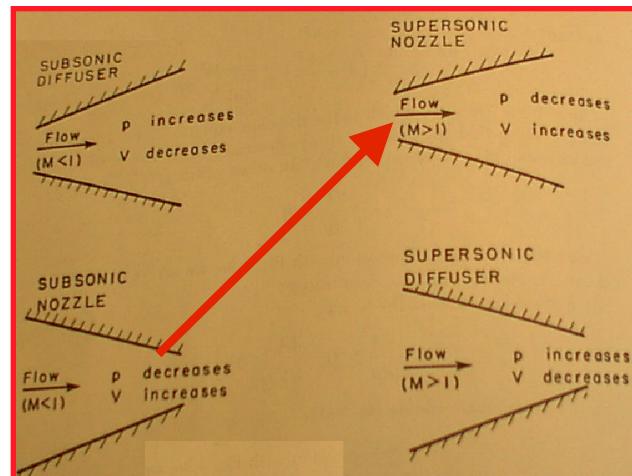


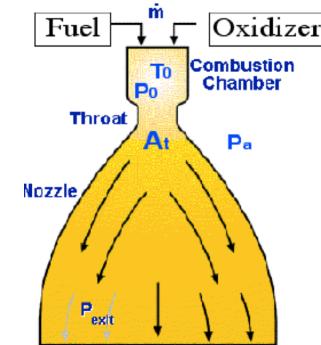
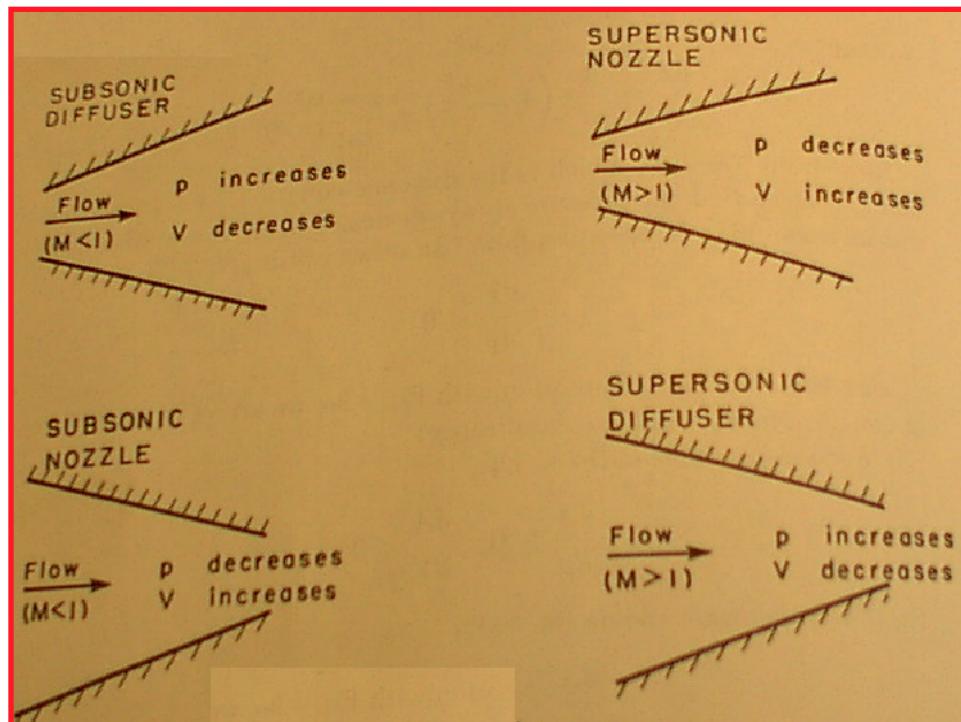
## Section 5, Lecture 1: Review of Idealized Nozzle Theory



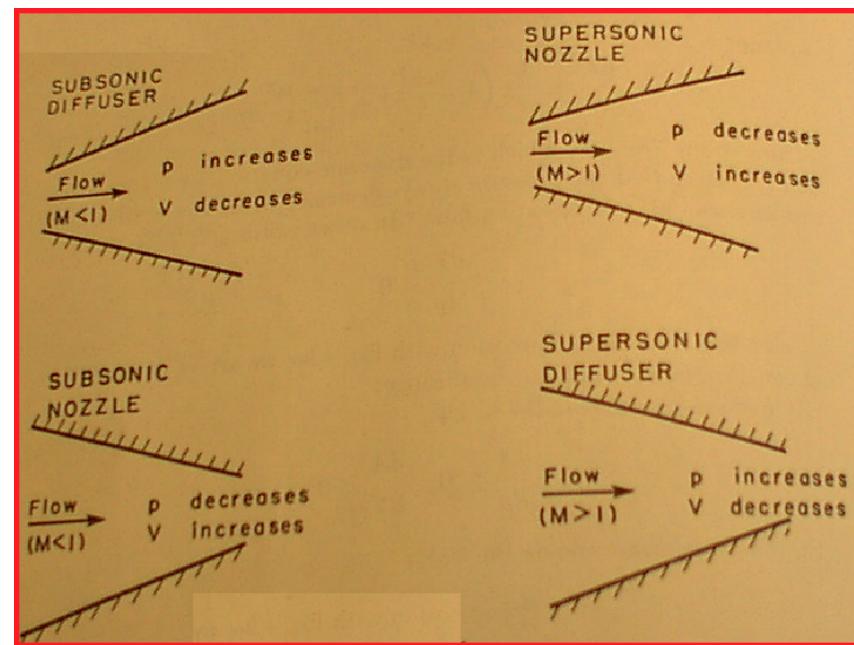
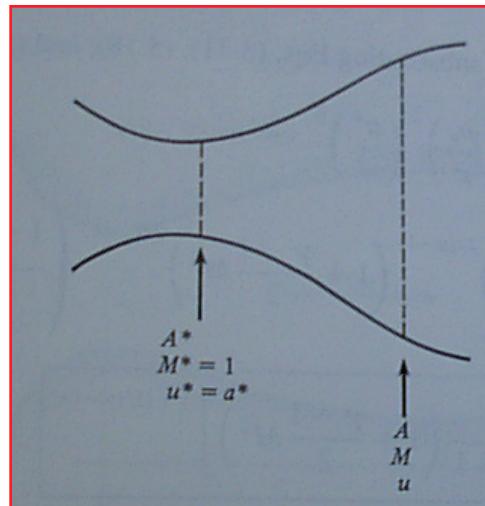
Summary of Fundamental Properties and  
Relationships

Sutton and Biblarz, Chapter 3

# Fundamental Properties of Supersonic and Supersonic Flow

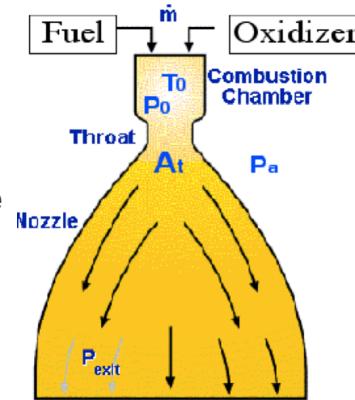


# ... Hence the shape of the rocket Nozzle



# What is a NOZZLE

- **FUNCTION** of rocket nozzle is to convert thermal energy in propellants into kinetic energy as efficiently as possible
- Nozzle is substantial part of the total engine mass.
- Many of the historical data suggest that 50% of solid rocket failures stemmed from nozzle problems.

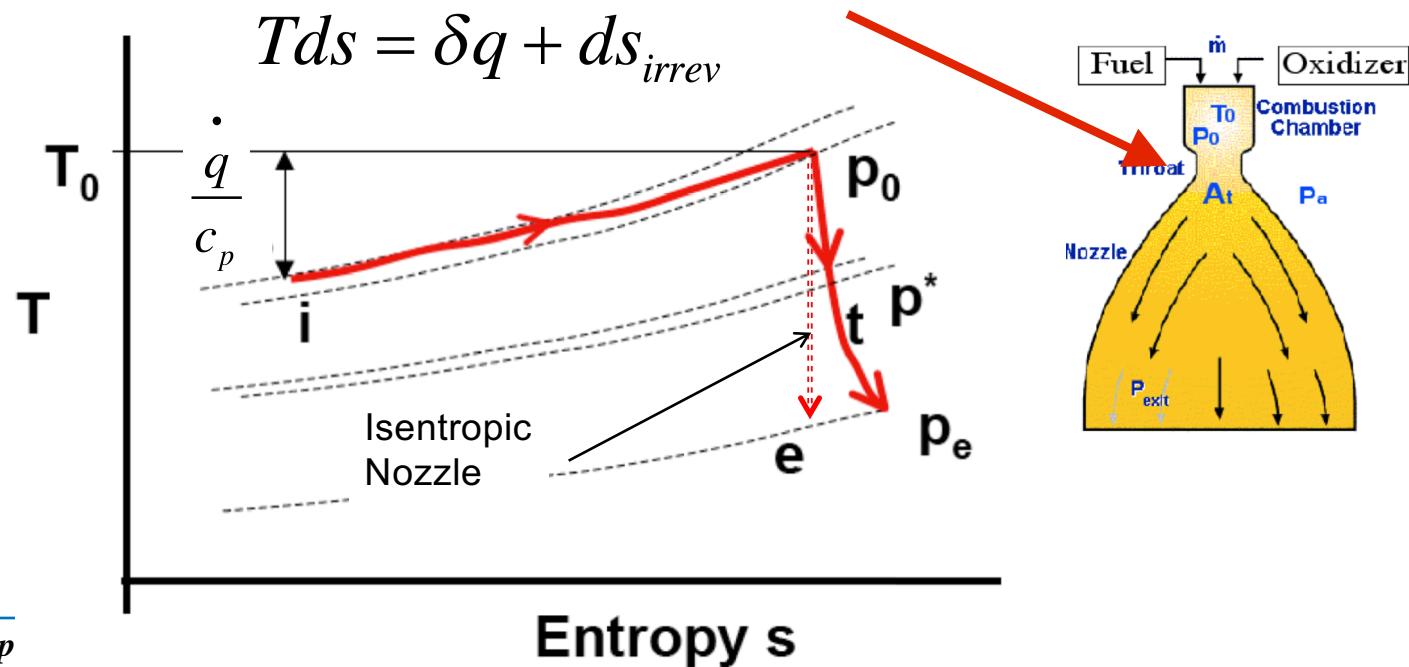


The design of the nozzle must trade off:

1. Nozzle size (needed to get better performance) against nozzle weight penalty.
2. Complexity of the shape for shock-free performance vs. cost of fabrication

# Temperature/Entropy Diagram for a Typical Nozzle

$$\dot{q} + h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \quad c_p = \left( \frac{dh}{dT} \right)_p$$

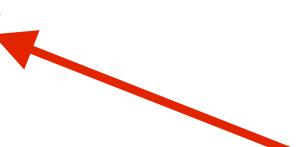


## Stagnation Temperature, Pressure for Adiabatic, Isentropic Flow of a Calorically Perfect Gas

- Stagnation temperature is a measure of the Kinetic Energy of the flow Field.
- In Isentropic Nozzle,  $T_0, P_0$  are constant

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M^2$$

- Stagnation (*total*) pressure:  
Constant throughout Isentropic flow field

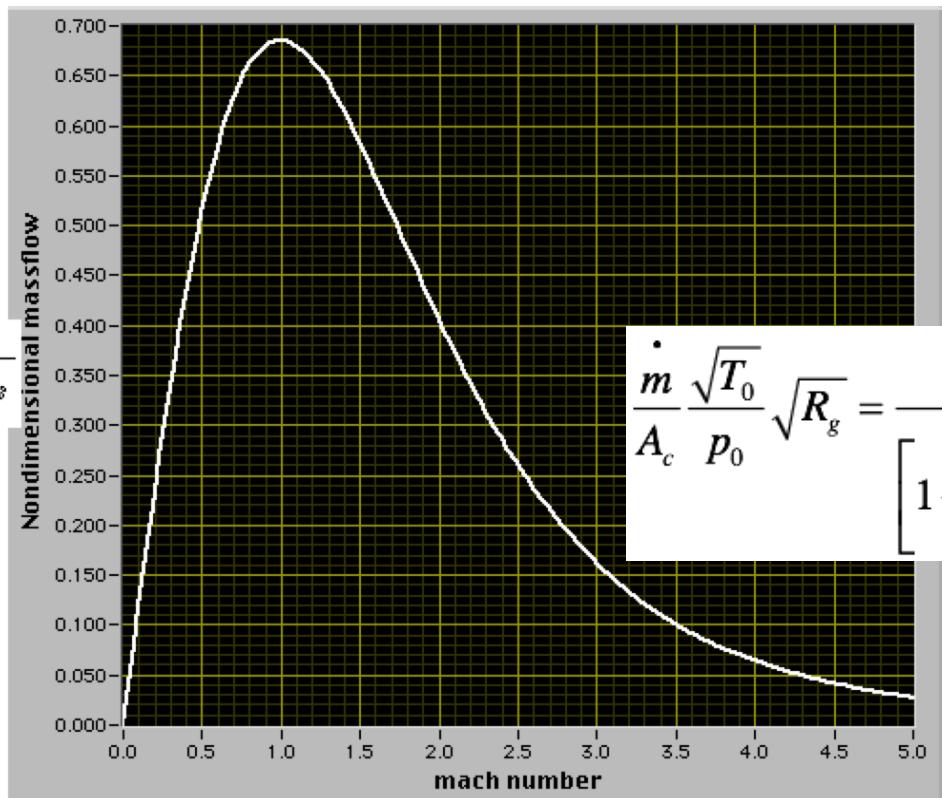
$$\frac{P_0}{p} = \left[ \frac{T_0}{T} \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M^2 \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$


$$T(x) = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M(x)^2}$$

$$P(x) = \frac{P_0}{\left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M(x)^2 \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}}$$

# Nozzle Mass Flow per Unit Area

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A_c} \frac{\sqrt{T_0}}{p_0} \sqrt{R_g}$$



$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A_c} \frac{\sqrt{T_0}}{p_0} \sqrt{R_g} = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma} M}{\left[ 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M^2 \right]^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{2(\gamma - 1)}}}$$

- maximum Massflow/area Occurs when When  $M=1$

# Choking Massflow Equation

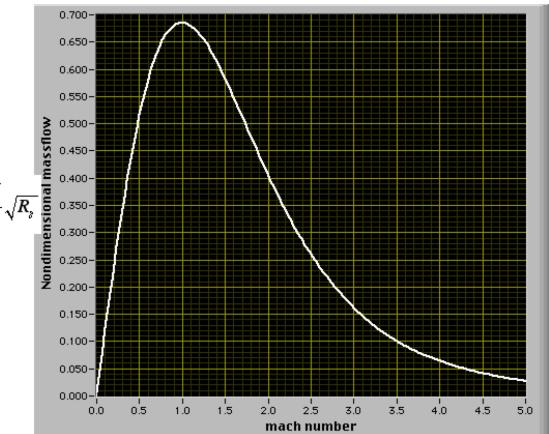
- maximum Massflow/area Occurs when When  $M=1$

- Effect known as *Choking* in a Duct or Nozzle
- i.e. nozzle will Have a mach 1 throat

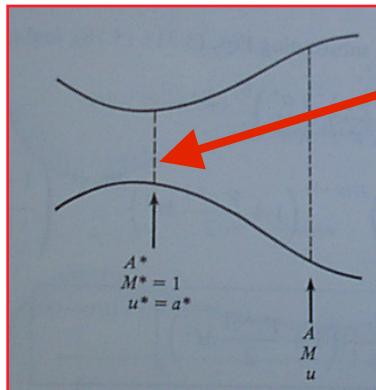
$$\left( \frac{\dot{m}}{A_c} \frac{\sqrt{T_0}}{p_0} \sqrt{R_g} \right)_{\max} = \left( \frac{\dot{m}}{A^*} \frac{\sqrt{T_0}}{p_0} \sqrt{R_g} \right) =$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\gamma}}{\left[ 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}} = \sqrt{\gamma} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A^*} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R_g}} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}} \frac{p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}}$$



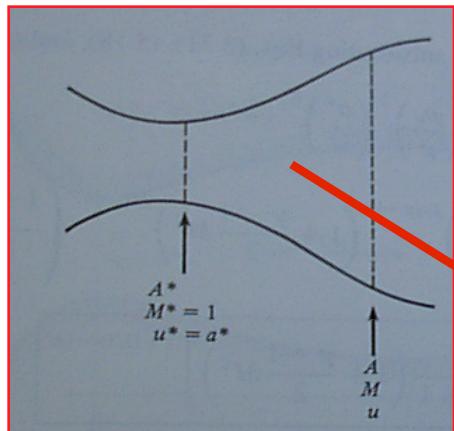
## Isentropic Nozzle Flow: Area Mach Relationship



- Consider a “choked-flow” Nozzle ... (i.e.  $M=1$  at Throat)
- Then comparing the massflow /unit area at throat to some Downstream station

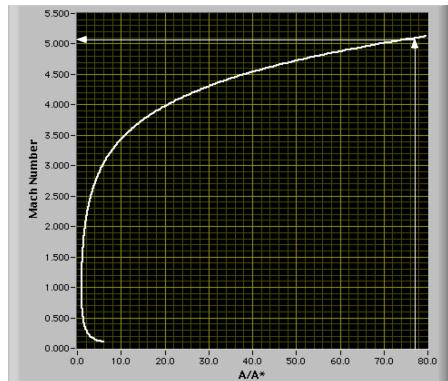
$$\frac{\frac{\dot{m}}{A^*} \frac{\sqrt{T_0}}{p_0} \sqrt{R_g}}{\frac{\dot{m}}{A} \frac{\sqrt{T_0}}{p_0} \sqrt{R_g}} = \frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}}{\left[1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} M^2\right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} M^2\right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

# Isentropic Nozzle Flow: Area Mach Relationships



- $A/A^*$  Directly related to Mach number
- “Two-Branch solution: Subsonic, Supersonic

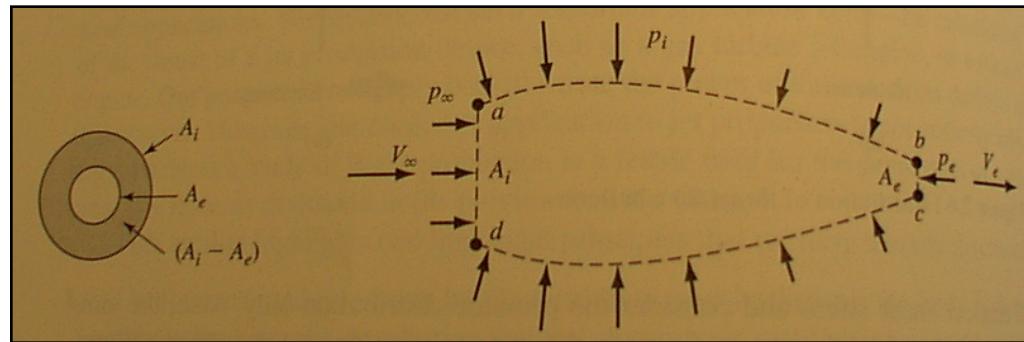
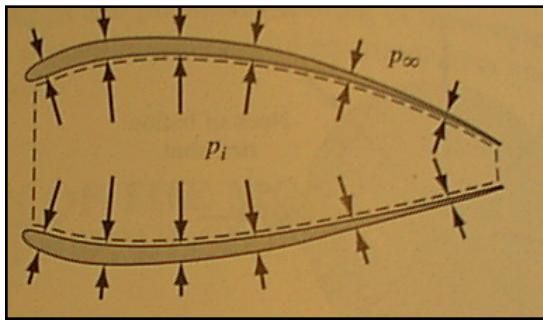
$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{2(\gamma - 1)}}$$



- Nonlinear Equation requires Numerical Solution
- “Newton’s Method”

# Engine Thrust Model (revisited)

- Steady, Inviscid, One-Dimensional Flow Through Ramjet

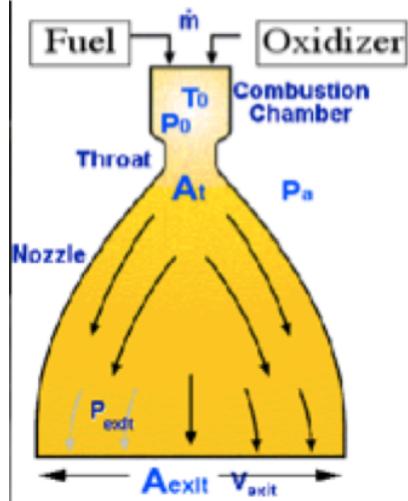


$$-\iint_{C.S.} (\vec{p}) \vec{dS} = \iint_{C.S.} \left( \rho \vec{V} \bullet \vec{ds} \right) \vec{V}$$

$$\bullet \quad \bullet \\ Thrust = \dot{m}_e V_e - \dot{m}_i V_i + (p_e A_e - p_\infty A_e)$$

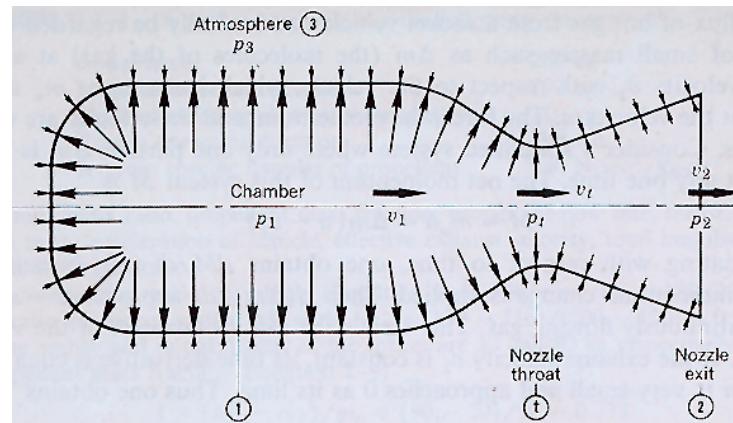
## Rocket Thrust Equation, revisited

$$\dot{m}_i = 0$$



$$Thrust = \dot{m}_e V_e + (p_e A_e - p_\infty A_e)$$

- Thrust + Oxidizer enters combustion Chamber at ~0 velocity, combustion Adds energy ... High Chamber pressure Accelerates flow through Nozzle Resultant pressure forces produce thrust



## Thrust Coefficient

For an isentropic nozzle  $P_{0_{exit}} = P_0$

$$C_F \equiv \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]^{1/2} + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} \frac{(P_{exit} - P_\infty)}{P_0}$$

$$\frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} = \sqrt{\frac{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \right)}} \sqrt{\left[ \left( \frac{P_0}{P_{exit}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]} \quad C_F = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\gamma - 1}{2\gamma} \sqrt{\left[ \left( \frac{P_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]} \left[ \frac{P_{exit}}{P_0} - \frac{P_\infty}{P_0} \right] \right\}$$

A red circle highlights the term  $\left( \frac{P_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$  in the first equation, and a red arrow points from it to the same term in the expression for  $C_F$ .

**•  $C_F$  is a function of Nozzle pressure ratio and back pressure only**

# Thrust Coefficient Summary

*Ideal Thrust Coefficient*

$$C_F = \frac{F_{thrust}}{P_0 \cdot A^*} = \gamma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \cdot \left( 1 - \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right) + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} \cdot \left( \frac{p_{exit} - p_\infty}{P_0} \right)}$$

*Optimal Thrust Coefficient  $\rightarrow p_{exit} = p_\infty$*

$$C_F = \frac{F_{thrust}}{P_0 \cdot A^*} = \gamma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \cdot \left( 1 - \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right)}$$

*Maximum Thrust Coefficient  $\rightarrow$  Expand Nozzle Until  $P_{exit} \sim 0$*

$$C_{F_{max}} = \gamma \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}$$

**Maximum Possible Thrust Coefficient for a Given Combination of Propellants**

# Characteristic Velocity, $C^*$

Define ....

$$C^* = \left( \frac{\dot{P}_0 A^*}{\dot{m}_{exit}} \right) = \left( \frac{C_e}{\frac{\dot{m}_{exit}}{P_0 A^*} \cdot C_e} \right) = \left( \frac{C_e}{\frac{\dot{m}_{exit}}{P_0 A^*} \cdot \frac{\text{Thrust}}{\dot{m}_{exit}}} \right) = \frac{C_e}{C_F} = \frac{V_{exit} + \frac{A_{exit}}{\dot{m}_{exit}} (p_{exit} - p_\infty)}{\gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}} + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} \left( \frac{p_{exit} - p_\infty}{P_0} \right)}$$

- Let nozzle expand infinitely in Vacuum....

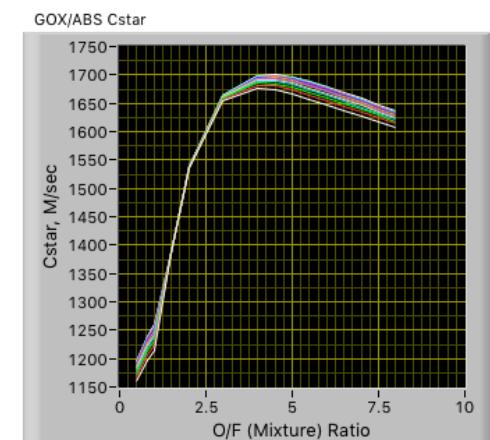
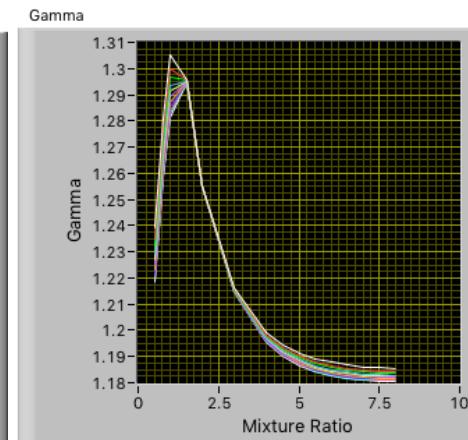
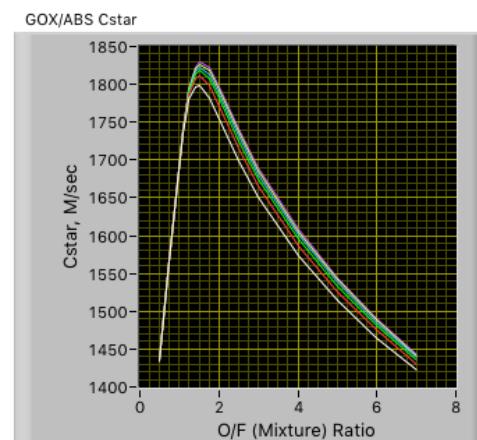
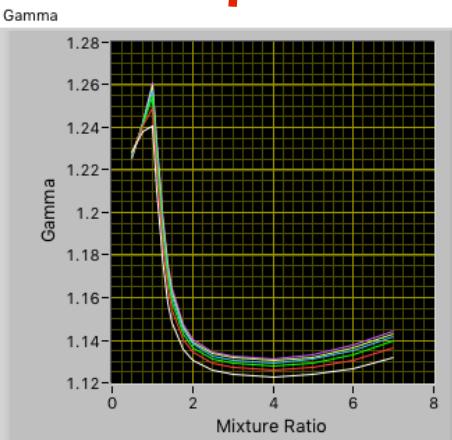
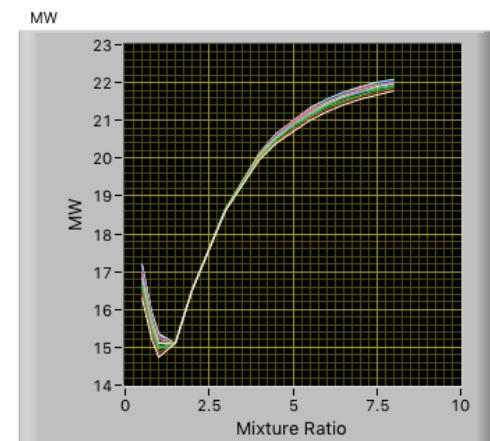
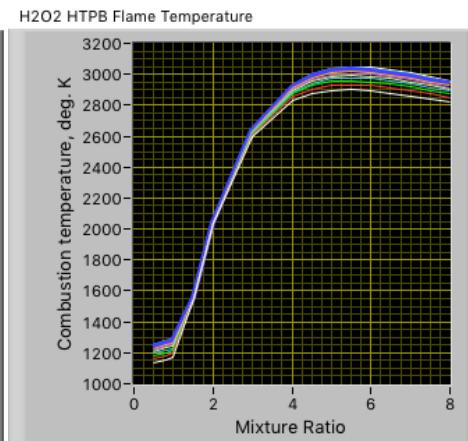
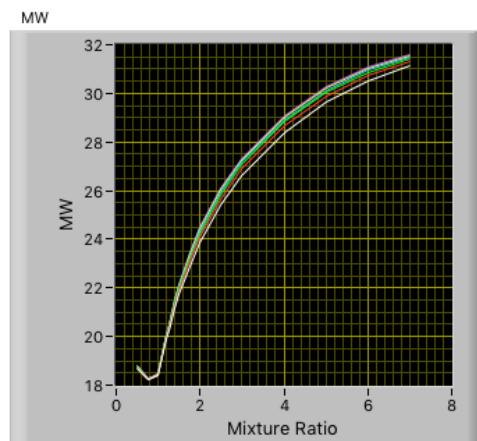
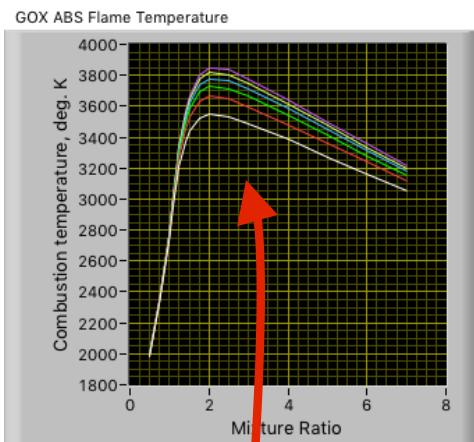
$$\frac{V_{exit}^2}{2 \cdot c_p} \gg T_{exit} \dots p_{exit}, T_{exit}, p_\infty \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow V_{exit} \rightarrow \sqrt{2 \cdot c_p \cdot T_0}$$

$$\rightarrow C^* = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R_g T_0}}{\gamma \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R_u}}{\gamma \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}} \sqrt{\frac{T_o}{M_W}}$$

- The *characteristic velocity* is a figure of thermo-chemical merit for a particular propellant and may be considered to be Indicative of the *combustion performance of propellants*.

- Propellants that burn Hot and have a low product Molecular weight ... best  $C^*$

# C\* of Given Propellants

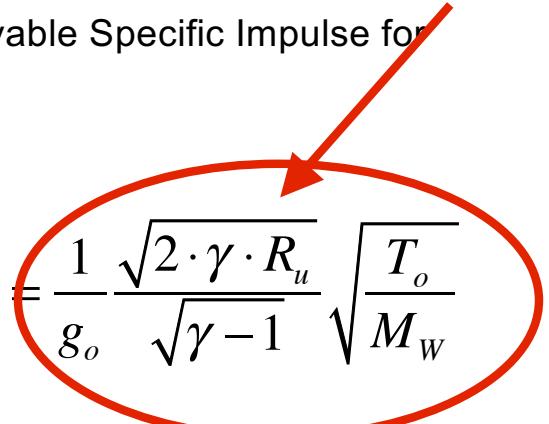


# Maximum $I_{sp}$ of a Combustion Process

- from Earlier

$$I_{sp} = \frac{\dot{Thrust}}{g_o \dot{m}} = \frac{Thrust/P_0 A^*}{g_o \dot{m}/P_0 A^*} = \frac{C_F \cdot C^*}{g_o}$$

- Assuming an infinitely expanded nozzle in a vacuum, Maximum Achievable Specific Impulse for Selected propellants is

$$I_{sp\ Max} = \frac{C_F \cdot C^*}{g_o} = \frac{\gamma}{g_o} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R_u}}{\gamma \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}} \sqrt{\frac{T_o}{M_W}} = \frac{1}{g_o} \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot \gamma \cdot R_u}}{\sqrt{\gamma-1}} \sqrt{\frac{T_o}{M_W}}$$


## Performance Parameter Summary

$$\rightarrow C_F \equiv \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \cdot \left\{ \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]^{1/2} + \frac{\gamma-1}{2\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}{\left[ \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]}} \left[ \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} - \frac{p_\infty}{P_0} \right] \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow C^* \equiv \frac{P_0 A^*}{\dot{m}} \rightarrow (C^*)_{ideal} = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R_g T_0}}{\gamma \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R_u}}{\gamma \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}} \sqrt{\frac{T_o}{M_w}}$$

$$\rightarrow I_{sp} = \frac{Thrust}{g_o \dot{m}} = \frac{Thrust / P_0 A^*}{g_o \dot{m} / P_0 A^*} = \frac{C_F \cdot C^*}{g_o}$$

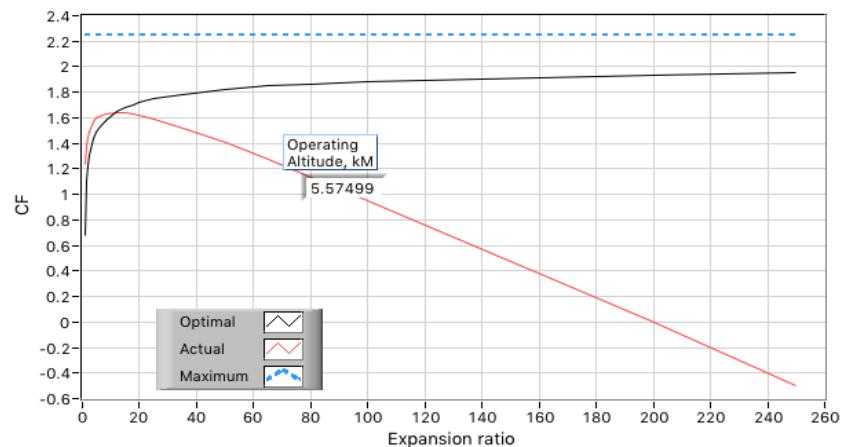
$$\rightarrow I_{sp \ Max} = \frac{C^*}{g_o} \left[ \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \right] = \frac{1}{g_o} \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma R_u}{\gamma-1}} \sqrt{\frac{T_o}{M_w}}$$

## Example Performance Calculations

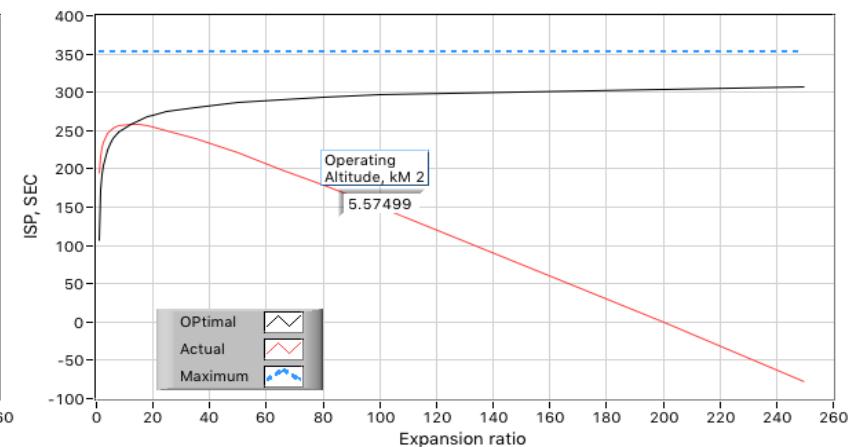
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	15
	18
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	25
	35
	50
	65
	80
	100
	200
	250
gamma	1.2
Mwght	25
P0, kPa	5000
Pamb, kPa	50
Astar, cm <sup>2</sup>	100
To, K	3000
Nozzle Exit Angle, deg.	0

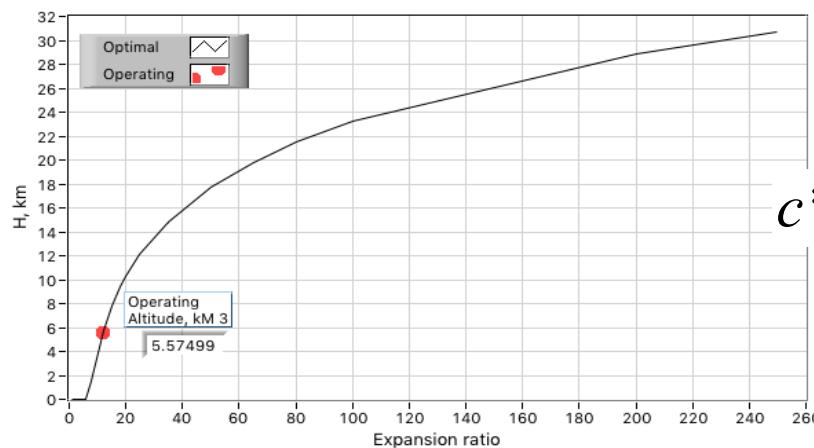
CF vs Expansion Ratio



Specific Impulse Vs Expansion Ratio

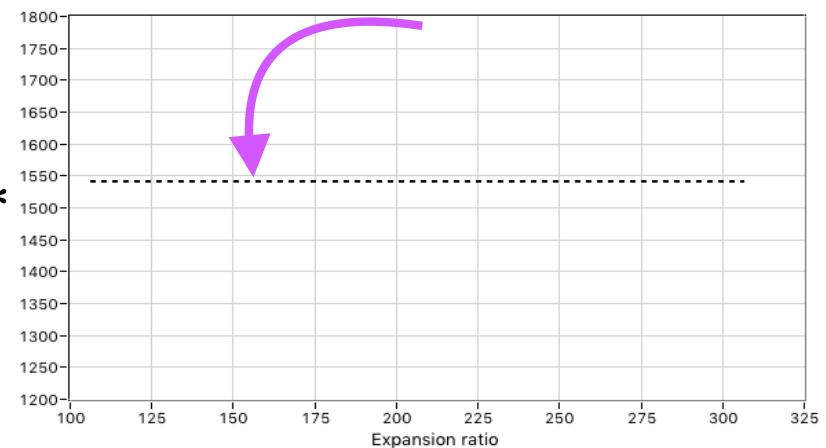


Optimal Altitude vs Expansion Ratio



$c^*$

Characteristic Velocity (Independent of expansion ratio)



# Real Rocket Loss Coefficients

1. Combustor /Nozzle efficiency correction coefficient →  $\eta^*$
  2. Nozzle divergence correction coefficient →  $\lambda$
  3. Chamber pressure correction coefficient →  $\xi_p$
  4. Nozzle discharge correction coefficient →  $\xi_d$
- Manufacturers often use empirically determined “fudge factors” to model engine/rocket motor losses
- “adjustments” to de Laval Flow Equations

## Combustor Efficiency Correction Coefficient

- Combustion inefficiency and heat losses through the chamber wall both tend to produce a lower chamber pressure than predicted by theory.

$$\eta^* = \frac{C_{actual}^*}{C_{theoretical}^*} = \frac{(P_0 \cdot A^* / \dot{m})}{C_{theoretical}^*} = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{\gamma \cdot R_g \cdot T_0 \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}} \right)_{actual}}{\left( \frac{1}{\gamma} \sqrt{\gamma \cdot R_g \cdot T_0 \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}} \right)_{theoretical}} \rightarrow T_{0_{actual}} \approx (\eta^*)^2 \cdot T_{0_{theoretical}}$$

- Squared Efficiency Proportional to ratio of True-to-Actual Flame Temperature

## Combustor Efficiency Correction Coefficient (cont'd)

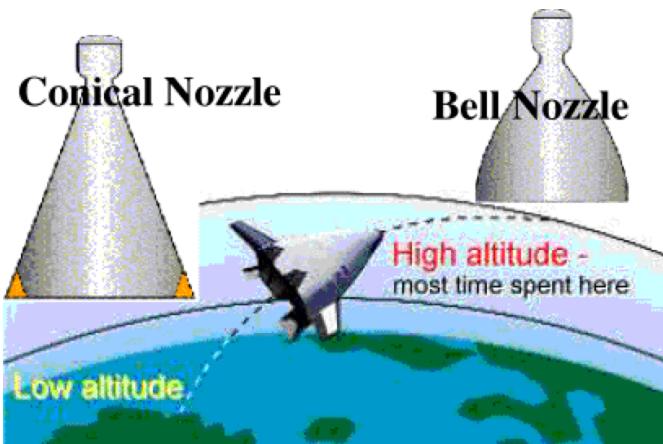
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... What factors can cause  $T_0$  to Drop in Combustor

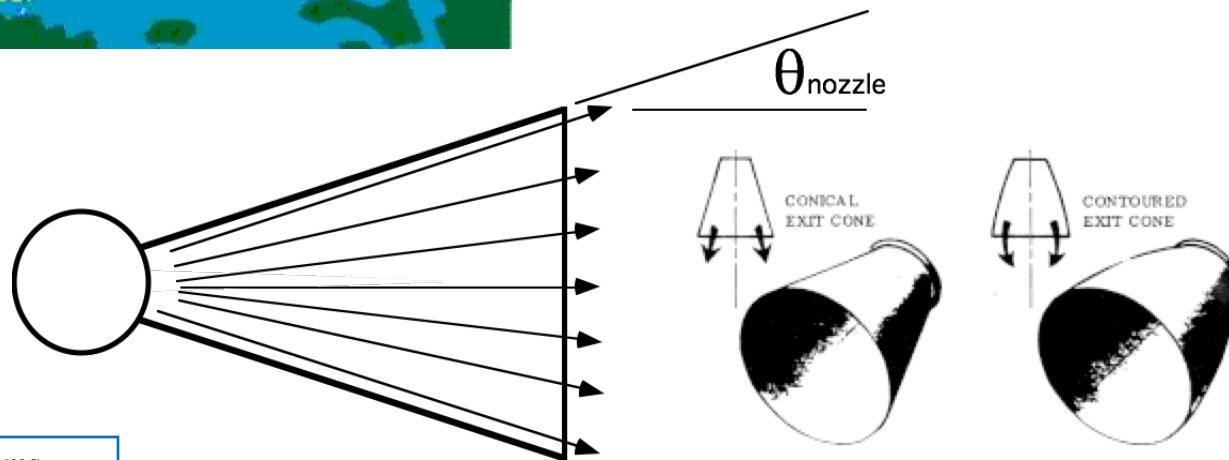
- Combustion
- Transport

- 1) Heat Loss thru Combustor walls
- 2) Friction (Very Small in Combustor)
- 3) Combustion Process Efficiency / mixture ratio
- 4) **Typical Values ... 85-99%**

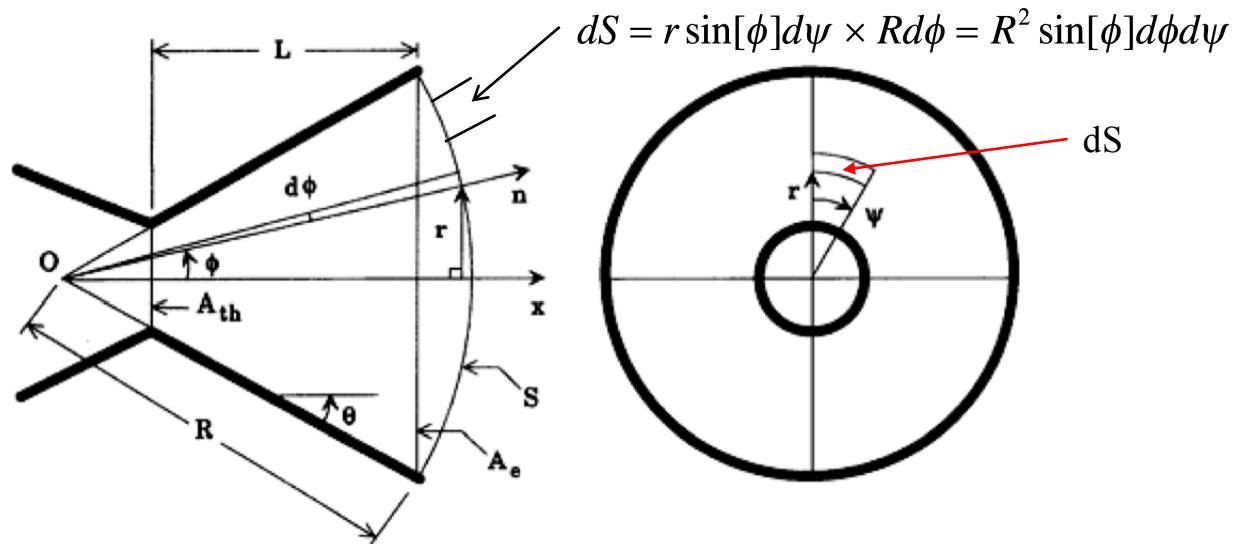
## Nozzle Divergence Correction Coefficient



- Quasi-1-D analysis assumes exit flow leaves parallel to longitudinal axis of the nozzle
- In reality ... this rarely happens



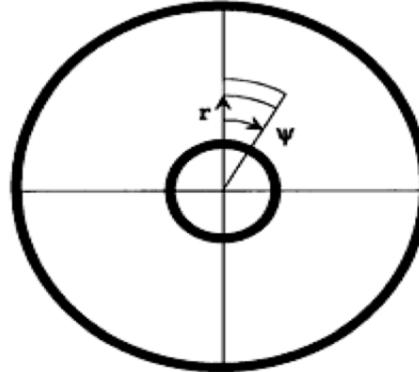
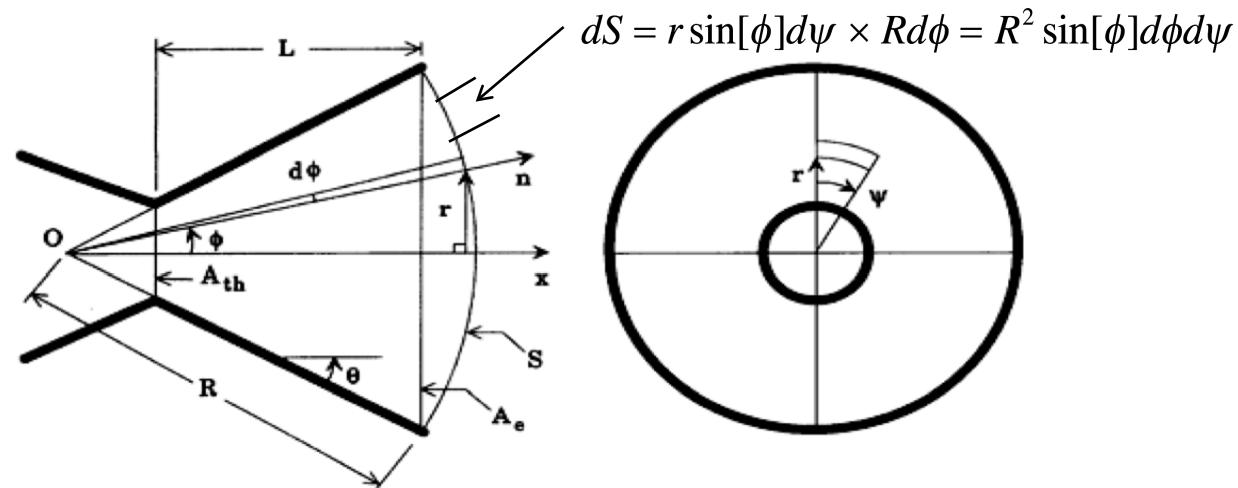
## Nozzle Divergence Correction Coefficient (cont'd)



- Look at mass flow across spherical exit surface

$$\dot{m} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\theta \rho_{exit} V_{exit} dS = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\theta \rho_{exit} V_{exit} R^2 \sin[\phi] d\phi d\psi = 2\pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit} R^2 \{1 - \cos[\theta]\}$$

## Nozzle Divergence Correction Coefficient (cont'd)

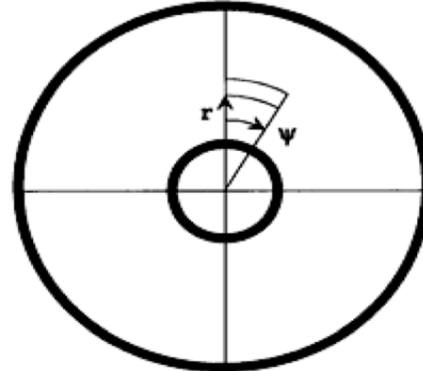
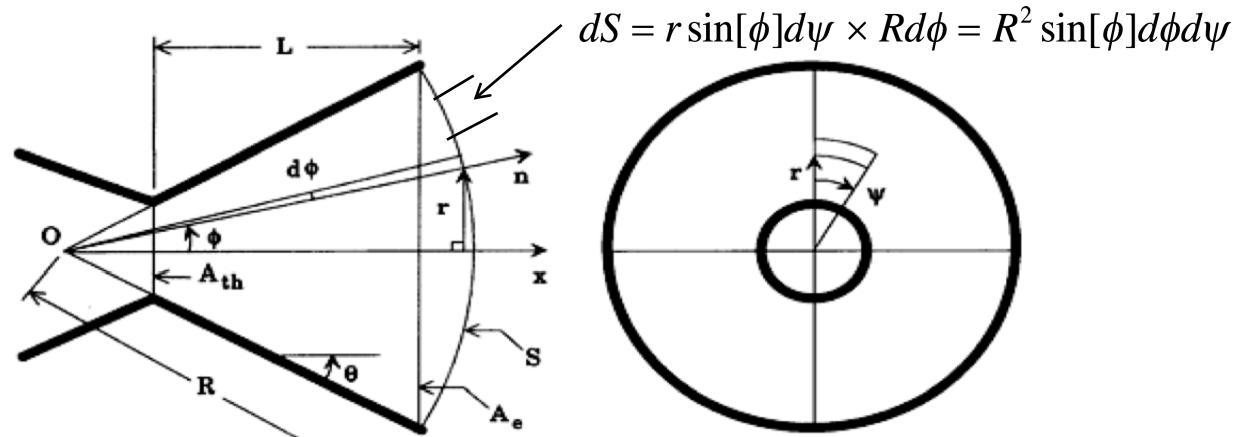


- Look at axial momentum flow across spherical exit surface

$$F_{axial} = \dot{M}_{axial} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\theta \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 \cos[\phi] dS = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\theta \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 R^2 \sin[\phi] \cos[\phi] d\phi d\psi =$$

$$2\pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 R^2 \frac{\{1 - \cos^2[\theta]\}}{2} = \pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 R^2 \sin^2[\theta]$$

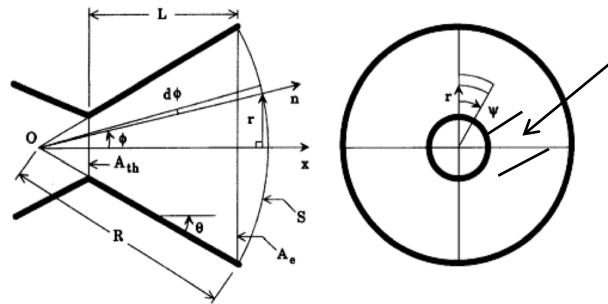
## Nozzle Divergence Correction Coefficient (cont'd)



$$\frac{\dot{m} V_{exit}}{F_{axial}} = \frac{\pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 R^2 \sin^2[\theta]}{\left[ 2\pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit} R^2 \{1 - \cos[\theta]\} \right] V_{exit}} = \frac{\pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 R^2 \sin^2[\theta]}{2\pi \rho_{exit} V_{exit}^2 R^2 \{1 - \cos[\theta]\}} = \frac{\sin^2[\theta]}{2\{1 - \cos[\theta]\}} =$$

$$\frac{\sin^2[\theta]\{1 + \cos[\theta]\}}{2\{1 - \cos[\theta]\}\{1 + \cos[\theta]\}} = \frac{\sin^2[\theta]\{1 + \cos[\theta]\}}{2\{1 - \cos^2[\theta]\}} = \frac{\sin^2[\theta]\{1 + \cos[\theta]\}}{2\{\sin^2[\theta]\}} = \frac{1}{2}\{1 + \cos[\theta]\}$$

## Nozzle Divergence Correction Coefficient (cont'd)



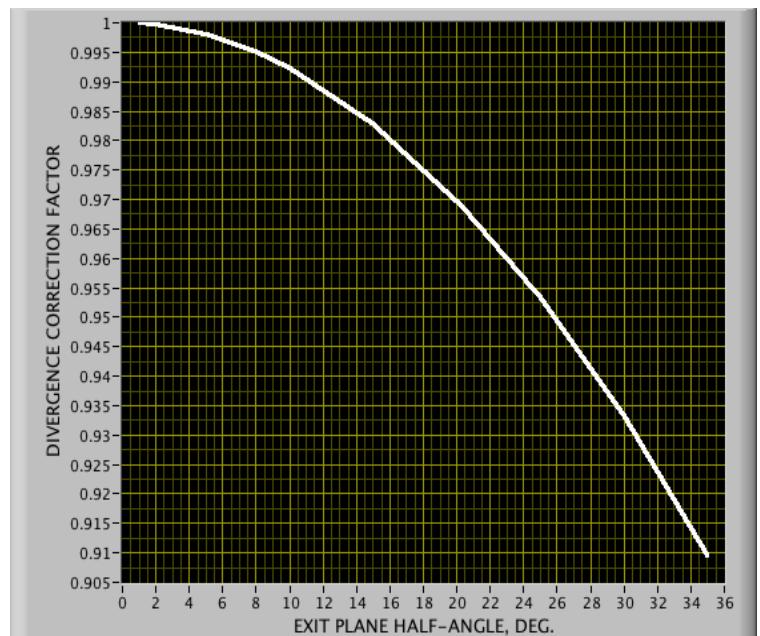
Actual  
Momentum  
Thrust

Momentum  
Thrust of  
idealized  
Nozzle

Application of  
Correction  
Factor

$$\frac{F_{\text{axial}}}{\dot{m} V_{\text{exit}}} = \frac{1}{2} \{1 + \cos[\theta]\} \equiv \lambda$$

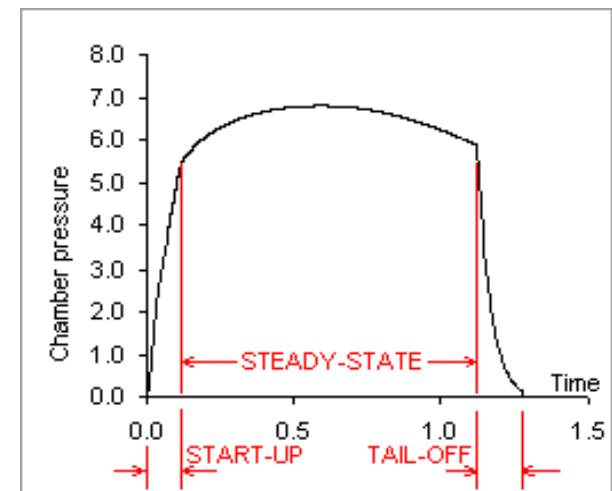
$$T_{\text{hrust}} = \lambda \dot{m} V_{\text{exit}} + A_{\text{exit}} \left[ P_{\text{exit}} - P_{\infty} \right]$$



## Chamber Pressure Correction Coefficient

--Models effects of transient startup, stagnation pressure loss due to non-zero Chamber Mach Number

- Rocket Engines with short burn times typically have a significant portion of the total impulse resulting from the pressure *start-up* or *tail-off* phases of the burn, when the chamber pressure is well below the steady-state operating pressure level.
- Total *delivered* impulse is less than impulse based on steady-state calculations.
- Use mean Stagnation pressure through Burn as correction factor



$$\bar{P}_0 = \frac{1}{T_{burn}} \int_0^{T_{burn}} P_0(t) dt$$

## Chamber Pressure Correction Coefficient<sub>(cont'd)</sub>

$$\bar{P}_0 = \frac{1}{T_{burn}} \int_0^{T_{burn}} P_0(t) dt$$

- Define

$$\xi_p = \frac{\bar{C}_F}{C_{F_{ideal}}} = \frac{\left[ \dot{m} C_e \right]_{actual}}{\bar{P}_0 A^*} \times \frac{\dot{P}_0 A^*}{\left[ \dot{m} C_e \right]_{ideal}} = \frac{\dot{m}_{actual}}{\bar{P}_0} \times \frac{\dot{P}_0}{\dot{m}_{ideal}} \times \frac{\left[ C_e \right]_{actual}}{\left[ C_e \right]_{ideal}}$$

$$C_F = \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*}$$

- Look At

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{P_0} = \frac{A^*}{\sqrt{T_{0_{actual}}}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R_g} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \rightarrow \frac{\dot{m}_{actual}}{\bar{P}_0} \times \frac{\dot{P}_0}{\dot{m}_{ideal}} \approx 1$$

$$\rightarrow \xi_p = \frac{\bar{C}_F}{C_{F_{ideal}}} = \frac{\left[ C_e \right]_{actual}}{\left[ C_e \right]_{ideal}} = \frac{V_e + \frac{A_e}{A^*} \frac{(\dot{p}_{exit} - p_\infty)}{\dot{m}_{actual}}}{V_e + \frac{A_e}{A^*} \frac{(\dot{p}_{exit} - p_\infty)}{\dot{m}_{ideal}}}$$

## Chamber Pressure Correction Coefficient<sub>(cont'd)</sub>

- Alternate Formulation

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A^* P_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_{0_{actual}}}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R_g} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \rightarrow$$

$$C_F = \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = \frac{V_{exit} \dot{m}}{P_0 A^*} + \frac{A_e}{A^*} \left[ \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} - \frac{p_\infty}{P_0} \right] = \frac{V_{exit}}{\sqrt{T_0}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R_g} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} + \frac{A_e}{A^*} \left[ \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} - \frac{p_\infty}{P_0} \right]$$

## Chamber Pressure Correction Coefficient (cont'd)

- But  $V_e$ ,  $\frac{P_{exit}}{P_0}$  are independent of  $P_0$  (for isentropic Nozzle)

$$\bar{C}_F - C_{F_{ideal}} \approx \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} \left[ \frac{p_\infty}{P_0} - \frac{p_\infty}{\bar{P}_0} \right] = \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} p_\infty \left[ \frac{1}{P_0} - \frac{1}{\bar{P}_0} \right] \rightarrow$$

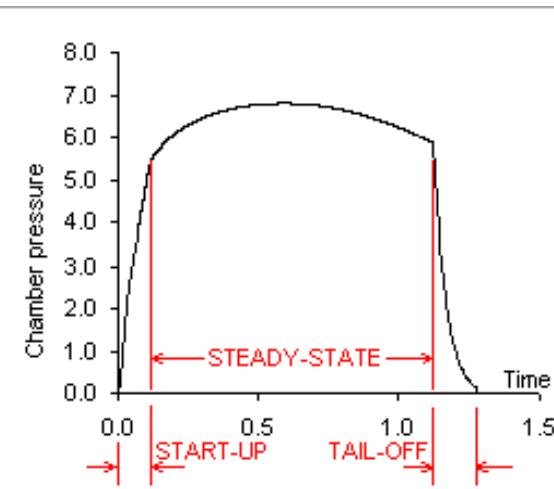
$$\xi_p = \frac{\bar{C}_F}{C_{F_{ideal}}} = 1 - \frac{\frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} p_\infty \left[ \frac{P_0 - \bar{P}_0}{\bar{P}_0 P_0} \right]}{C_{F_{ideal}}}$$

- Mathematically identically to previous Formula ... but easier to use

$$\frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{2}{\gamma-1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}{\left(\frac{2}{\gamma-1}\right)}} \sqrt{\left[\left(\frac{P_0}{P_{exit}}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma}} - 1\right] \left[\left(\frac{P_0}{P_{exit}}\right)^{\frac{(\gamma-1)}{\gamma}} - 1\right]}$$

- Typical Values ... 95-99.5%

# $P_{\text{chamber}}$ Correction, SSME Example, revisited



$$C_{F_{\text{ideal}}} = \frac{\text{Thrust}}{P_0 A^*} = \frac{1.671 \cdot 10^6}{18.94 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 0.05785} = 1.525$$

- Assume

$$\bar{P}_0 = \frac{1}{T_{\text{burn}}} \int_0^{T_{\text{burn}}} P_0(t) dt \approx 18.6 \text{ mPa}$$

$$\xi_p = \frac{\bar{C}_F}{C_{F_{\text{ideal}}}} = \text{Shuttle has A very long Burn time}$$

$$1 - \frac{77.5 \cdot 101325 (18.94 - 18.6) 10^6}{18.94 (18.6) 10^6 10^6} \cdot 1.525 = 0.995$$

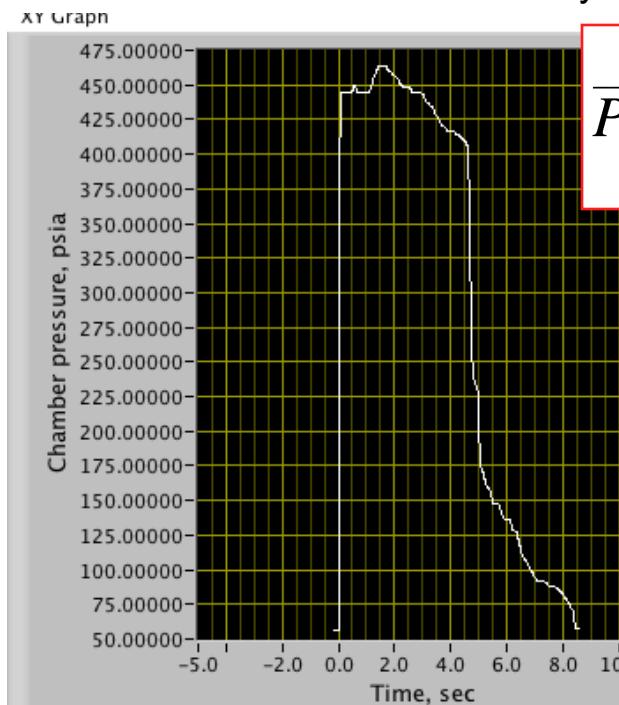
# P<sub>chamber</sub> Correction, Chimaera Rocket Example

- Expected Thrust ~ 2300 lbf
- Expected P<sub>chamber</sub> ~ 450 psia
- A\* ~ 1.25 in

$$C_{F_{ideal}} = \frac{2200 \text{ lbf}}{450 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{\pi(1.25^2 \text{ in}^2)}{4}} = 3.98$$

# Chimaera Rocket Example (cont'd)

- Chamber Pressure Time History

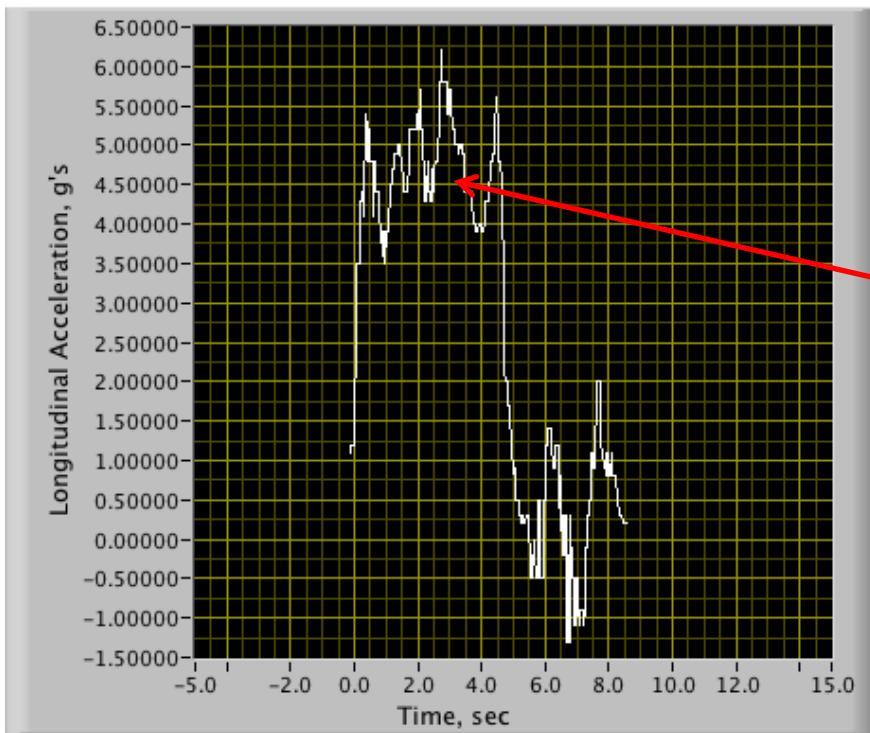


$$\bar{P}_0 = \frac{1}{T_{burn}} \int_0^{T_{burn}} P_0(t) dt \approx 289.63 \text{ psia}$$

$$\xi_p = \frac{\bar{C}_F}{C_{F_{ideal}}} = 1 - \frac{\frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} p_\infty \left[ \frac{P_0 - \bar{P}_0}{\bar{P}_0 P_0} \right]}{C_{F_{ideal}}} =$$
$$1 - \frac{\frac{8}{144} \left( \frac{1800}{144} \right) (450 - 289.63)}{3.98} = 0.969$$

# Chimaera Rocket Example (cont'd)

- Thrust Time History ( $A_x$ ) curve



Total Impulse:  
23.26 g-seconds

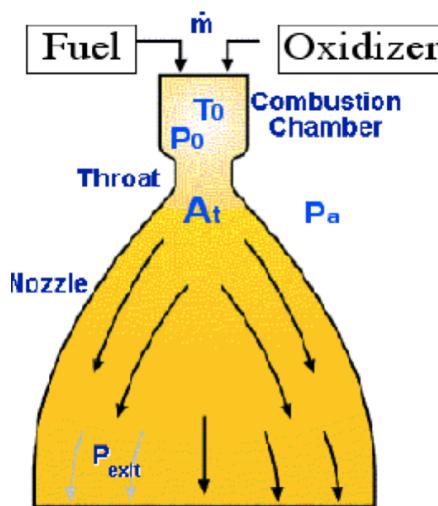
“Steady State”  
Impulse:  
22.10 g-seconds

~95%

... so we are  
Pretty consistent

# Nozzle Discharge Correction Coefficient

- Once the flow clears the throat and enters the Nozzle a variety of losses can occur



- The *discharge correction factor* is used to express how well the nozzle design permits the mass flow rate through the throat to approach the theoretical rate, and is given by the ratio of delivered mass flow rate to ideal mass flow rate:

# Nozzle Discharge Correction Coefficient

(cont'd)

$$\xi_d = \frac{\dot{m}}{\dot{m}_0} \approx \frac{\dot{m}}{A^* \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R_g} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \frac{p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}}}}$$

- Value of the Discharge Correction Coefficient is typically  $> 1$ 
  - 1) MW increases due to reactions within nozzle
  - 2) Heat transfer to Nozzle wall Lowers Gas density
- **Typical values 1.0 to 1.15**

# Correction Coefficient Summary

- Basic Definitions

$$\bar{C}^* = \eta^* C_{ideal}^*$$

$$\bar{C}_F = \xi_p C_{F_{ideal}}$$

$$\bar{\dot{m}} = \xi_d \dot{m}_{ideal}$$

$$T_{hrust} = \lambda \dot{m} V_{exit} + A_{exit} [P_{exit} - P_{\infty}]$$

# Correction Coefficient Summary

(cont'd)

- Thrust Coefficient

$$\bar{C}_F = \xi_p \left[ \frac{\lambda \times \xi_d \left[ \dot{m} V_{exit} \right]_{ideal} + A_{exit} [P_{exit} - P_\infty]}{P_0 A^*} \right] \rightarrow [\xi_p \lambda \xi_d] C_{F_{ideal}}$$

- Specific Impulse

$$I_{sp} = \frac{C_F \times C^*}{g_0} = \eta^* \xi_p \lambda \xi_d I_{sp_{ideal}} \text{ (@ design point)}$$

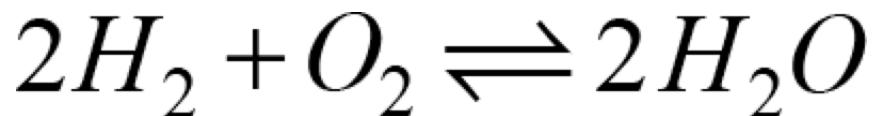
## Appendix 5.2 SSME Computational Example



# SSME Computational Example

- Space Shuttle Main Engine ...
- Unlike other propellants, the optimum mixture ratio for liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen is not necessarily that which will produce the maximum specific impulse. Because of the extremely low density of liquid hydrogen, the propellant volume decreases significantly at higher mixture ratios.
- Maximum specific impulse typically occurs at a mixture ratio of around 3.5, however by increasing the mixture ratio to, say, 5.5 the storage volume is reduced by one-fourth. This results in smaller propellant tanks, lower vehicle mass, and less drag, which generally offsets the loss in performance that comes with using the higher mixture ratio. In practice, most liquid oxygen/liquid hydrogen engines typically operate at mixture ratios from about 5 to 6.

# What is the Stoichiometric Mixture Ratio of LOX/LH<sub>2</sub>?



$$M_w LH_2 \rightarrow 2.016 \text{ kg/kg-mol}$$

$$M_w LO_2 \rightarrow 31.999 \text{ kg/kg-mol}$$

$$MR = \frac{1_{mol} LO_2 \times M_w LO_2}{2_{mol} LH_2 \times M_w LH_2} = \frac{31.999}{2 \times 2.016} = 7.936$$



MR=6.0 (What the shuttle operates at) --> “Rich Mixture”

# Compare Tank Volumes

- Space Shuttle has the following mass fraction characteristics

**Weight (lb)**

Gross lift-off . . . . .	4,500,000
External Tank (full) . . . . .	1,655,600
External Tank (Inert) . . . . .	66,000
SRBs (2) each at launch . . . . .	1,292,000
SRB inert weight, each . . . . .	192,000

- Shuttle has 721,000 kg of propellant in main tank on pad



# Compare Tank Volumes

(cont'd)

$$O/F = 7.936 \rightarrow 721,000_{kg} \left[ \frac{7.396}{1140_{kg/m^3}} + \frac{1}{67.78_{kg/m^3}} \right] = 15315m^3$$

“best compromise”

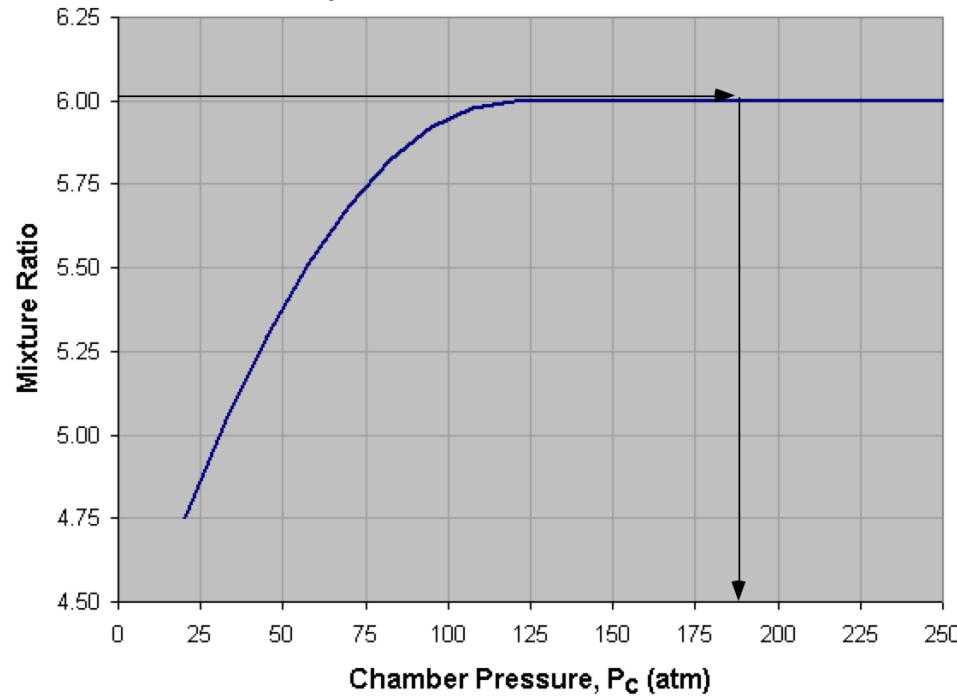
$$O/F = 6.000 \rightarrow 721,000_{kg} \left[ \frac{6.000}{1140_{kg/m^3}} + \frac{1}{67.78_{kg/m^3}} \right] = 14432m^3$$

$$O/F = 3.5 \rightarrow 721,000_{kg} \left[ \frac{6.000}{1140_{kg/m^3}} + \frac{1}{67.78_{kg/m^3}} \right] = 12850m^3$$

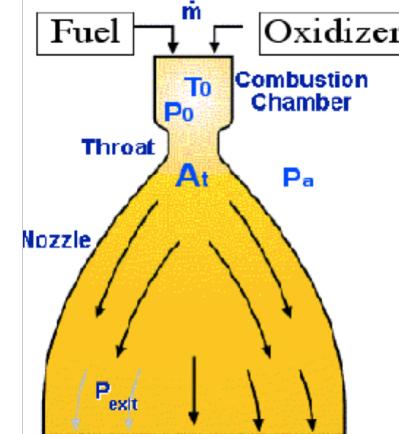


# SSME Computational Example

- (cont'd)
  - Space Shuttle Main Engine ...
  - LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> Propellants, 6.03: 1 Mixture ratio



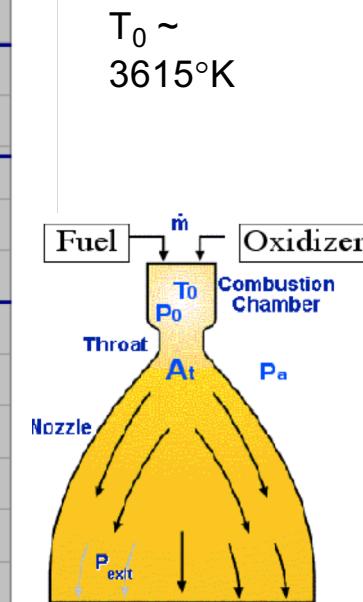
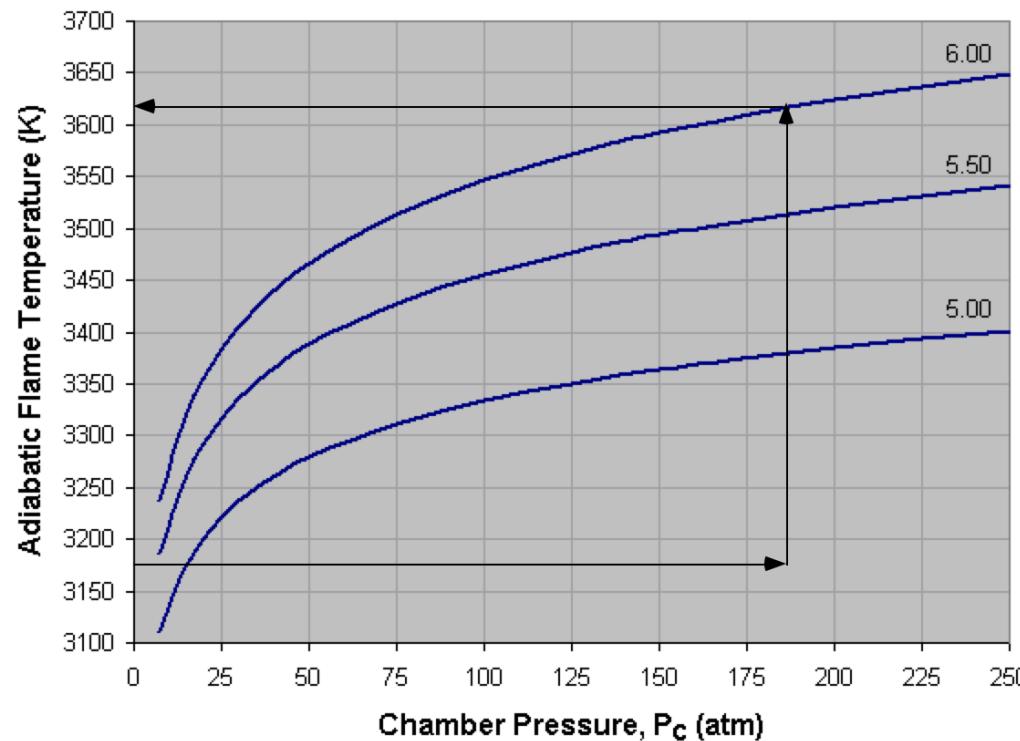
$$P_0 = 186.92 \text{ atm} \\ = 18940 \text{ Kpa}$$



# SSME Computational Example

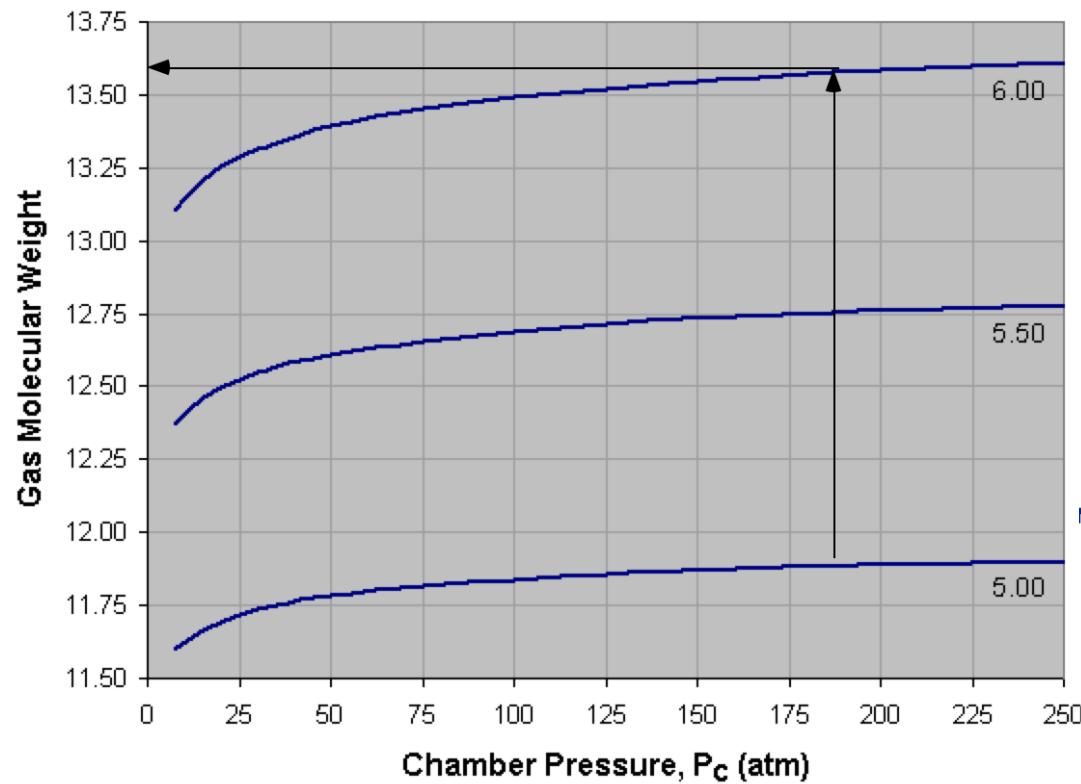
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- Space Shuttle Main Engine ...

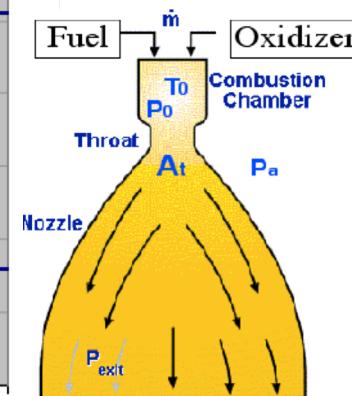


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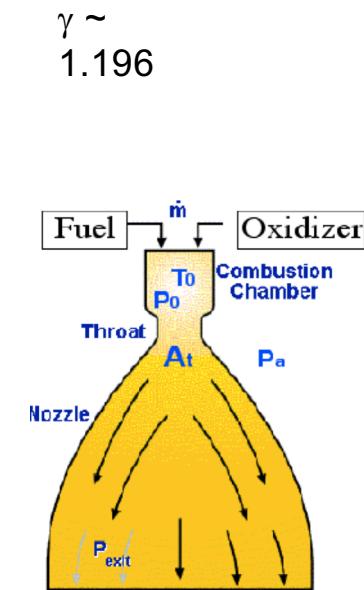
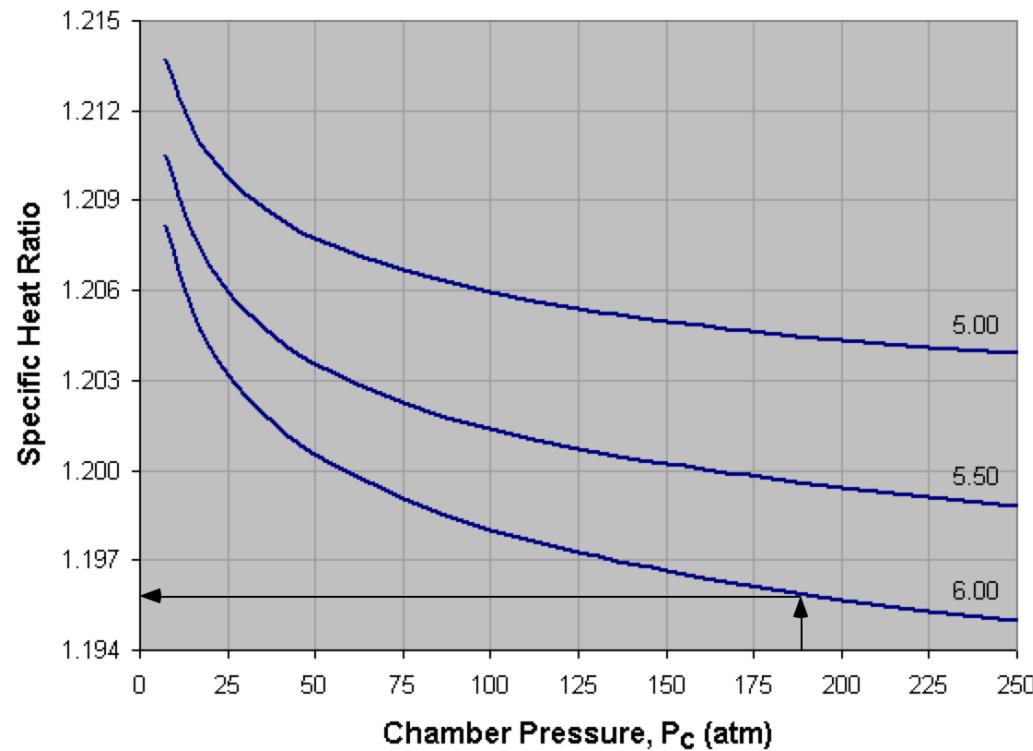
$$M_w \sim 13.6 \text{ kg/kg-mol}$$



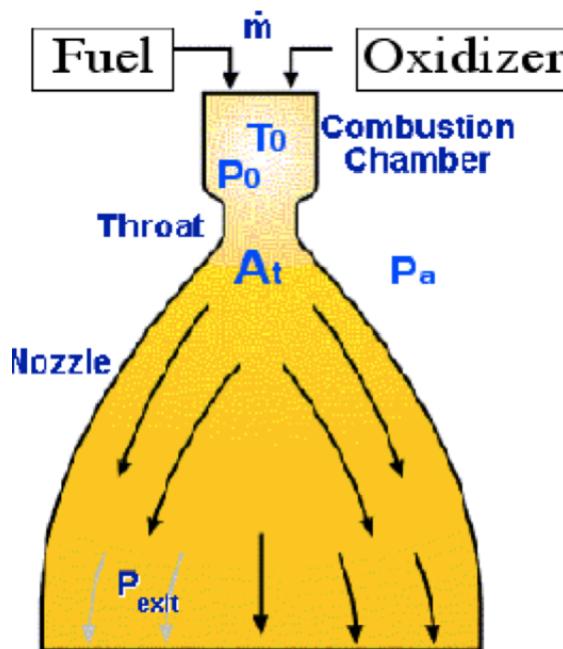
# SSME Computational Example

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- Space Shuttle Main Engine ...



# Example: SSME Rocket Engine



- The Space Shuttle Main Engines Burn LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> for Propellants with A ratio of LOX:LH<sub>2</sub> =6:1



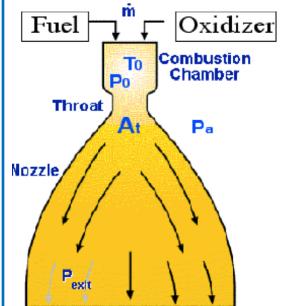
- The Combustor Pressure,  $p_0$  Is 18.94 Mpa, combustor temperature,  $T_0$  is 3615°K, throat diameter is 26.0 cm



- What propellant mass flow rate is required for choked flow in the Nozzle?

- Assume no heat transfer Thru Nozzle no frictional losses,  $\gamma=1.196$

## Example: SSME Rocket Engine (cont'd)



- By product ~ Burns rich, byproduct is water vapor + GH<sub>2</sub>

$$M_W \sim 13.6 \text{ kg/kg-mole}$$

$$-- R_g = 8314.4612 / 13.6 = 611.35 \text{ J/}^\circ\text{K}\cdot\text{kg}$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A^*} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R_g} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}} \frac{p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}}} =$$

$$\left( \frac{1.196}{611.35} \left( \frac{2}{1.196+1} \right)^{\frac{(1.196+1)}{1.196-1}} \right)^{0.5} \frac{18.94 \cdot 10^6}{(3615)^{0.5}}$$

$$= 8252.59 \text{ kg/sec-m}^2$$

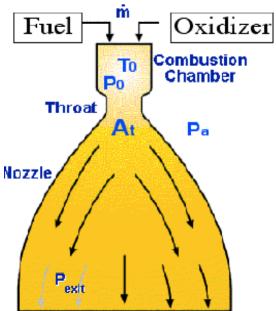
- Compute Throat Area

$$\left( \frac{26}{100} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{4} = 0.05309 \text{ m}^2$$

- Mass flow =

$$\left( \frac{\dot{m}}{A^*} \right) \times A^* = 8252.59 \cdot 0.05297 = 438.15 \text{ kg/sec}$$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine (continued)



- The nozzle expansion ratio is 77.5 -- what is the exit Mach number

$$\frac{A}{A^*} = 77.5 = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{2(\gamma - 1)}} =$$

$$\frac{\left( \left( \frac{2}{1.196 + 1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1.196 - 1}{2} (4.677084^2) \right) \right)^{\frac{1.196 + 1}{2(1.196 - 1)}}}{4.677084}$$

$$= 77.49998 ----> M_{exit} = 4.677084$$

Newton Solver comes in handy here!

## Example: SSME Rocket Engine (cont'd)

$$M_{exit} = 4.677084$$

### Compute Exit Temperature

$$T_{exit} = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M_{exit}^2} = \\ 3615 \left( 1 + \frac{1.196 - 1}{2} (4.677084^2) \right)^{-1} \\ = 1149.90 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}$$

### Compute Exit Velocity

$$V_{exit} = M_{exit} \sqrt{\gamma R_g T_{exit}} = \\ 4.677084 (1.196 \cdot 611.35 \cdot 1149.9)^{0.5} \\ = 4288.61 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$P_{exit} = \frac{P_0}{\left( 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} M_{exit}^2 \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}} =$$

### Compute Exit Pressure

$$\frac{18.94 \cdot 10^6}{\left( 1 + \frac{1.196 - 1}{2} (4.677084^2) \right)^{\left( \frac{1.196}{1.196 - 1} \right)}} = 17.45511 \text{ kPa}$$

## Compute Thrust Coefficients at Sea Level and In Vacuum

- Sea Level

$$C_F = \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]^{1/2} + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} \frac{(p_{exit} - p_\infty)}{P_0} =$$

$$1.196 \left( \left( \frac{2}{1.196 - 1} \left( \frac{2}{1.196 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1.196 + 1}{1.196 - 1}} \right) \left( 1 - \left( \frac{17.4551}{18.94 \cdot 10^3} \right)^{\frac{1.196 - 1}{1.196}} \right) \right)^{0.5} + 77.5 \left( \frac{17.4551 - 101.325}{18.94 \cdot 10^3} \right) = 1.52546$$

- Vacuum

$$C_F = \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{p_{exit}}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]^{1/2} + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} \frac{(p_{exit} - p_\infty)}{P_0} =$$

$$1.196 \left( \left( \frac{2}{1.196 - 1} \left( \frac{2}{1.196 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1.196 + 1}{1.196 - 1}} \right) \left( 1 - \left( \frac{17.4551}{18.94 \cdot 10^3} \right)^{\frac{1.196 - 1}{1.196}} \right) \right)^{0.5} + 77.5 \left( \frac{17.4551}{18.94 \cdot 10^3} \right) = 1.94006$$

## Compute Thrust Sea Level, Vacuum, and Optimal Altitude?

- Sea Level  $C_F = 1.341$

$$Thrust = C_F \cdot \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = 1.52546 \cdot 18.94 \cdot 10^6 \left( \frac{26}{100} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{4} = 1.53397 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$$

- Vacuum

$$Thrust = C_F \cdot \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = 1.94006 \cdot 18.94 \cdot 10^6 \left( \frac{26}{100} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{4} = 1.95089 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$$

- @ Optimal Altitude?

$$Thrust = C_F \cdot \frac{Thrust}{P_0 A^*} = 1.196 \left( \left( \frac{2}{1.196 - 1} \left( \frac{2}{1.196 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1.196 + 1}{1.196 - 1}} \right) \left( 1 - \left( \frac{17.4551}{18.94 \cdot 10^3} \right)^{\frac{1.196 - 1}{1.196}} \right) \right)^{0.5} 18.94 \cdot 10^6 \left( \frac{26}{100} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= 1.87907 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$$

## Example: SSME Rocket Engine (cont'd)

Compute Characteristic Velocity  $C^*$  in two ways

$$C^* = \frac{P_0 A^*}{\dot{m}} = \frac{18.95 \cdot 10^6 \left( \frac{26}{100} \right)^2 \frac{\pi}{4}}{438.15} = 2296.27 \text{ m/sec}$$

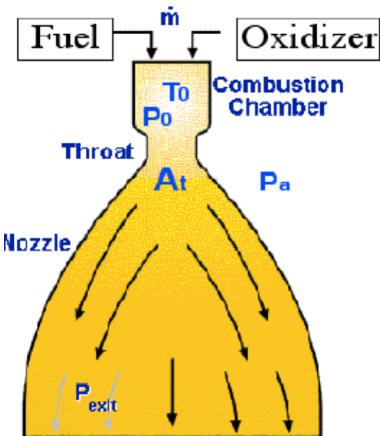
Close enough!

$$C^* = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma R_u}}{\gamma \sqrt{\left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{(\gamma-1)}}}} \sqrt{\frac{T_o}{M_w}} = 2296.25 \text{ m/sec}$$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine

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Compute Max  $I_{sp}$



$$I_{sp \max} = \frac{C^*}{g_o} \left[ \gamma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1}}} \right] =$$

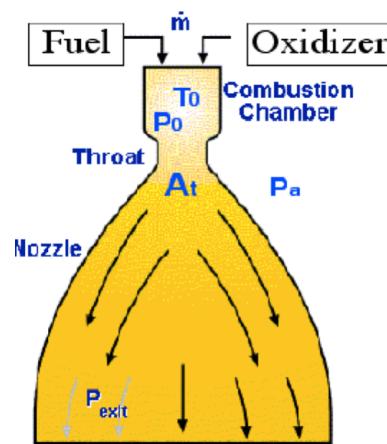
$$\frac{2296 \cdot 1.196 \left( \frac{2}{1.196 - 1} \left( \frac{2}{1.196 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1.196 + 1}{1.196 - 1}} \right)^{0.5}}{9.8067}$$

$$= 529.80 \text{ sec}$$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine

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**Compute Maximum Thrust.. Best we could ever get under perfect conditions**



$$Thrust_{ideal} = \dot{m} I_{sp} g_0 =$$

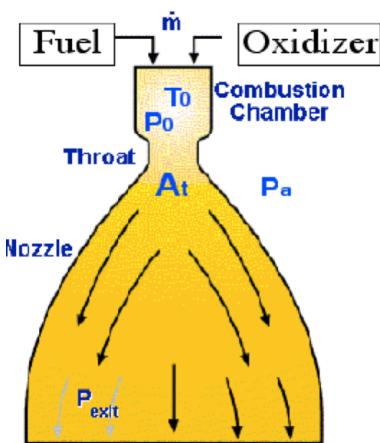
$$2296 \cdot 1.196 \left( \frac{2}{1.196 - 1} \left( \frac{2}{1.196 + 1} \right)^{\frac{1.196 + 1}{1.196 - 1}} \right)^{0.5} \frac{9.8067}{438.15 \cdot 9.8067} = 2.276 \text{ mNt}$$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine

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**Compute Effective Exhaust Velocity (Vacuum)**

$$C_e = \frac{\text{Thrust}}{\dot{m}} = V_{exit} + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} A^* \frac{(p_{exit} - p_\infty)}{\dot{m}} =$$



$$4288.61 + \frac{77.5 \cdot 0.0529708 (17.455 \cdot 1000)}{437.14}$$

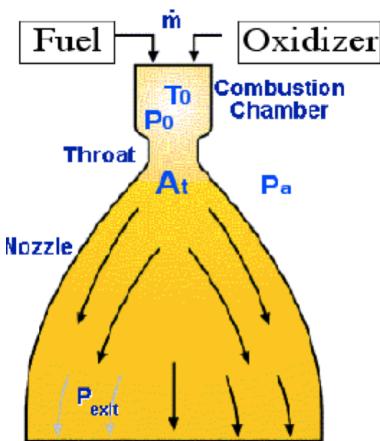
$$= 4452.53 \text{ m/sec}$$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine

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**Compute Effective Exhaust Velocity (Sea level)**

$$C_e = \frac{\text{Thrust}}{\dot{m}} = V_{exit} + \frac{A_{exit}}{A^*} A^* \frac{(p_{exit} - p_\infty)}{\dot{m}} =$$



$$4288.61 + \frac{77.5 \cdot 0.0529708 (17.455 \cdot 1000 - 101325)}{437.14}$$

$$= 3500.98 \text{ m/sec}$$

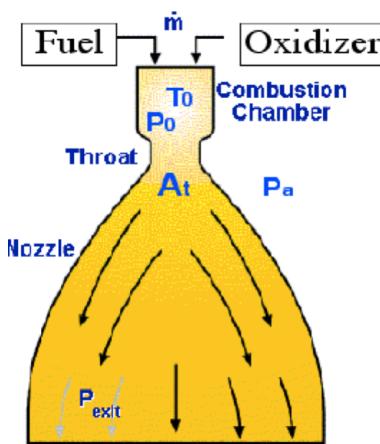
$P_{\text{sea Level}} = 101.325 \text{ kPa}$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine

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Compute True  $I_{sp}$  (Seal level) (ignore nozzle Losses)

$$I_{sp} = \frac{C_e}{g_0} =$$



$$\frac{3500.976}{9.806} = 357.024 \text{ sec}$$

# Example: SSME Rocket Engine

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## Summary:

	Ideal	Calc. Vac.	Calc. S.L.	Actual Vac.	Actual S.L.
$I_{sp}$ (sec):	529.69	454.06	357.03	452.5	363
Thrust: (mNt)	2.271	1946.37	1530.42	2.10	1.67

- Obviously Our estimate of throat area is a bit small ....  
... but you get the point ...