vice-versa,  
11 simulating aircraft they don't  
12 have much to tell you about  
13 rockets and how to maneuver  
14 them. So we have to develop a  
15 system of our own. We started  
16 a number of years ago and you  
17 have inputs, there are kind of  
18 succinct but we feed to  
19 describe the vehicle we are  
20 talking about and change and  
21 the data files (inaudible) so  
22 we can tweak them because we  
23 run them again and because  
24 things we look at, all the  
25 things we want to know ABOUT

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1 AND THEN (inDISCERNIBLE).  
2 Basically these would result.  
3 Trajectories such as this where  
4 you would have first stage  
5 thrust level, altitude,  
6 expendable upper stage, and you  
7 keep track of it. And the two  
8 stages combined. And then what  
9 the weights were delivered into  
10 orbit, mass fractions for the  
11 up per stages. But the  
12 aircraft portion you had to  
13 have something trying to lift,  
14 drag, thrust and gravity.  
15 (inaudible). And others  
16 features such as glass.  
17 These are some of the principle  
18 GLASS (inaudible) the  
19 capabilities of the vehicle.  
20 First is the time that the burn  
21 on the trajectory. Ninety to  
22 135 seconds, you can get so  
23 much velocity and altitude at  
24 the end of it and that reflects  
25 the payload you will have

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1 taking orbit.  
2 B is when you come back down  
3 what is the end of the  
4 (inaudible, OFF MIC). which  
5 one is it suited for. Two  
6 things to consider at least.  
7 The range, heating and possibly  
8 the how many Gs (inaudible). D  
9 is what happens when you  
10 banking the vehicle when you  
11 come back, how much range you  
12 get, which airports can you  
13 reach or take off from and how  
14 much do you have to (inaudible)  
15 on that.  
16 Other issues are heating. And  
17 dynamic pressure. with the  
18 shuttle is talking about  
19 700 pounds per square foot or  
20 something of that nature. You  
21 will see aircraft here in  
22 Houston an air show as they  
23 flyby. So we keep track of  
24 that as well. And the heating  
25 comes back down or going up in

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1 terms of square foot per second  
2 we figured we have a be sign --  
3 and the scram jets hang around  
4 in the atmosphere and they get  
5 pretty high.

6 There's also consideration that  
7 where this geometry is, now if  
8 you have a vehicle that has a  
9 delta wing and vertical tails  
10 and various sweeps on these  
11 features, the heating is going  
12 to be effected by what the  
13 sweep angle is and with respect  
14 to the angle of the TACK and  
15 the wing. It's going to VARY  
16 on the geometry, which way it's  
17 pointing.

18 This is an analytical  
19 relationship here. Based on  
20 formula I don't see on there  
21 and can talk about later. But  
22 there's contours you can look  
23 at the vehicle and see based on  
24 the radius of the sweep angle  
25 and the atmosphere how much you

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1 you have to integrate it all  
2 together AND MAKE DECISIONS.  
3 Then the range itself besides  
4 the thickness, how much lift  
5 does it have. NASA has quite a  
6 collection of a slice out of  
7 the wing, I guess the  
8 projection of the wing going in  
9 the Y axis. And it has some  
10 influence on how much lift you  
11 will generate and the areas on  
12 the wing and we take them  
13 together and for a finite wing  
14 theoretically at the wing and  
15 various angles and speeds...  
16 This is all great but it does  
17 come to an issue that comes up  
18 and (INAUDIBLE, off mic). All  
19 the people part of the  
20 community know how many pounds  
21 you can deliver in orbit. They  
22 do it based on a configuration  
23 and say I can get this much.  
24 And you think that's great.  
25 Get down to it and how much is

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1 my wing going to way on the  
2 design and the features and  
3 what it will look like inside  
4 and how much -- you realize  
5 your orders of magnitudes is  
6 delta of a couple of pounds.  
7 You have to worry about the  
8 wing and how it's built.  
9 Roughly they take about  
10 10 percent of a vehicle total  
11 weight couple of exceptions.  
12 The basic components of the  
13 wing structurally fall into  
14 four categories. Skin, spars  
15 RIBS AND (indiscernible). The  
16 ribs are lined along the axis.  
17 The spars go out along the  
18 span. So you call that Y axis.  
19 And the strings are lower order  
20 magnitude. The first three is  
21 the one we concentrate on.  
22 In addition to the spars and  
23 ribs are they going to have  
24 sweep and HAVE GLASS, how do  
25 you get the (indiscernible) if

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1 you have sweep? So YOU HAVE TO  
2 FIGURE OUT what do you do about  
3 the SPARS AND THE ribs.  
4 (inaudible, AUDIO MUFFLED). AS  
5 I SAID TO my colleagues AT the  
6 GMC community, this thing OFF  
7 to the right, THIS DIAGRAM is  
8 not a wing. It's KIND OF Stuck  
9 in there, but it's a stress and  
10 strain diagram based on all of  
11 those cantilever beams they are  
12 looking at. Some of cantilever  
13 and some are beams connected to  
14 other beams. So when we look  
15 at modern aircraft it looks  
16 like an elaborate mesh. You  
17 may have encountered this in  
18 statics so did I a number of  
19 years ago and forgot about it.  
20 Then during a lapse of activity  
21 I had to study this all over  
22 again and found it fascinating.  
23 Basically Young's MODULUS  
24 analysis and the slope this  
25 diagram for a material. There

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1 are materials of interest and  
2 besides stress and strain we  
3 are worried about what it would  
4 be like (inaudible, off mic).  
5 How much these lose strength  
6 based on alloys and solid  
7 temperature. If you have a  
8 room temperature strain and a  
9 temperature that you know where  
10 this effect is or liquid  
11 formation like the alloys a  
12 boundary, you know don't  
13 extrapolate strength beyond  
14 that temperature.  
15 Working in the industry, one  
16 thing that happened is the  
17 reorganized more in space  
18 (indiscernible). Delta wings  
19 problems we saw in the 50s and  
20 60s. Samuel Levy was crucial  
21 for delta wings. That one  
22 vibrated beam or one that  
23 deformed, I guess there's  
24 displacement at the end,  
25 elasticity. Because they are



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1 working together in a system of  
2 equations, but the  
3 (indiscernible) is that he came  
4 up with methods that are  
5 amenable to small computers at  
6 the time and still can be used  
7 today. And the remarkable  
8 thing is -- I'll go back.  
9 Basically what they did with  
10 these models the B58 no matter  
11 how you feel about the nuclear  
12 war, it's an interesting  
13 aircraft because it has delta  
14 wings high technology. And  
15 these modeling methods were  
16 able to predict how it deformed  
17 under load. So practically you  
18 can do it with a laptop. If  
19 you know what you are doing.  
20 And he (indiscernible). But  
21 in setting up a delta wing  
22 there are a number of  
23 approaches you can take. Spars  
24 going up and fuselage AS WELL  
25 and if you (indiscernible) the

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1 deformation at the end IS GOING  
2 TO GROW IN POWER.

3 (AUDIO very muffled)

4 You see an evolution -- here is  
5 the B58 I was speaking of.

6 This is a report by colleagues  
7 that drew on Levy's work and  
8 showed how to predict loads  
9 with a matrix method and they  
10 got close results to what is  
11 seen in (indiscernible).

12 Now, I looked at this diagram  
13 and I thought maybe I can  
14 rearrange it. Basically they  
15 had displacement, slope of the  
16 beams, the reach of the spars  
17 and the moments and the shears.

18 Let's hold that thought.

19 Here's a F15 that has three or  
20 four spars, I guess five or  
21 maybe six visible ribs so that  
22 might be an indication of a  
23 workable system.

24 Here's a space shuttle it's  
25 interior wing and we see 11

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1 grids and four spars, four spar  
2 system we will be willing to  
3 look at. Here's an  
4 rearrangement of that system.  
5 It's along the diagonal you  
6 have a sparse region here so  
7 you can treat this and simplify  
8 it considerably. A lot of  
9 spaces are just simply null.  
10 It's encouraging. So if we get  
11 a larger system, here we  
12 changed it to reactive force at  
13 points A and B on the spar.  
14 And moments are involved. And  
15 Displacements. So you have a  
16 system and these smaller  
17 matrices and you can start  
18 looking at loads and get some  
19 sample calculations. Did I get  
20 any answers? well, I used some  
21 free algebraic manipulators. I  
22 found it difficult and ended up  
23 with a lot of algebra. But all  
24 the same, we are interested in  
25 the sensitivity of the

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1 displacement with the  
2 temperature conditions. And  
3 these are analytical solutions  
4 you can obtain. I did a lot of  
5 work on this. There's promise  
6 to this method.

7 Some textbooks that are useful  
8 for this study, the aircraft  
9 dynamics and automatic control,  
10 I would like to point this  
11 textbook out because it  
12 examines a number of aircraft  
13 in great detail, their  
14 structure, the arrow dynamics.  
15 The aerodynamics are useful in  
16 this book and rocket propulsion  
17 elements as well.

18 The reason I mention this what  
19 we are trying to do with the  
20 stellar-J is create the same  
21 matrices, the same descriptions  
22 of these ten, 15, 20 aircraft  
23 examples. If you go to NASA  
24 (indiscernible) they have 100  
25 aircraft like this, they will

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1 tell you about the spars, cross  
2 sections of the spars. But  
3 they add up to a system of  
4 equations that are  
5 characterized by all the design  
6 decisions that you make, and  
7 the stability of the aircraft  
8 and various stages of flight  
9 are indicate the by these  
10 columns. So we are doing the  
11 same thing. Maybe a dozen  
12 phases with the stellar-J  
13 looking at what it's doing on  
14 different structures.  
15 Geometrical inertial  
16 parameters. Longitudinal  
17 dimensional derivatives.  
18 Lateral dimensional  
19 derivatives. what happens when  
20 you deflect the elevon, the  
21 aileron and the rudder when you  
22 have to switch them?  
23 Second-order differential  
24 equations you are dealing with  
25 and solutions and the response

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1 and frequency and the damping.  
2 You have in this case the  
3 simple analysis procedures that  
4 are used in aerospace. You  
5 have four solutions for each of  
6 these systems, lateral and  
7 longitudinal. Some maybe  
8 oscillatory and some not for  
9 the -- longitudinal and  
10 (indiscernible) and  
11 oscillations.  
12 To get to the point where the  
13 vehicle is well based we are  
14 trying to get the components of  
15 the vehicle modulator. When we  
16 discover we have a problem we  
17 can trade them out. Or search  
18 in the right direction.  
19 Recently did a lot of work for  
20 us including the simulation we  
21 had at the beginning showing  
22 the phases of flight. Now  
23 illustrated the effectors it's  
24 aerospace to look in the back.  
25 The rudders they can use --

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1 they can be used for turning  
2 (indiscernible). They are  
3 still not sure whether they are  
4 going to use rudders, it maybe  
5 two complicated. Early stage  
6 we are looking how they can all  
7 be tied together including  
8 thrusters because we are moving  
9 to the edge of space. In doing  
10 all this trying to keep track  
11 of all the mass properties and  
12 then during the various phases  
13 of flight we have principles to  
14 collect this information, how  
15 much the vehicle weighs, where  
16 the mass is distributed.  
17 whether it has the upper stage  
18 and to keep track. There's a  
19 certain size booster we maybe  
20 flying. And then the first  
21 stage (inaudible). If it  
22 advantageous than pumping it  
23 later as indicated in this  
24 diagram.  
25 Here's the larger scale. You

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1 can see the layout of sub  
2 systems. And some of the  
3 choices you are examining for  
4 the ribs and spars and this  
5 case an introductory case we  
6 have a sweep on the spars and  
7 we will look at the  
8 perpendicular cases as well.  
9 To the left is a blow up of the  
10 airfoil contours for the CA  
11 (inaudible) not to scale XY.  
12 We have two stages RATHER THAN  
13 ONE STAGE. Stages more  
14 efficient in payload and  
15 acceleration. And also we get  
16 a liquid booster instead of  
17 solid. Here's an attempt to  
18 keep track of all the mass  
19 property. The programs try to  
20 talk to each other on  
21 solutions. Here's an  
22 indication we can be doing  
23 ferry flights from say from  
24 Houston to KFC and carry the  
25 booster on top of the vehicle



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1 and maybe have a carry load  
2 to -- increase the lift to drag  
3 ratio by decreasing THE DRAG.  
4 There's an indication of how  
5 the reaction control system  
6 might work. I did this 20  
7 years ago and how it works.  
8 You can see it with the tiny  
9 red lights (INAUDIBLE, off  
10 mic). The vehicles that  
11 separate, this point we have an  
12 active WAY TO move the  
13 stellar-J from the stage when  
14 they are coasting the upper  
15 stage. But to get away from  
16 the upper stage you have to  
17 (indiscernible). And after  
18 that while coasting back to the  
19 atmosphere you need some  
20 control. So you have control  
21 laws you have to use and the up  
22 per left it indicates which way  
23 the thrusters point.  
24 Then a few more minutes to talk  
25 about aerodynamics. Despite

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1 it's high -- low lift drag  
2 ratio the shuttle orbiter has  
3 something to tell us about the  
4 Stellar-J.  
5 It's CG was center of gravity  
6 getting all of this mass  
7 concentrated so the center  
8 gravity was BOXED. IT'S  
9 located two-thirds in the back  
10 of the vehicle. Various  
11 flights to keep track of  
12 (INDISCERIBLE) not a reference  
13 for a system of 1140 inches  
14 downstream on an X axis. And  
15 then had some Z displacement as  
16 well. I won't get into that  
17 too much. We tried to do  
18 something similar and replace  
19 our CG, I should back off on  
20 that. That would be the  
21 aerodynamic center for the  
22 vehicle.  
23 There's root chord center and  
24 you can see the length of the  
25 tip and root chord. The

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1 reference area of the vehicle  
2 is defined from the orbiter and  
3 Stellar-J at the air of these  
4 trapezoid features. Despite  
5 this, if you look at the  
6 orbiter the wings it comes down  
7 to that's driving the  
8 referenced area. The  
9 calculations of the lifted  
10 generated with various things  
11 intact based on the finite  
12 winning these are calculations.  
13 This is where I wanted to draw  
14 your attention. The  
15 aerodynamic data, the base  
16 area. I'm a little suspicion  
17 about the area of the six  
18 square feet. I would say the  
19 Stellar-J is with or without  
20 the upper stage. But that  
21 gives us an indication of how  
22 to calibrate our vehicle in  
23 terms of aerodynamics. And the  
24 (INDISCERNible) is supplied in  
25 a 1,000 page document.

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1 To wrap up with jet engines  
2 trades, we have determined we  
3 have three at least three  
4 engines we are looking at.  
5 From the Rolls-Royce family. I  
6 think it's a 550  
7 (indiscernible). But this is  
8 the oldest, midway and each has  
9 higher thrust. Now, it's a  
10 question of keeping your eye on  
11 the doughnut and not the hole.  
12 The thrust is high altitude.  
13 As much potential energy as we  
14 can we want. So we want to  
15 know how fast we are flying  
16 with altitude and how much  
17 thrust we can obtain.  
18 So there's parameters  
19 associated with the jet engines  
20 and there might be enough to be  
21 manufactured. (indiscernible)  
22 is HERE with us tonight, but  
23 she is STUDYING ON EXAMS AND  
24 SHE working on this particular  
25 intern program. We made some

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1 progress over the last month or  
2 so. Besides the simple issue  
3 of how much thrust are we going  
4 to get, the methods we have  
5 been using is analytical  
6 hierarchy in the past. Even  
7 starting this program look at  
8 what way to extend our efforts  
9 as far as what payload to go  
10 after and what do we think is  
11 the best. We sort of have  
12 several parameters we have  
13 looked at. And we have to  
14 grade them and decide which one  
15 is the 34069, best choice.  
16 Well I can't tell you what the  
17 best choice is right now for  
18 jet stream engines. And maybe  
19 more will qualify as well.  
20 Maybe it makes sense to have  
21 four engines instead of two.  
22 But engines over the decades  
23 have changed and we have to  
24 have a way of evaluating and  
25 not make a quick decision by

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1 simply pulling them out of a  
2 hat.  
3 So far without taking into  
4 account certain elements of the  
5 engine cycle we have got where  
6 drag and altitude crosses the  
7 line. 6,000 pounds,  
8 5,000 pounds are indicated by  
9 red and orange and as we have  
10 the engines modeled thus far,  
11 basically what they are doing  
12 is extrapolating from the  
13 static thrust in the ground  
14 taking into account the fact  
15 there's a turbo jet and a turbo  
16 fan with a bypass ratio and so  
17 if you can calculate what the  
18 thrust is based on your  
19 assumptions about those two  
20 features, based on temperature  
21 and exhaust and how much  
22 exhaust there is, we can make  
23 an extrapolation and say how  
24 much thrust we get in altitude  
25 based on the (indiscernible)

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1 DENSITY AND atmosphere. Then  
2 we have to go into more detail  
3 for stagnation and flow of the  
4 air and the corresponding  
5 temperature and the stations  
6 (indiscernible). So we expect  
7 these answers to change. I  
8 think actually they might go  
9 higher. But we will see. Is  
10 he this is just another look at  
11 a tracing from the standpoint  
12 you are doing this with a car.  
13 You have four or five criteria  
14 and we identified seven.  
15 Capability to high altitude  
16 (indiscernible) reduce Delta V  
17 from the upper stage, weight  
18 ever the engine. How much fuel  
19 is consumed to get to where you  
20 want to go. And the issue of  
21 range. After the satellite is  
22 deployed when you are going  
23 back the game changed. You are  
24 not looking for altitude you  
25 are looking for range and you

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1 will take anything you can get.  
2 So you have to balance what you  
3 can get. The ends conditions  
4 versus initial conditions. The  
5 cost per unit. Do you want to  
6 bankrupt and the liability.  
7 And restart. Something we had  
8 long conversation with.  
9 Mr. Smith and Mr. Christopher.  
10 Some of the investments are  
11 interested in that as well. Is  
12 this going to crash on return  
13 some of course the operating  
14 right which is effected by the  
15 liability.  
16 Well, I think I'm done for now.  
17 I'm going to skip over this  
18 document search and can include  
19 our talk and turn it over to  
20 the audience and whatever  
21 transpires from here. I thank  
22 you for your attention and  
23 enjoyed having this opportunity  
24 to speak with you.  
25 (APPLAUSE).



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1 >>Dr. Garrison: Questions?  
2 >> (inaudible) have you  
3 considered (inaudible).  
4 >>Dr. Kelly: (Off mic)  
5 (inaudible).  
6 >> Horizontal take off and  
7 landing, have you considered, I  
8 know (inaudible) once you get  
9 to the.  
10 (INAUDIBLE, Mic too far away).  
11 >>Dr. Kelly: You have  
12 positives and negatives  
13 (inaudible).  
14 >> (inaudible).  
15 >>Dr. Kelly: (inaudible) at  
16 this stage you go through a  
17 commercial space  
18 (indiscernible), they are  
19 pretty detailed. (inaudible)  
20 after a number of years you can  
21 advance the (indiscernible).  
22 >> At some point during the  
23 supersonic, even though the  
24 engines are near the back of  
25 the plane if there's still a

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1 problem with the shock wave  
2 would you be -- (inaudible).  
3 would that --  
4 >>Dr. Kelly: The  
5 (indiscernible) would  
6 transition. How much shielding  
7 or diversion (indiscernible)  
8 we need on an after that.  
9 Coming back out we have  
10 20-degree angle tack, you can't  
11 see that. The advantage of  
12 high altitude the density and  
13 pressures are going to  
14 (indiscernible) and the net  
15 portion of the trajectory is  
16 only several hundred seconds  
17 all together with the flight.  
18 So the major problem maybe  
19 solvent. I refer to the least  
20 amount of metal as possible.  
21 >> A lot more friction (PH).  
22 >>Dr. Kelly: And then finding  
23 a turbo jet with  
24 (indiscernible) turbo jet, I  
25 know they are out there, but

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1 then you got the specific  
2 shield consumption higher it  
3 might be three or four times as  
4 high, so then the  
5 (indiscernible) you have to  
6 carry to the point to -- has to  
7 be evaluated. Just like with  
8 the jet engines trade at the  
9 back. You can look at it  
10 but... then the drag after you  
11 transonic the drag goes up  
12 considerably and wonder if it's  
13 worth is it with a lighter  
14 rocket.

15 >> Have you considered any  
16 (inaudible).

17 >>Dr. Kelly: Yes. We have  
18 tried a -- we talked about  
19 (indiscernible) and a couple  
20 directors had conversations  
21 with them, and  
22 (indiscernible)...

23 (microphone muffled).

24 Anybody else?

25 >> (inaudible).

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1 >>Dr. Kelly: The upper stage.  
2 Let me see if I can find this.  
3 See right up here, it would be  
4 under that. That's a payload  
5 carrier, I guess in the  
6 animation we had earlier the  
7 (indiscernible) might drop off  
8 earlier than indicated because  
9 we are high altitude, generally  
10 my ballistic launch vehicle  
11 days some of them drop off  
12 200,000 feet halfway to orbit  
13 as far as the velocity is  
14 concerned. And longer you  
15 carry the more penalty it  
16 entails. Maybe get a clearer  
17 picture from the schematics --  
18 I want to indicate that  
19 structural and the concerns --  
20 there we go. So that would be  
21 two spherical stages rocket and  
22 nozzle and right under here  
23 would be an engine. You could  
24 crank up the...  
25 >> (inaudible).

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1 >>Dr. Kelly: That's Ellington  
2 there I hope in the near future  
3 if we went to 135 seconds it  
4 would be sometime after  
5 185,000 feet. The lowest I  
6 looked at 185,000 feet.

7 >> During separation  
8 (inaudible).

9 >>Dr. Kelly: There are  
10 clusters on the main stage that  
11 are located on the vehicle. So  
12 the upper stage  
13 (indiscernible). well, this is  
14 kind of new territory in a way  
15 because the control systems  
16 on -- mostly (inaudible) thrust  
17 directions (indiscernible).  
18 solid rocket (inaudible) (off  
19 mic).

20 >> (inaudible).

21 >>Dr. Kelly: Dynamic pressure  
22 the atomic, velocity, density,  
23 whether the pressure is per  
24 square foot. It's on the space  
25 shuttle the opportunity to

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1 (indiscernible) and it's either  
2 25 or 75 (indiscernible).  
3 These are heavy systems and  
4 might be higher.  
5 >> General stability issue the  
6 only issue to consider  
7 (inaudible) that's why you need  
8 the thrusters (inaudible).  
9 >> (inaudible).  
10 >>Dr. Kelly: (inaudible) over  
11 here there was a system I used  
12 not exactly AHB but trying to  
13 identify what the markets were  
14 and grading the markets in  
15 terms of criteria. One of  
16 those final slides was about  
17 that. But one of the things  
18 was every year you do that you  
19 need to (inaudible).  
20 The upper end of this is  
21 350 tons, you can have three of  
22 the (indiscernible) three  
23 engines on the tail width, just  
24 two, and you have the effect of  
25 something similar to the

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1 (indiscernible).

2 (Microphone muffled).

3 >>Dr. Kelly: (inaudible).

4 That would be long-term issues.

5 Running out of things to say.

6 (LAUGHTER).

7 >>Dr. Garrison: Any other

8 questions?

9 >> On the design how does that  
10 compare to the (inaudible)...

11 >>Dr. Kelly: well, to address  
12 that other than to the jet  
13 engines on the SR71 multi  
14 cycled, they had a limited  
15 (indiscernible) capability and  
16 then their design and other  
17 features were designed top Mac  
18 three. This vehicle is not  
19 designed for cruising  
20 opportunity. We hope  
21 (indiscernible). And high  
22 altitude so there won't be too  
23 many disturbances. The engines  
24 on the back, to address that.

25 There would be a tendency or

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1 for the center of mass so it  
2 won't flop all over the place.  
3 But that's our side. Our new  
4 side with the (indiscernible)  
5 it's designed at a turtle jet  
6 to act like a Ram jet -- three  
7 times the speed of sound. The  
8 temperature on the skin is  
9 probably around 500 or  
10 700-degrees far height maybe.  
11 (inaudible). (Fahrenheit).  
12 >> Any other questions? Let's  
13 thank our speaker?  
14 (APPLAUSE).  
15 >>Dr. Garrison: We want to  
16 invite everyone back next week.  
17 (End of seminar).  
18 (No audio.)  
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