# Near-Elimination of Airspace Disruption from Commercial Space Traffic Using Compact Envelopes

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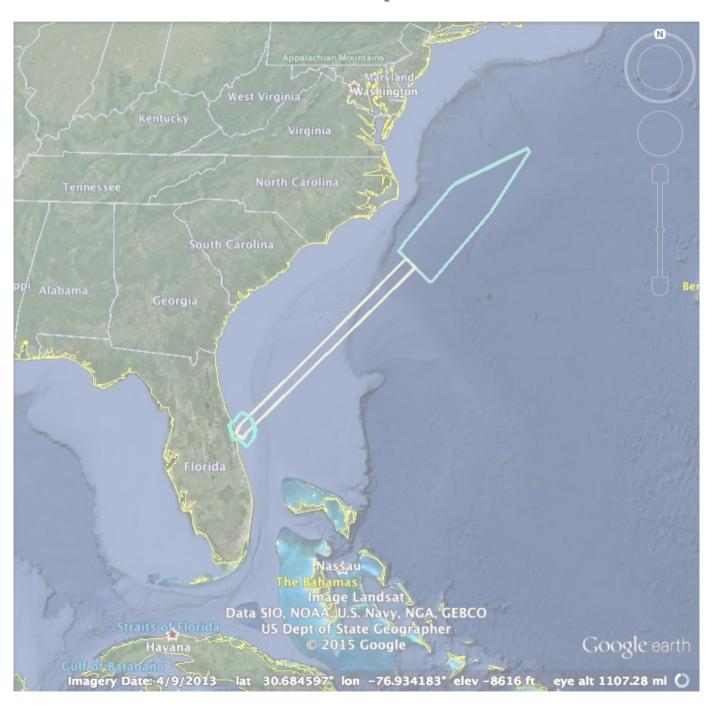




#### Space Operations Disrupt The NAS

#### March 1st 2013 Falcon9 from Cape Canaveral

- Need To Ensure Safety
- Traditional Methods Inefficient
- Large Cost To Airlines
- Commercial Space
   Traffic Volume Increasing
- New Launch Ranges





#### **Compact Envelope Assumptions**



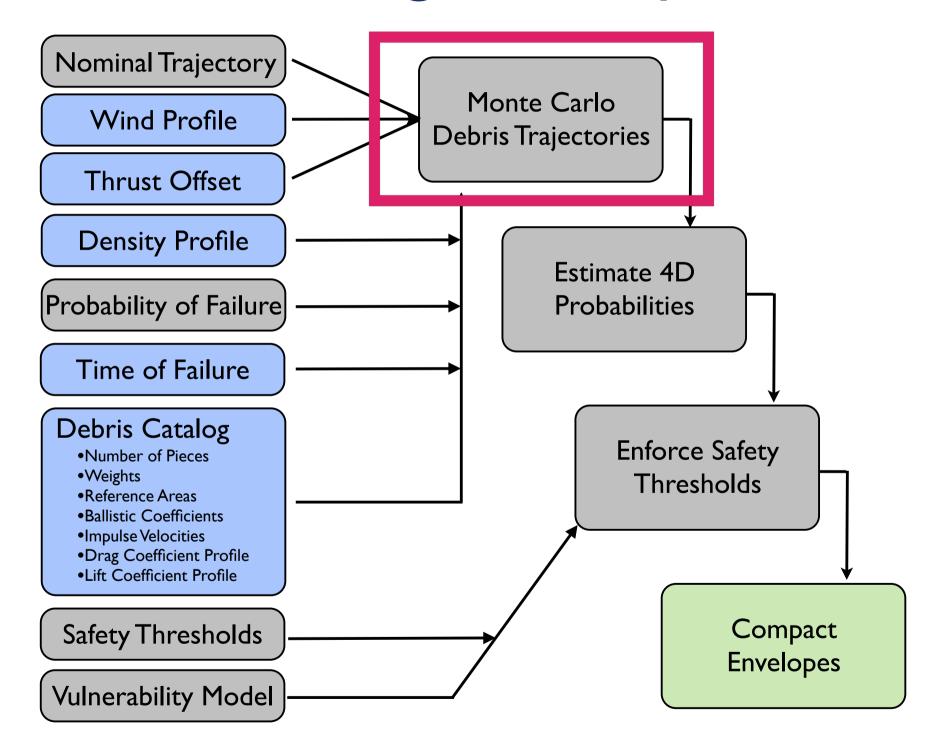


Vehicle Health Monitoring



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## Stanford University Framework for Aircraft Risk Management (SU-FARM)





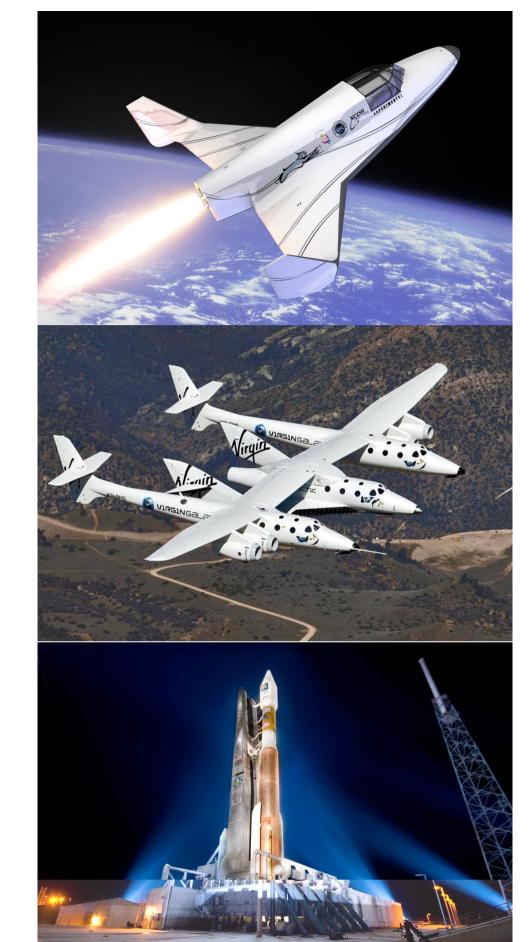
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#### **Current State Of Project**

- Create Compact Envelopes for arbitrary space vehicles flying from any spaceport.
- Simulate disruption in FACET.
- Have analyzed many vehicles from many spaceports.
- "Near-Elimination of Airspace Disruption from Commercial Space Traffic Using Compact Envelopes"







#### **Near-Elimination of Airspace**

Disruption...

#### Paper Simulated:

- 7 vehicles, 10 locations,
   14 missions, 90 days
- Traditional Hazard Area vs Compact Envelopes



#### **Key Findings:**

- Dramatic reduction in impact near congested airspace.
  - Lynx at Front Range: Average aircraft affected reduced from 90 to 3.
- Completely eliminated disruption for some missions.
  - SpaceShipTwo at Spaceport America, AtlasV at VAFB, ...





#### **Concluding Thoughts**

- Surprised by the effectiveness of the Compact Envelope approach.
- FAA Human-In-The-Loop simulations
  - Scenarios based on compact envelope principles
  - Findings support our assumptions and vice-versa
- Compact Envelope ideas are being incorporated into future Space Vehicle Operations ConOps.
- Uploading to github



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