AAE 538: Air-Breathing Propulsion

Lecture 10: Analysis of Ideal Engine Cycles (continued)

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The Maximum Thrust Turbojet



 We can represent the turbine inlet temperature by a group of temperature ratios

$$\frac{T_{o,4}}{T_0} = \tau_r \tau_c \tau_b$$

We will define this parameter as:

Evidently, the minimum possible turbine inlet temperature is realized when no combustion takes place

Consequently, for a given, maximum allowable T.I.T., τ_b is limited by ______. We just discussed this at length in accordance with the SFC vs M_0 and F/m vs. M_0 plots – the flight conditions and pressure ratio are very important to thrust and fuel consumption performance of the engine.

Using the definition of τ_{λ} , the specific thrust can be re-written as

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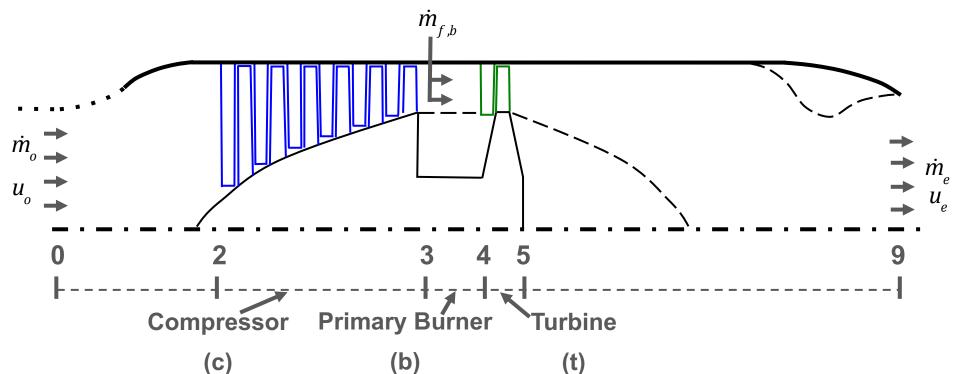
We note from this equation that, for a fixed $\tau_{\lambda}\tau_{r}$, there must be an optimal value of τ_{c} which maximizes (or minimizes) thrust.

Differentiation of the specific thrust relation with respect to τ_c and setting the result to zero gives:

Substitution back into the specific thrust equation gives the maximum specific thrust:

Compute the Specific Thrust and the Specific Fuel Consumption of an ideal turbojet engine operating with the following parameters:





Find: T/\dot{m} , S



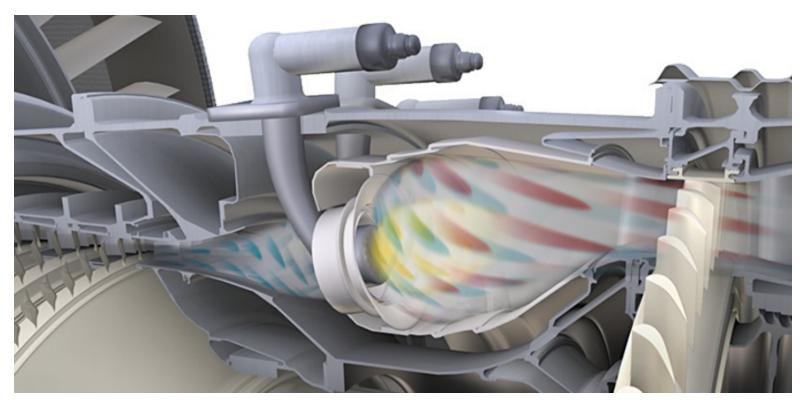








- Because the global equivalence ratio in the combustor is always
 fuel-lean, we know that the combustion product flow will contain
 excess oxygen:
 - It it therefore possible to add additional energy by combusting additional fuel downstream of the turbine in a device called an afterburner.

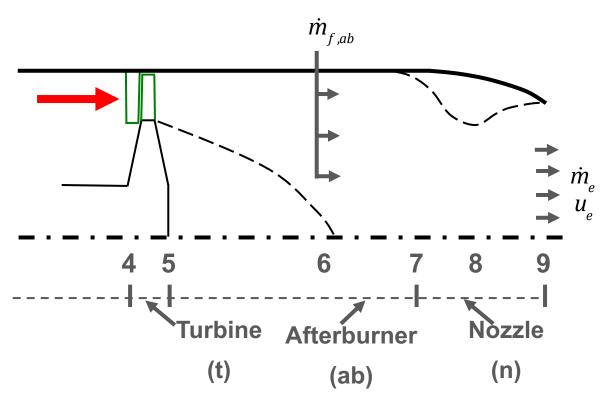


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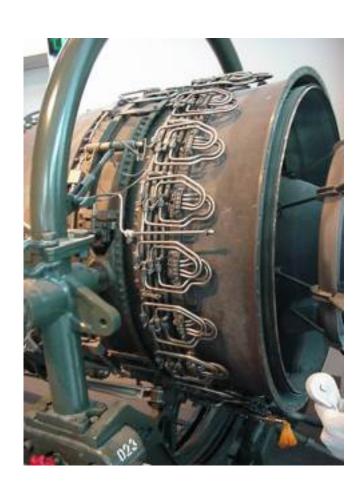
 With no turbomachinery protruding into the hot-gas path downstream of the turbine, the afterburner can operate at flow temperatures well-above the turbine inlet temperature, which restricts the amount of fuel that can be added to the main combustor.

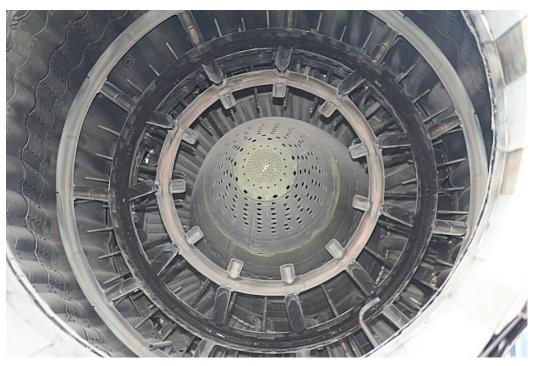
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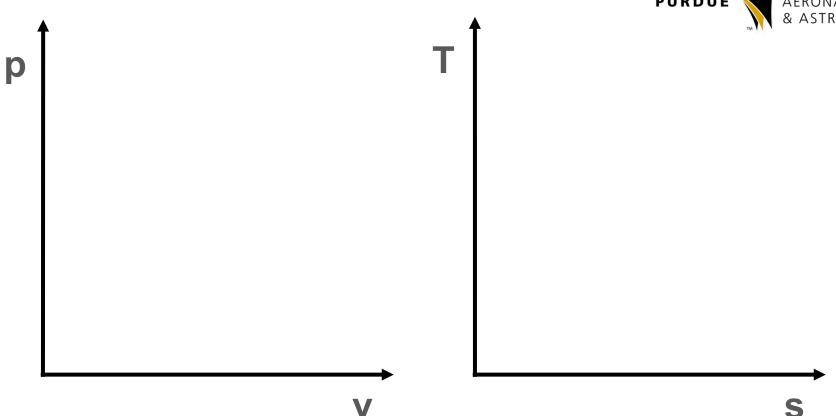
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 Typical design of an afterburner involves fuel injection and some flame-holder device









- Very large change in specific volume incurred due to the constant pressure combustion within the afterburner.
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 As in the ideal main burner, we will assume that there is no stagnation pressure loss in the afterburner.

$$\pi_{ab} =$$

While the energy addition in the device is characterized by the temperature ratio:

$$\tau_{ab} =$$

• If we assume that the fuel-air ratio in the afterburner is much less than unity, then we can write the specific thrust, as before:

As before, we can express the velocity ratio as:



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To solve for the velocity ratio, we again write the stagnation temperature and pressure at the nozzle exit as:

Now, since recovery, compression, and turbine expansion are isentropic, and since $p_0 = p_9$, we can write the expression for the total pressure _____



Here we can solve for M₉² to give

And we can also substitute back into the stagnation temperature equation to give us an expression for the temperature ratio across the engine (at our control surfaces)

Substitution of all of these relations back into the equation for specific thrust gives:

Where the power balance between the compressor and the turbine is unaffected by the operation of the afterburner, therefore the turbine temperature ratio can be specified with the same equation as before: $\tau = 1$

$$\tau_t = 1 - \frac{\tau_c - 1}{\tau_c \tau_h}$$

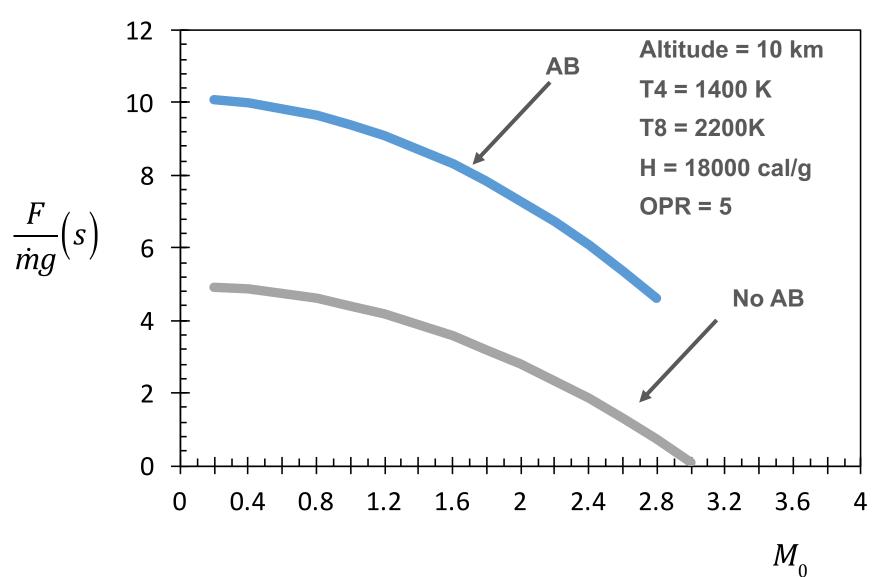


• The specific fuel consumption for the device requires consideration of the energy equation. Across the afterburner, we know that

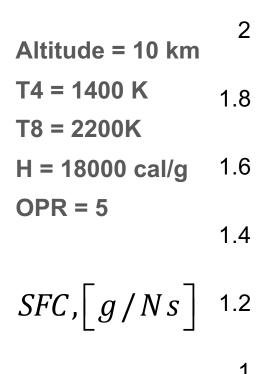
Such that the fuel-air ratio for the afterburner can be written as:

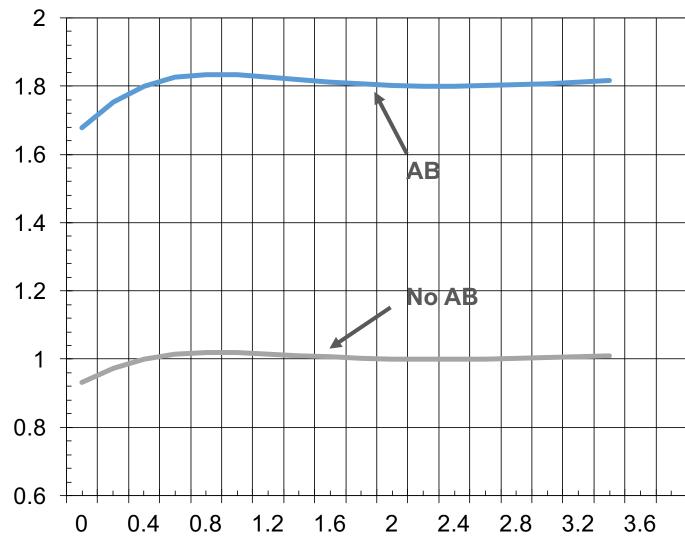
And we define the total fuel-air ratio as the sum of the two fuel-air ratios corresponding to the main burner and afterburner, where













$$\frac{dT}{ds} = \frac{(1-n)T}{c_p \left(1 - \frac{n}{\gamma}\right)}$$

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