

In "Rocket effect derivation, part 3"¹ I derived the force on the pellet from the first order perturbation.

$$\rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi r_p^2 \left(V_0^2 R_1 + D_0 V_0 (2U_1 - \alpha_1 V_1) + P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

But here all quantities are their non-normalized versions.

We chose previously $\alpha_l = -(l+1) \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = -2$

non-norm. normalized
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Now, let us insert the normalized quantities for example $R_1 \xrightarrow{\downarrow} p_* q_{\text{rel}} R_1$

(while F_z is still with the unit of force)

We need to keep some non-normalized quantities, which I label as $\tilde{r}_p, E_{bg}, q_{bg}, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 \left(p_* V_*^2 q_{\text{rel}} V_*^2 R_1 + 2 p_* V_*^2 q_{\text{rel}} D_0 V_0 (U_1 + V_1) + p_* q_{\text{rel}} P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

Use the relations at the sonic radius: $P_* = m \frac{P_*}{T_*}$ and $V_*^2 = \frac{1}{m} \gamma T_*$

$$\Rightarrow p_* V_*^2 = m \frac{P_*}{T_*} \cdot \frac{1}{m} \gamma T_* = \gamma p_*$$

$$\Rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 p_* q_{\text{rel}} \left(\gamma V_0^2 R_1 + \gamma 2 D_0 V_0 (U_1 + V_1) + P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

eliminate the density: $R_1 = \frac{P_1}{T_0} - \frac{P_0}{T_0} \tau_1$

$$P_0 = \frac{P_0}{T_0} \text{ and } r^2 \frac{P_0}{T_0} V_0 = 1 \Rightarrow D_0 V_0 = \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 p_* q_{\text{rel}} \left(\gamma V_0^2 \left(\frac{P_1}{T_0} - \frac{P_0}{T_0} \tau_1 \right) + \frac{2\gamma}{r_p^2} (U_1 + V_1) + P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

We can disregard the first order velocity quantities since our boundary conditions force $U_1(r_p)=0, V_1(r_p)=0$

Also, numerical solutions show that $V_0^2(r_p) R_1(r_p) \ll P_1(r_p)$

(How can we argue for that analytically or physically?)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F_z \approx -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 p_* q_{\text{rel}} P_1(r=r_p)}$$

$P_1(r=r_p)$ results from solving the first order ODE system

and thus only depends on γ , $E_*(E_{bg})$, $\frac{q_{rel}}{q_{rel}}$

The dependence on E_* seems quite low. (from looking at my first numerical results)

→ our goal is to calculate $P_1(r=r_p)$ once and for all

for a representative range of γ , $E_*(E_{bg})$, $\frac{q_{rel}}{q_{rel}}$ normalized pellet radius
 q_{rel} and \tilde{r}_p are input parameters (not needed for $P_1(r=r_p)$)

P_* can be calculated from Parks model and an expression is derived in the following section.

Derivation of P_* from the zeroth order solution

For one choice of γ , E_{bg} the zeroth order solution can be calculated.

(to be exact, we choose E_* based on E_{bg} and the found relation $E_*(E_{bg})$)

this yields the normalized quantities λ_* , r_p , $E_o(r \rightarrow \infty)$, $q_o(r \rightarrow \infty)$

$$\Rightarrow r_* = \frac{\tilde{r}_p}{r_p} , q_* = \frac{q_{bg}}{q_o(r \rightarrow \infty)} , E_* = \frac{E_{bg}}{E_o(r \rightarrow \infty)}$$

\tilde{r}_p and E_{bg} are free parameters (physical inputs)

$$\text{Equation 1 in Parks paper: } q_{bg} = \frac{n_{e,bg} \cdot V_{e,bg}}{4} \cdot E_{bg}$$

$$\text{with } V_{e,bg} = \sqrt{\frac{8 k_B T_{e,bg}}{\pi m_e}} , E_{bg} = 2 k_B T_{e,bg}$$

$$\text{together: } q_{bg} = \frac{n_{e,bg}}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{4 E_{bg}}{\pi m_e}} E_{bg}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_{bg} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{n_{e,bg}}{\sqrt{m_e}} E_{bg}^{3/2}$$

Additionally, we have 4 equations that relate the quantities at r_* (all from Parks paper)

$$\lambda_* = \frac{P_*}{T_*} \lambda_* r_*$$

$$r_*^2 \frac{P_*}{T_*} V_* = \frac{6}{4\pi}$$

$$V_* = \sqrt{\frac{8 T_*}{m}}$$

$$r_* \propto \sqrt[4]{\frac{4\pi - 1}{m}} \propto r_*^2$$

$$V_* = \sqrt{\frac{8}{m}}$$

$$(8-1) \frac{4\pi}{G} \frac{\mu}{\gamma} \lambda_* \left(q_* \frac{r_*^2}{\lambda_*} \right) = 2$$

"known" quantities: λ_* , $\Lambda_* = \Lambda(E_*)$, r_* , γ , m , μ (model parameter), q_*

"unknown" quantities: P_* , T_* , V_* , G

solving this system of equations using sympy yields:

(disregarding complex solutions)

$$\Rightarrow P_* = 2^{\frac{2}{3}} \lambda_* \frac{(8-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\gamma} \cdot \left(\frac{m}{\Lambda_* r_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \left(\mu q_* \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\text{insert } r_* = \frac{\tilde{r}_p}{r_p} \text{ and } q_* = \frac{q_{bg}}{q_0(\infty)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_* = 2^{\frac{2}{3}} \lambda_* \frac{(8-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\gamma} \cdot \left(\frac{m r_p}{\Lambda_* \tilde{r}_p} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{\mu}{q_0(\infty)} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{n_{e, bg}}{\sqrt{m_e}} E_{bg}^{3/2} \right)^{2/3}$$

separate visually

$$\Rightarrow P_* = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2^{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{\pi}} \lambda_* r_p^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{1}{q_0(\infty)} \frac{2^{\frac{2}{3}} (8-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{m}{m_e} \frac{1}{\tilde{r}_p} M^2 n_{e, bg}^2 \frac{1}{\Lambda_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} E_{bg}}_{\substack{\approx 0.04 \pm 0.003 \\ \text{weakly dependent on } E_* \\ \text{dimensionless}}} \underbrace{E_{bg}}_{\substack{\text{physical quantities} \\ \text{"model inputs"}}}$$

In total needed quantities to calculate the pellet rocket force:

needed for precalculating the model:

$$\gamma, E_{bg}, (E_{rel}/q_{rel}) \quad (\text{or better } E_* \text{ than } E_{bg})$$

(main output of this project is $P_*(r=r_p)$)

needed to calculate P_* from pre-calculated model:

M (mass of one ablated atom/molecule) divided by the electron mass m_e

\tilde{r}_p (pellet radius)

$n_{e, bg}$ (electron density reaching the neutral cloud)

E_{bg} (average energy of incoming electrons)

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μ (fraction of electron heat loss, heating the neutral gas cloud)
Park assumes $\mu \approx 0.6 - 0.7$

additionally needed for the force:

$$q_{rel} \quad (\text{from } \tilde{Q}_1(\infty) = q_{rel} q_{bg} = \int_0^{\pi} q_1(r=\infty, \theta) \cos \theta d\theta)$$