

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

$$\rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 \left(v_0^2 R_1 + \rho_0 v_0 (2U_1 - \alpha_1 V_1) + P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

But here all quantities are their non-normalized versions.

We chose previously $\alpha_L = -L(L+1) \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = -2$

Now, let us insert the normalized quantities for example $\overset{\text{non-norm.}}{R_1} \rightarrow \overset{\text{normalized}}{P_* q_{\text{rel}}} R_1$

(while F_z is still with the unit of force)

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

$$\Rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 \left(\rho_* v_*^2 q_{\text{rel}} v_0^2 R_1 + 2\rho_* v_*^2 q_{\text{rel}} \rho_0 v_0 (U_1 + V_1) + P_* q_{\text{rel}} P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow F_z = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \tilde{r}_p^2 P_* q_{\text{rel}} \left(\gamma v_0^2 \left(\frac{P_1}{T_0} - \frac{P_0}{T_0^2} \tau_1 \right) + \frac{2\gamma}{r_p^2} (U_1 + V_1) + P_1 \right) \Big|_{r=r_p}$$

eliminate the density: $R_1 = \frac{P_1}{T_0} - \frac{P_0}{T_0^2} \tau_1$

$$\rho_0 = \frac{P_0}{T_0} \text{ and } r^2 \frac{P_0}{T_0} v_0 = 1 \Rightarrow \rho_0 v_0 = \frac{1}{r^2}$$

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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?)

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

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

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

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 $\gamma, E_*(E_{bg}), \frac{E_{rel}}{q_{rel}}$

q_{rel} and \tilde{r}_p are input parameters (not needed for $P_1(r=r_p)$) ↓
normalized pellet radius

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 $\lambda_*, r_p, E_0(r \rightarrow \infty), q_0(r \rightarrow \infty)$

$$\Rightarrow r_* = \frac{\tilde{r}_p}{r_p}, \quad q_* = \frac{q_{bg}}{q_0(r \rightarrow \infty)}, \quad E_* = \frac{E_{bg}}{E_0(r \rightarrow \infty)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$r_* \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_*^2}} \propto \frac{1}{r_*}$$

$$v_* = \sqrt{\delta \frac{1}{m}}$$

$$(\delta-1) \frac{4\pi}{G} \frac{\mu}{\delta} \lambda_* (q_* \frac{r_*^2}{\Lambda_*}) = 2$$

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

"unknown" quantities: p_* , T_* , v_* , G

solving this system of equations using sympy yields:

(disregarding complex solutions)

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

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

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

separate visually

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

In total needed quantities to calculate the pellet rocket force:

needed for precalculating the model:

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

(main output of this project is $p_1(r=r_p)$)

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)

μ (fraction of electron heat loss, heating the neutral gas cloud)

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Park assumes $\mu \approx 0.6 - 0.7$

additionally needed for the force:

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