



# SOUTHERN LAUNCH

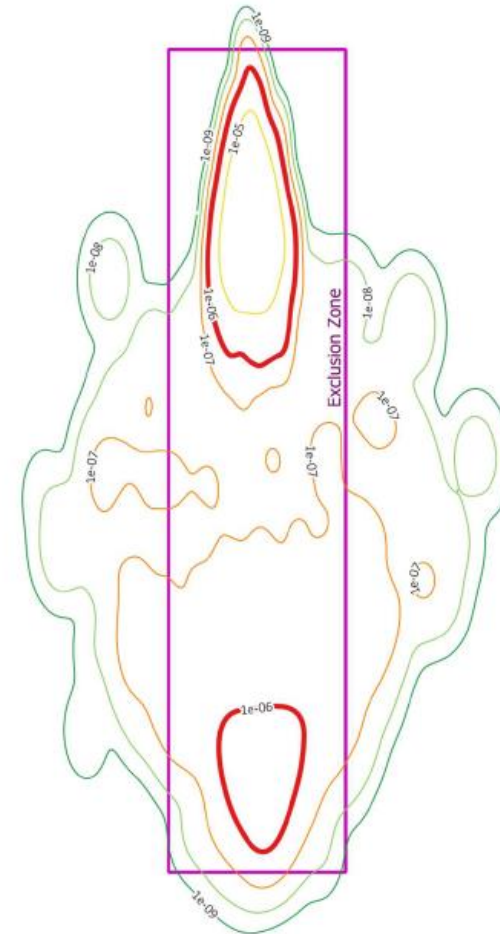
*Closing the loop between small satellites & timely space access*

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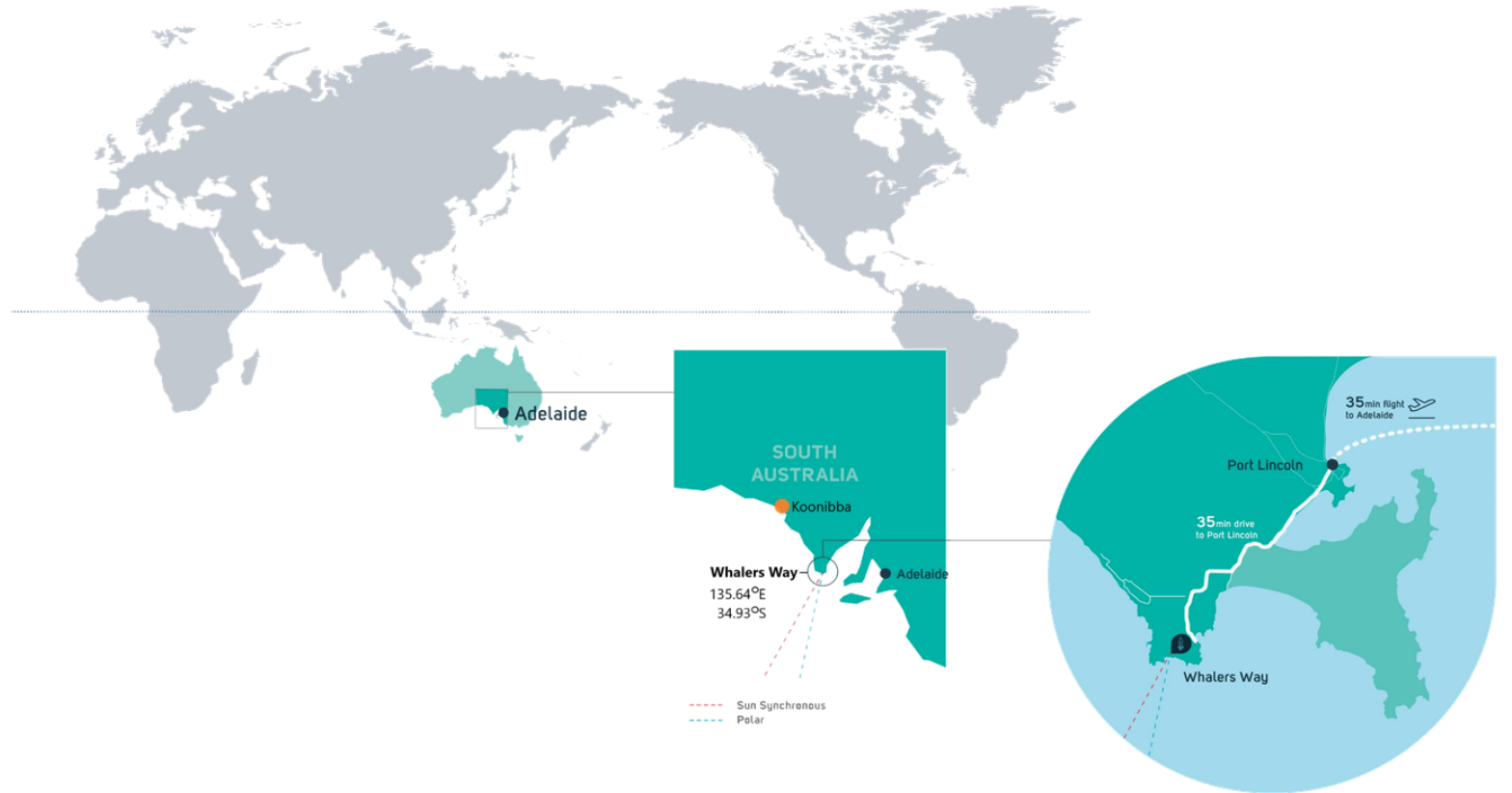
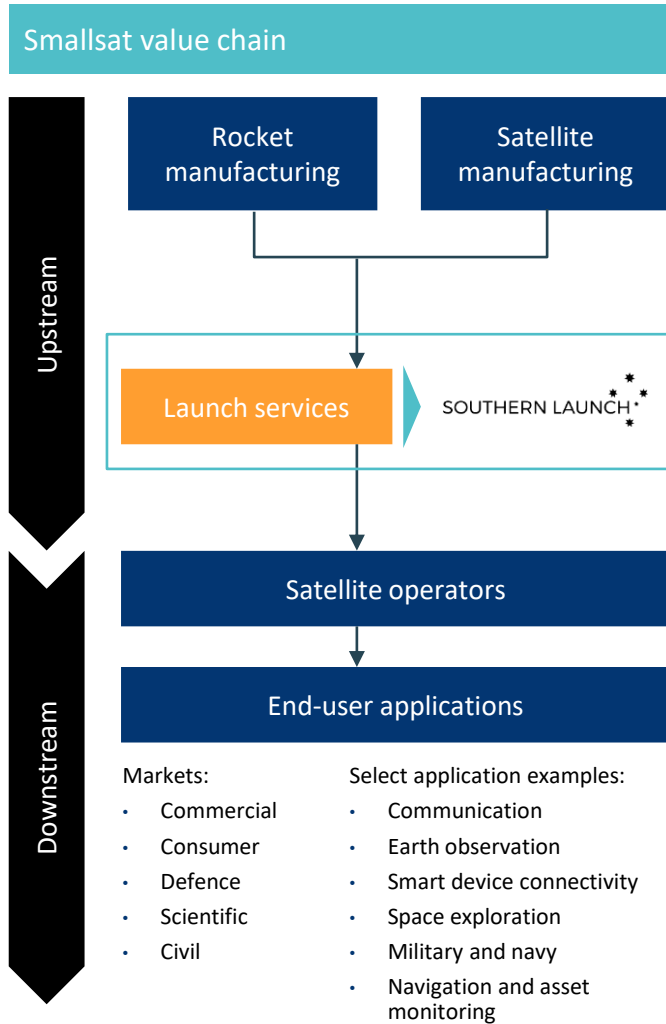
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# Project & Company Introduction

*Southern Launch is a South Australian company that aims to be a global leader in the Space Launch Services market*



# Southern Launch Ranges

## Orbital launch site: Whalers Way Launch Complex

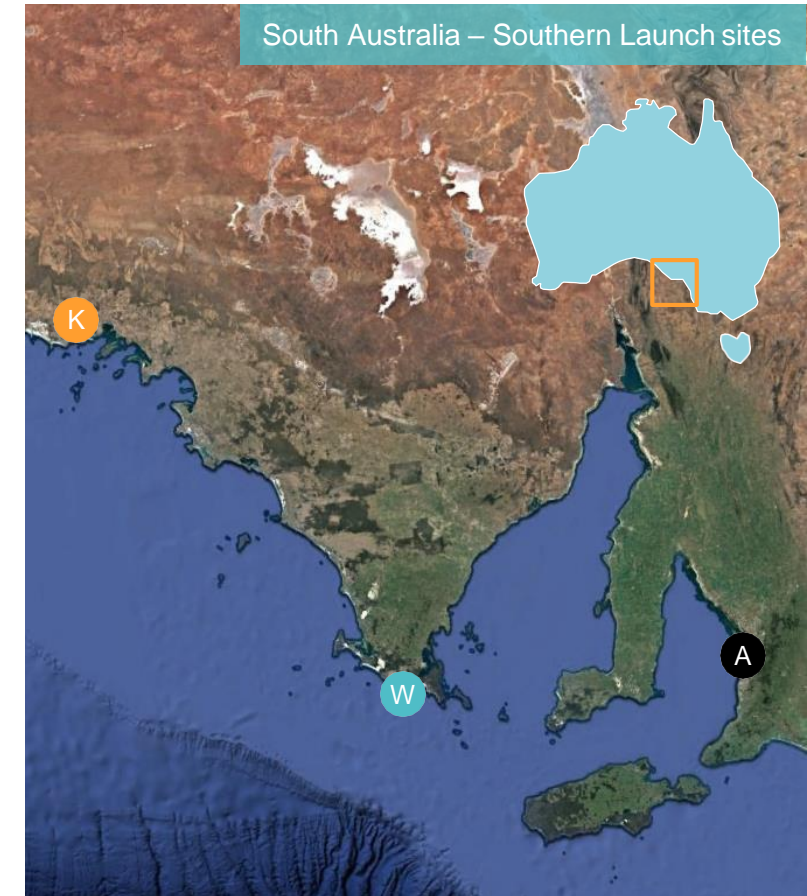
*Whalers Way offers unrivalled access to high inclination launch corridors out over the Great Australian Bight from its 6km of southward facing oceanfrontage*

- 35mins by road to the regional centre Port Lincoln
- Access to the existing national transport network
- High launch window availability
- Geographically secure location
- Access to ancillary tracking and telemetry sites – Enables observation of launch through to payload separation

## Suborbital launch site: Koonibba Test Range

*The southern hemisphere's longest civilian overland rocket test range – Offering a unique opportunity for clients to develop and test rocket technologies*

- Range Head located in the western part of South Australia on Koonibba community land. Approximately 40km north west of Ceduna
- Offers unhindered flights of up to 145km into an adjoining national parks
- Enables customers to undertake specific tests of civilian and military technologies
- All approvals received to operate from key stakeholders



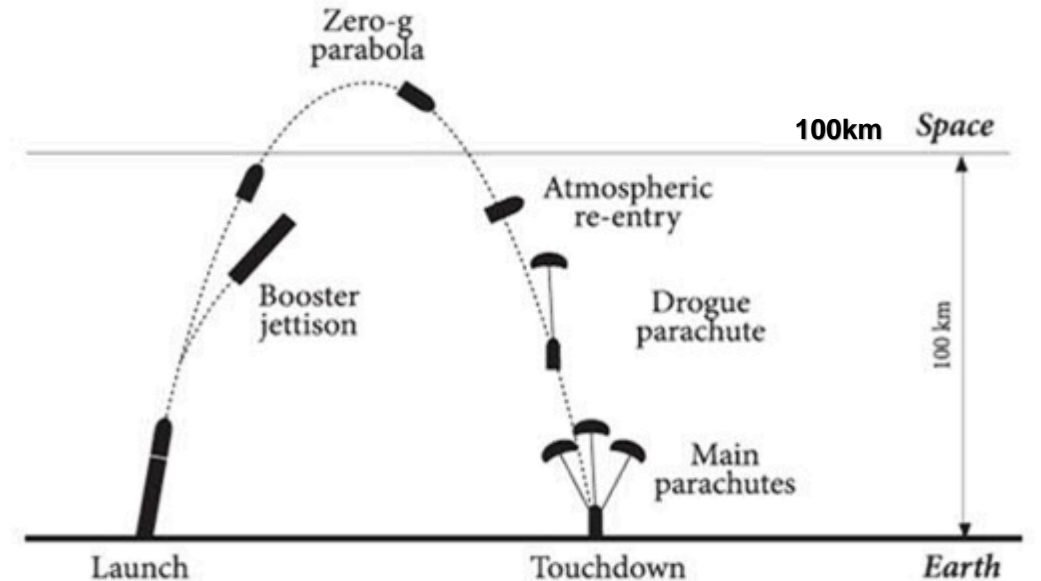
Key:

K – Koonibba    W – Whalers Way    A – Adelaide (HQ)



## Problem Statement

- Emerging Small Satellite market
- Rocket launch is complex
  - Aerodynamics
  - Gravimetrics
  - Equations of Motion
  - Launch Operations
- It's also strictly regulated
  - CASA
  - Australian Space Agency
  - FAA



We need a quick and accurate tool that can quickly quantify launch risks in a strict, space launch regulatory environment

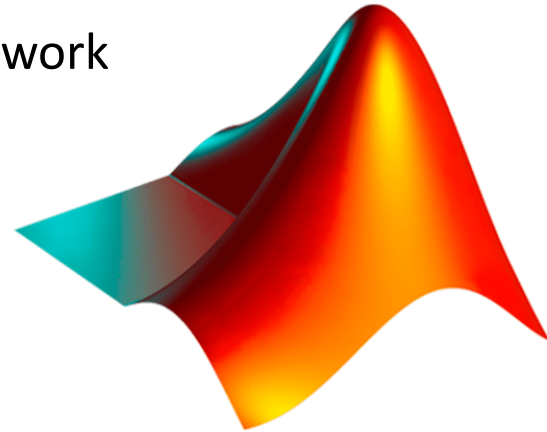
## Solution

- **MATLAB & ASTOS Graphical Interface & Controller (MAGIC)**
- A MATLAB based solution that does the following:
  1. Monte Carlo Simulations of Rocket Launch
  2. Streamlined Range Safety using MAGIC OOP
  3. Compliant with ASA and FAA Regulations
- Used daily by Southern Launch staff
- Under active development and support



## MATLAB Benefits

- Why did we use MATLAB?
  - Industry leading
  - Well documented
  - Toolboxes
  - Unit Test Framework
  - OOP

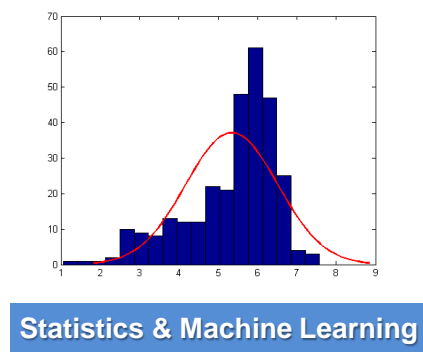
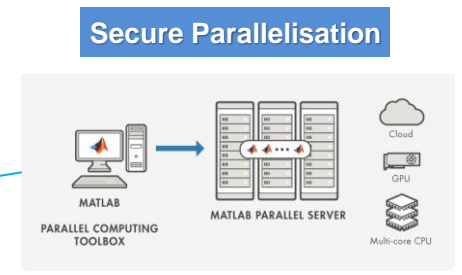
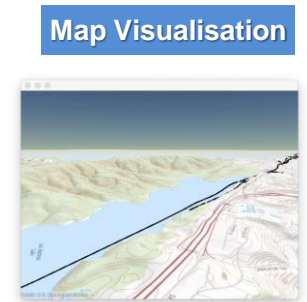


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# Tools Used

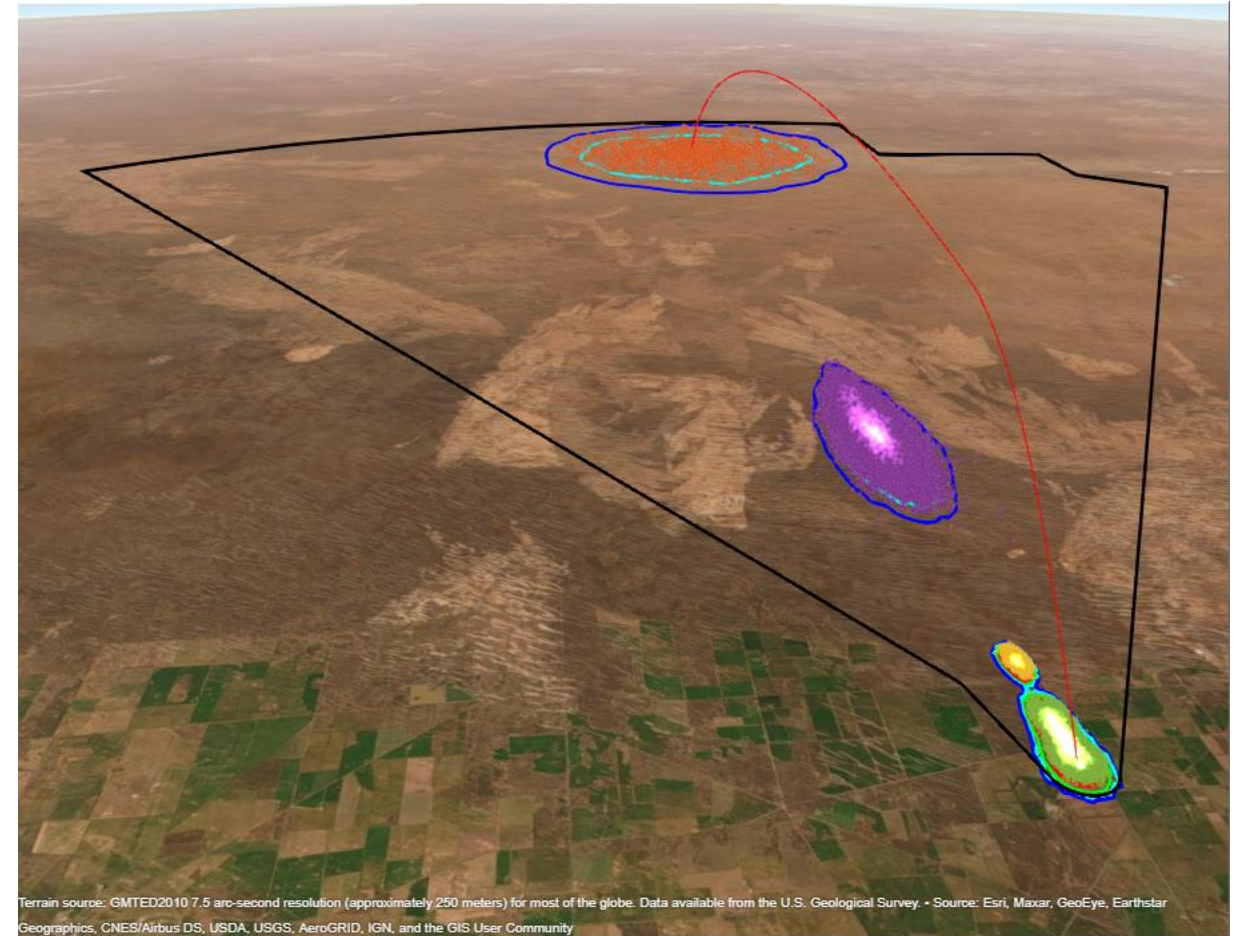
- Excel
  - Data Storage System
- ASTOS
  - Simulations
- MATLAB
  - Toolboxes





## MAGIC Benefits

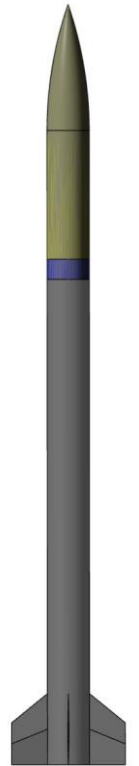
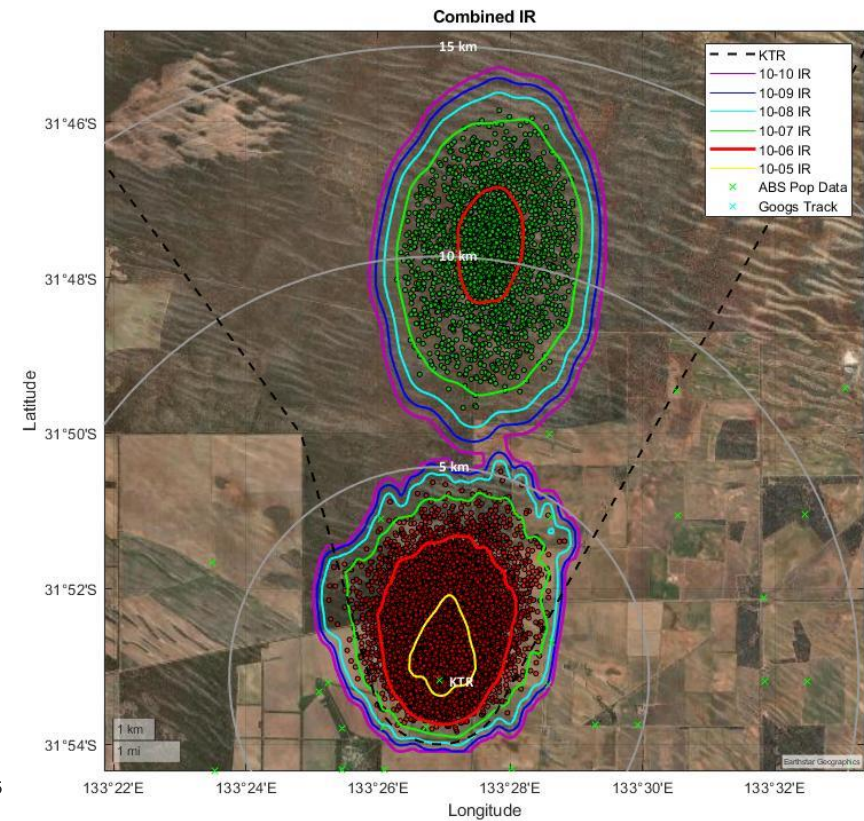
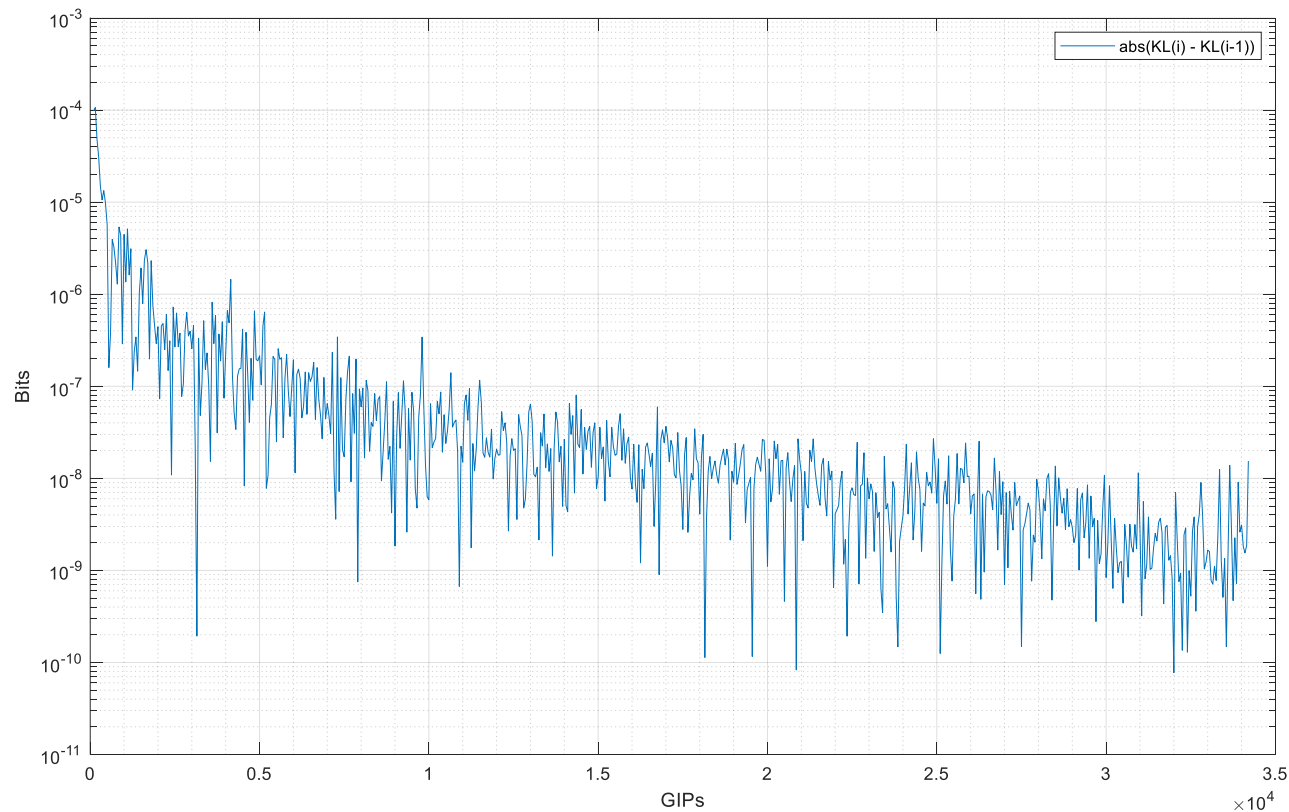
- What does an example MAGIC output look like?
  - Individual Risk
  - Expected Casualties
  - Maximum Probable Loss
- Benefits
  - Rapidly identify risk to people
  - Advanced post processing of results
  - Model advanced complex FRMs
  - Non-standard probability distributions



2-Stage Suborbital RST  
3 FRMs

# Convergence Example

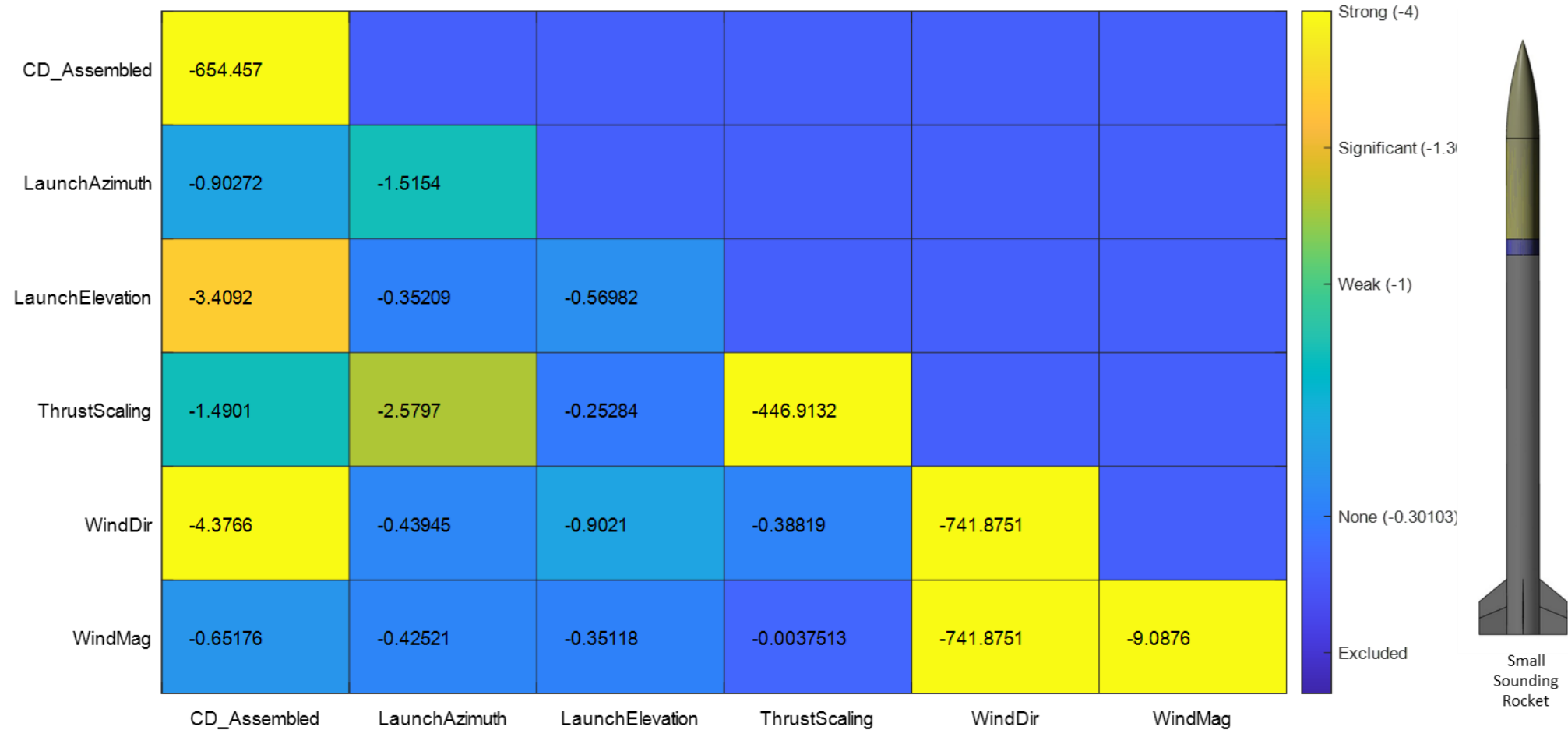
- Uses Information Theory to quantify how the risk profile of the Failure Response Mode (FRM) is changing



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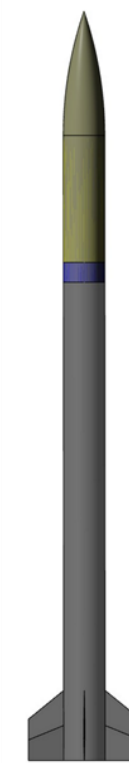
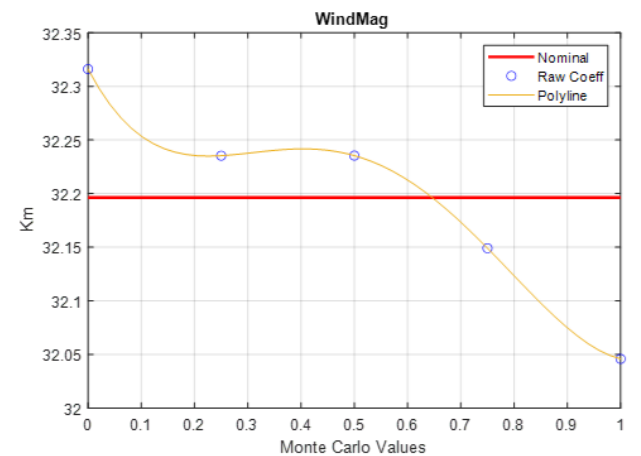
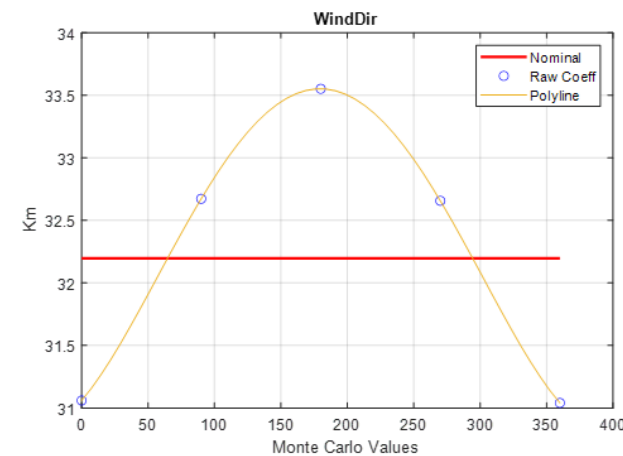
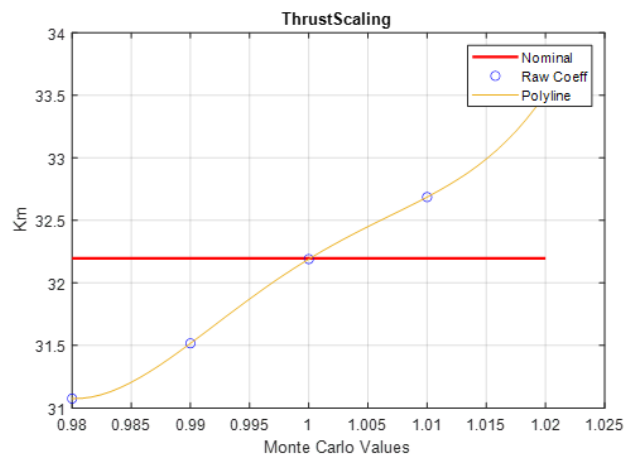
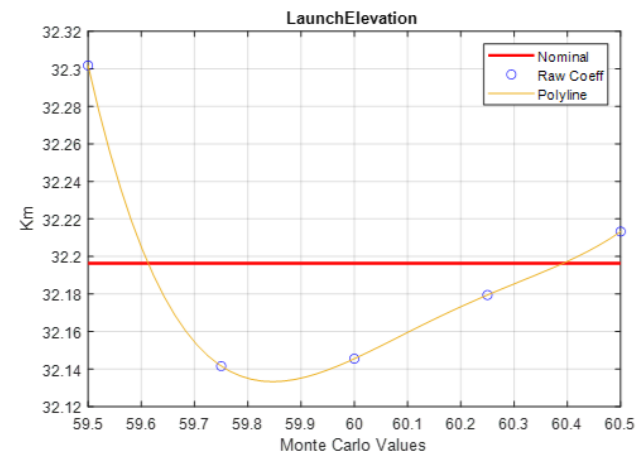
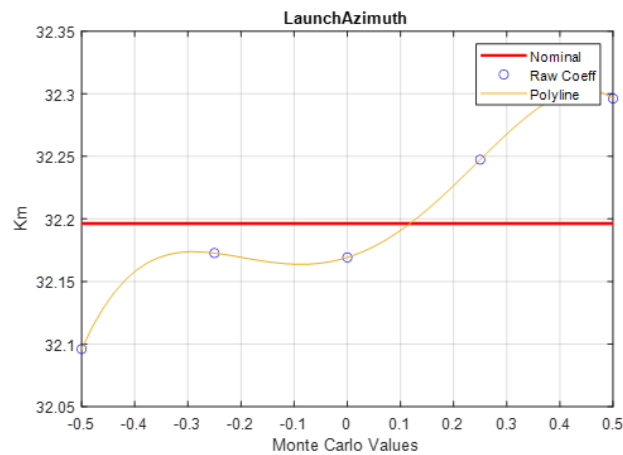
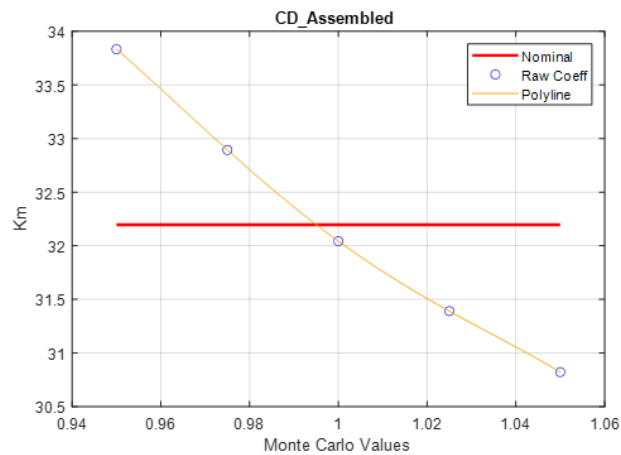
# Sensitivity Example

Relative Log Significance that each variable in Insolation (Diagonal) and 2-way Interaction (Off-Diagonal) has on Downrange



# Sensitivity Example

## Effect Each Isolated Variable has on Downrange



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## Conclusion

- MATLAB has enabled the creation of MAGIC
  - Capitalise on frequent launch
  - Rapid solution for Flight Safety Assessment
- MAGIC has been able to significantly advance due to the support of MathWorks Toolboxes
- MATLAB has enabled us to focus on capability development – not software development