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In the solution of problems, you are required to:

1. **Name:** Provide name of the student.
2. **Given:** State briefly and concisely (in your own words) the information provided.
3. **Find:** State the information that you have to find.
4. **Schematic:** Draw a schematic representation of the system and control volume if applicable.
5. **Assumptions:** List the simplifying assumptions that are appropriate to the problem and implied by the equations used.
6. **Basic Equations:** Outline the basic equations needed to do the analysis. Use the proper symbol from the book where applicable.
7. **Analysis:** Manipulate the basic equations to the point where it is appropriate to substitute numerical values. Substitute numerical values (using a consistent set of units) to obtain a numerical answer. Include appropriate units in calculations. If multiple repetitive calculations are done on a spreadsheet for example, show at least one example calculation in detail, including all units. The significant figures in the answer should be consistent with the given data. Check the answer and the assumptions made in effecting the solution to make sure they are reasonable.
8. **Answer.** Label the answer(s) with a box and an arrow from the right-hand margin.
9. **Comment:** Write a comment at the end of the homework that reflects on the limitations of the solution, the reasonableness of the solution, or something that you learned by doing the problem.

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**Problem 11.4**

1. **Name:** Robert Frederick

2. **Given:** 7-port hybrid rocket motor

LOX/HTPB:  $I_{sp} = 350s$ ,  $O/F = 2.5$ ,  $\bar{F} = 500,000 \text{ lb}_f$ ,  $t_p = 100s$ ,  $\rho_f = 0.036 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{in}^3}$ ,  
 optimal  $c^*(2.5) = 5000 \frac{\text{ft}}{s}$ ,  $G_{ox,i} = 1 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{in}^2 s}$ ,  $r = 0.2 G_{ox}^{0.68} \text{ in/s}$

3. **Find:**

- (i) Initial port diameter  $D_{p,i}$
- (ii) Total web thickness  $w$  assuming 7-port grain, no sliver burning, regression rate varies linearly with time.
- (iii) Length of fuel grain and diameter of motor.

4. **Schematic:**

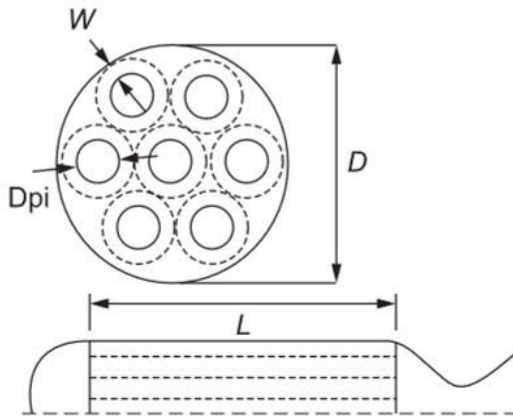


Figure 11.25 Diagram for Problem 11.4.

5. **Assume:**

- 1) Lumped parameter ballistics
- 2) No end burning
- 3) Burning rate is linear with time
- 4) 500,000 is initial thrust
- 5)  $I_{sp} = 350s$  is initial value

6. **Basic Equations:**

$$c^* = \frac{P_c A_b}{\dot{m}_{ox} + \dot{m}_F} \quad G_{ox} = \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{N A_p} \quad \dot{m}_T = \dot{m}_{ox} + \dot{m}_F$$

$$r = a G_{ox}^n \quad \dot{m}_{ox} = \frac{\dot{m}}{1 + \frac{1}{O/F}} = \frac{\dot{m} O/F}{O/F + 1}$$

$$\bar{r}_{avg} = \frac{r_i + r_f}{2} \quad w = \bar{r}_{avg} t_b$$

**7. Analysis:****i) Initial port diameter  $D_{p,i}$** 

$$r = aG_{ox,i}^n = 0.2 \left( 1 \frac{lb_m}{in^2 s} \right)^{0.68}$$

$$w = \left( \frac{r_i + r_f}{2} \right) t_b = \left[ 0.2 + 0.2 \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}/7}{\pi(R_o + w)^2} \right)^{0.68} \right] \frac{t_b}{2}$$

$$\dot{m}_{ox} = \frac{\bar{F}}{I_{sp} g \left( 1 + \frac{1}{O/F} \right)} = \frac{500,000 \text{ lb}_f}{(350s) \left( 32.2 \frac{ft}{s^2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2.5} \right)} \left( \frac{32.2 lb_m ft}{lb_f s^2} \right) = 1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}$$

$$R_o = \sqrt{\frac{\dot{m}_{ox}/N}{\pi G_{ox,i}}} = 6.81182 \text{ in}$$

$$D_{p,i} = D_o = 2R_o = \boxed{13.6236 \text{ in}}$$

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**ii) Total web thickness  $w$** 

$$w = \left[ 0.2 + 0.2 \left( \frac{\left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}}{7} \right)}{\pi(6.8118 \text{ in} + w)^2} \right)^{0.68} \right] \frac{100s}{2}$$

Solving iteratively for  $w$ , we get,

$$\boxed{w = 12.4351 \text{ in}}$$

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**iii) Length of fuel grain and diameter of motor**

Find average port radius

$$R_{mid} = R_o + \frac{w}{2} = 6.81182 \text{ in} + \frac{12.4351 \text{ in}}{2} = 13.02932 \text{ in}$$

Using  $O/F$  ratio of 2

$$L = \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}/N}{2\pi \rho_f R_{mid} a \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{N\pi R_{mid}^2} \right)^n O/F} = \frac{\left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}}{7} \right)}{2\pi \left( 0.036 \frac{lb_m}{in^3} \right) (13.02937 \text{ in}) (0.2) \left( \frac{\frac{1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}}{7}}{7\pi(12.4351 \text{ in})^2} \right)^{0.68}} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L = 238.9 \text{ in}}$$

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$$\Rightarrow D = 6(R_o + w) = 6(6.8118 \text{ in} + 12.4351 \text{ in})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D = 115.48 \text{ in}}$$

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**8. Answers:**

$$(i) D_{p,i} = 13.6236 \text{ in}$$

$$(ii) w = 12.4351 \text{ in}$$

$$(iii) L = 238.9 \text{ in} ; D = 115.48 \text{ in}$$

**9. Comments:**

Using the average burning rate for determining the web will overpredict the web distance for a 100sec burn. The burn rate really drops non-linearly with time, so the real average burn rate is lower than the first approximation.

Table of values are shown below.

				1020.4								Area Ratio 6.243219											
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Inputs												p											
F= 500,000		lb <sub>y</sub>		Time	R	OF	m_dot fall	Gox	r	m_dot_ox,t	M_dot,t	C* Curve Fit	Pc	Fvac(Cf=1.7)	Gamma	CF Calc	Fvac (var gamma)	r (11.4)	t <sub>exit</sub> (11.4)	r <sub>ave</sub> (SP)			
Is= 350.0				(sec)	(in)	(-)	(lbm/s)	(lbm/s*(in**2))	in/s	(lbm/s)	(lbm/s)	ft/s	psi	lbf	-	-	lbf	in/s	in/s	in/s			
Of= 2.5		---		0.00	6.812	2.064	494.314	1.000	0.200	1020.408163	1514.7	5907.5	926.311	472,419	1.152819	1.7000	472,419	0.200	0.124351	0.099			
t <sub>g</sub> = 100		s		5.00	7.727	2.160	472.385	0.777	0.168	1020.408163	1492.8	5899.8	911.7197	464,977	1.146272	1.7031886	465,849	0.1924	0.124351	0.099			
Outputs																							
M_dot_ox= 1020.41		lbm/s		10.00	8.514	2.237	456.170	0.640	0.148		1476.6	5886.8	899.8204	458,908	1.141893	1.7053474	460,352	0.1849	0.124351	0.099			
D <sub>1</sub> = 13.624		in		15.00	9.213	2.301	443.396	0.547	0.133	1020.408163	1463.8	5871.8	889.7709	453,783	1.1388	1.7068851	455,621	0.1773	0.124351	0.099			
R <sub>1</sub> = 6.81		in		20.00	9.846	2.357	432.910	0.479	0.121	1020.408163	1453.3	5856.4	881.0808	449,351	1.136545	1.7080131	451,469	0.1697	0.124351	0.099			
Inputs																							
a <sup>o</sup> = 0.2				25.00	10.429	2.406	424.047	0.427	0.112	1020.408163	1444.5	5841.2	873.4372	445,453	1.134872	1.7088539	447,773	0.1622	0.124351	0.099			
n= 0.68		[-]		30.00	10.970	2.451	416.395	0.386	0.105	1020.408163	1436.8	5826.6	866.6267	441,980	1.133621	1.7094846	444,446	0.1546	0.124351	0.099			
rho_pn= 0.036		lbm/in**3		35.00	11.477	2.491	409.676	0.352	0.098	1020.408163	1430.1	5812.5	860.4967	438,853	1.132687	1.7099564	441,424	0.1470	0.124351	0.099			
N= 7		-		36.21	11.595	2.500	408.168	0.345	0.097	1020.408163	1428.6	5809.2	859.1021	438,142	1.132501	1.7100509	440,733	0.1452	0.124351	0.099			
Go= 1.00		lbm/s*in^2		40.00	11.955	2.528	403.699	0.325	0.093	1020.408163	1424.1	5799.2	854.934	436,016	1.131999	1.7103409	438,659	0.1395	0.124351	0.099			
Outputs																							
R <sub>2</sub> = 16.38		in		45.00	12.409	2.562	398.323	0.301	0.088	1020.408163	1418.7	5786.6	849.8522	433,425	1.131504	1.7105559	436,116	0.1319	0.124351	0.099			
w= 9.57		in		50.00	12.841	2.594	393.445	0.281	0.084	1020.408163	1413.9	5774.6	845.1836	431,044	1.131164	1.7107284	433,764	0.1244	0.124351	0.099			
D= 98.27		[-]		55.00	13.254	2.623	388.985	0.264	0.081	1020.408163	1409.4	5763.4	840.8741	428,846	1.13095	1.7108368	431,580	0.1168	0.124351	0.099			
L= 229.155		in		60.00	13.650	2.651	384.881	0.249	0.078	1020.408163	1405.3	5752.7	836.8799	426,809	1.130841	1.7108924	429,543	0.1092	0.124351	0.099			
R <sub>mid</sub> = 11.595		in		65.00	14.032	2.678	381.083	0.236	0.075	1020.408163	1401.5	5742.7	833.1647	424,914	1.130819	1.7109038	427,639	0.1017	0.124351	0.099			
t <sub>mid</sub> = 36.214		</td>																					

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O/Fmid		2.5		w calc	12.43505																
w=		12.43505																			
R <sub>mid</sub> =		13.029																			
L=		238.978																			
D=		115.481																			

**Special Problem SP02B-A**

1. **Name:** Robert Frederick

2. **Given:** Results from Problem 11.4, modify the time-dependent forms of the lumped parameter ballistics equations

3. **Find:**

- Total web distance burned
- Fuel grain length, assuming the optimum O/F ratio occurs at the mid-web radius
- Overall motor diameter
- Percentage difference of web distance and grain length using the integrated equation method and the results of 11.4
- Provide 5 plots
  - Mixture ratio and oxidizer flux as  $f(t)$ .
  - $c^*$  vs  $f(O/F)$ . Annotate motor start and stop points.
  - $\dot{m}_F$ ,  $\dot{m}_{ox}$ ,  $\dot{m}_T$  vs time.
  - $P_c$  vs time with  $\dot{m}_{ox}$  and  $A_t = 300 \text{ in}^2$  and employing the  $c^*$  data provided.
  - $F_{vac}$  vs time assuming  $C_{Fv} = 1.7$  or using the thrust coefficient subroutine provided (assume an area ratio).

4. **Schematic:**

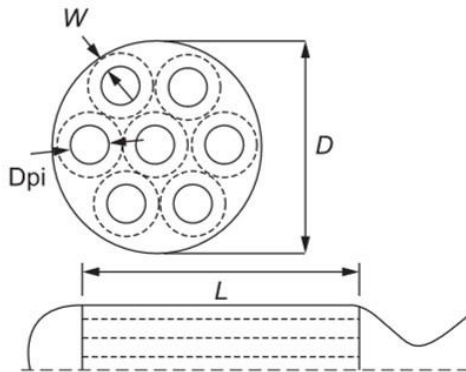


Figure 11.25 Diagram for Problem 11.4.

5. **Assume:**

- Lumped parameter ballistics
- No end burning
- $r = aG_{ox}^n$

6. **Basic Equations:**

For single port

$$R(t) = \left\{ 2(2n+1) \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi} \right)^n t + R_i^{2n+1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}}$$

$$\dot{m}_F(t) = 2a\rho_f L \pi^{1-n} \dot{m}_{ox}^n [R(t)]^{1-2n}$$

For multi-port with “N” ports and grain length “L”

$$R(t) = \left\{ a(2n+1) \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^n t + R_i^{2n+1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}}$$

$$\dot{m}_F(t) = 2\pi N \rho_f L a \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^n [R(t)]^{1-2n}$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\dot{m}_F}(t) = \frac{1}{2\rho_f L a} \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^{1-n} \left\{ a(2n+1) \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^n t + R_i^{2n+1} \right\}^{\frac{2n-1}{2n+1}}$$

$$r = aG_{ox}^n \quad c^* = c^*(O/F) \quad I_{sp} = \frac{F}{(\dot{m}_{ox} + \dot{m}_F)g} \quad G_{ox} = \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{NA_p}$$

## 7. Analysis:

### a) Total web distance burned

$$\dot{m}_{ox} = \frac{\dot{m}_T (O/F)}{1+(O/F)} = \frac{\bar{F}}{I_{sp}g} \left( \frac{(O/F)}{1+(O/F)} \right) = \frac{500,000 \text{ lb}_f}{(350s)(32.2 \frac{ft}{s^2})} \left( \frac{32.2 \text{ lb}_m ft}{\text{lb}_f s^2} \right) \left( \frac{2.5}{1+2.5} \right) = 1020.41 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{s}$$

$$D_{p,i} = \sqrt{\frac{4\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N G_{ox,i}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot 1020.41 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{s}}{\pi \cdot 7 \cdot 1 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{in}^2 s}}} = 13.6236 \text{ in} \Rightarrow R_o = 6.8118 \text{ in}$$

$$R(100s) = \left\{ 0.2(2 \cdot 0.68 + 1) \left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{s}}{7\pi} \right)^{0.68} 100s + (6.8118)^{2(0.68)+1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2(0.68)+1}}$$

$$R(100s) = \{641.3 + 92.55\}^{0.4237} = 16.379 \text{ in}$$

$$w = R(100s) - R_o = 16.379 \text{ in} - 6.8118 \text{ in} = \boxed{9.567 \text{ in}}$$

8a

### b) Fuel grain length

Radius at mid web (assume O/F = 2.5)

$$R_{mid} = R_o + \frac{w}{2} = 6.8118 \text{ in} + \frac{9.567 \text{ in}}{2} = 11.595 \text{ in}$$

$$L = \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}/N}{2\pi \rho_f R_{mid} a \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{N\pi R_{mid}^2} \right)^n O/F} = \frac{(1020.41 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{s})/7}{2\pi (0.036 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{\text{in}^3}) (11.595 \text{ in}) (0.2) \left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{\text{lb}_m}{s}}{7\pi (11.595 \text{ in})^2} \right)^{0.68}} \quad (2.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L = 229 \text{ in}}$$

8b

### c) Overall motor diameter

$$D = 6(R(100s)) = 6(16.379 \text{ in})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{D = 115.48 \text{ in}}$$

8c

### d) Percentage difference

$$\%diff \text{ Web} = \frac{web_{SP} - web_{11.4}}{web_{SP}} * 100 = \frac{9.567 - 12.435}{9.567} * 100 = \boxed{-29.98\%}$$

$$\%diff L = \frac{229 - 238.9}{229} * 100 = \boxed{-4.32\%}$$

$$\%diff D = \frac{98.27 - 115.5}{98.27} * 100 = \boxed{-17.5\%}$$

8d

**e) Plots – Sample Calculations**

$$O/F(t) = \frac{1}{2\rho_f La} \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^{1-n} \left\{ a(2n+1) \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^n t + R_i^{2n+1} \right\}^{\frac{2n-1}{2n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \left( 0.036 \frac{lb_m}{in^3} \right) (229 in) (0.2)} \left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}}{7\pi} \right)^{1-0.68} \left\{ 0.2(2.36+1) \left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}}{7\pi} \right)^{0.68} t + (11.595 in)^{2.36} \right\}^{0.1525}$$

$$O/F(t) = 1.035 \{ 6.414t + 9.258 \}^{0.1525}$$

$$O/F(0) = 1.035 \{ 6.414 * 0 + 9.258 \}^{0.1525} = 2.068 \quad \leftarrow \text{Check initial term}$$

Mid-web timing

$$R(t) = \left\{ a(2n+1) \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^n t + R_i^{2n+1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2n+1}}$$

$$t_{mid} = \frac{R_{mid}^{2n+1} - R_i^{2n+1}}{a(2n+1) \left( \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{\pi N} \right)^n} = \frac{11.595^{2.36} - 6.8118^{2.36}}{0.2(2.36) \left( \frac{1020.41 \frac{lb_m}{s}}{7\pi} \right)^{0.68}} = 36.21s \quad \leftarrow 8e$$

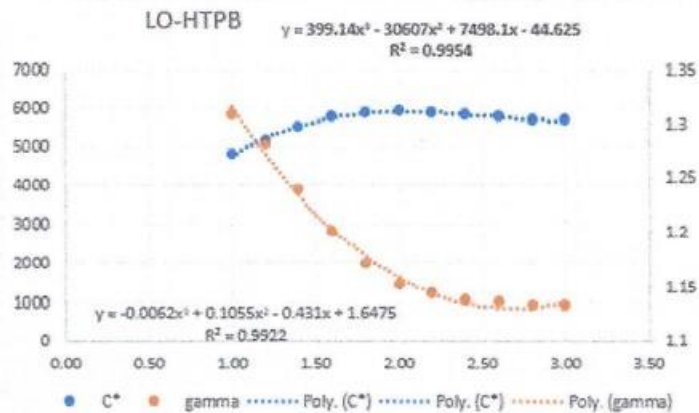
$$G_{ox} = \frac{\dot{m}_{ox}}{N\pi R(t)^2}, \quad \begin{cases} t = 0s & G_{ox} = 1 \frac{lb_m}{in^2 s} \\ t = 36.21s & G_{ox} = 6.345 \frac{lb_m}{in^2 s} \end{cases}$$

Equations for plots

$$c^* = \frac{P_c A_t}{\dot{m}_{ox} + \dot{m}_F}$$

$$P_c = \frac{c^*(O/F)(\dot{m}_{ox} + \dot{m}_F)}{A_t} = \frac{\left( \frac{ft}{s} \right) \left( \frac{lb_m}{s} \right)}{in^2} * \frac{lb_f s^2}{32.2 lb_m ft} = \left[ \frac{lb_f}{in^2} \right]$$

OF	C*	gamma
1.00	4825	1.308
1.20	5180	1.282
1.40	5543	1.239
1.60	5767	1.201
1.80	5882	1.171
2.00	5912	1.152
2.20	5885	1.143
2.40	5831	1.138
2.60	5768	1.135
2.80	5703	1.133
3.00	5693	1.132



Using 3<sup>rd</sup>-order fit of data provided,

$$c^* = 399.14(O/F)^3 - 3060.7(O/F)^2 + 7498.1(O/F) - 44.625$$

$$\gamma = -0.0062(O/F)^3 + 0.1055(O/F)^2 - 0.431(O/F) + 1.6475$$

Checkpoint at mid-web  $c^*(2.5) = 6236.6 - 19129 + 18745 - 44.625 = 5807.813 ft/s$

$$c^*(O/F = 2.064) = 5905.12 ft/s, \dot{m}_T = 1514.7 lb_m/s$$

$$P_c = \frac{(5905 \frac{ft}{s}) (1514.7 \frac{lb_m}{s})}{300 in^2} * \frac{lb_f s^2}{32.2 lb_m ft} = 925.8 \frac{lb_f}{in^2}$$

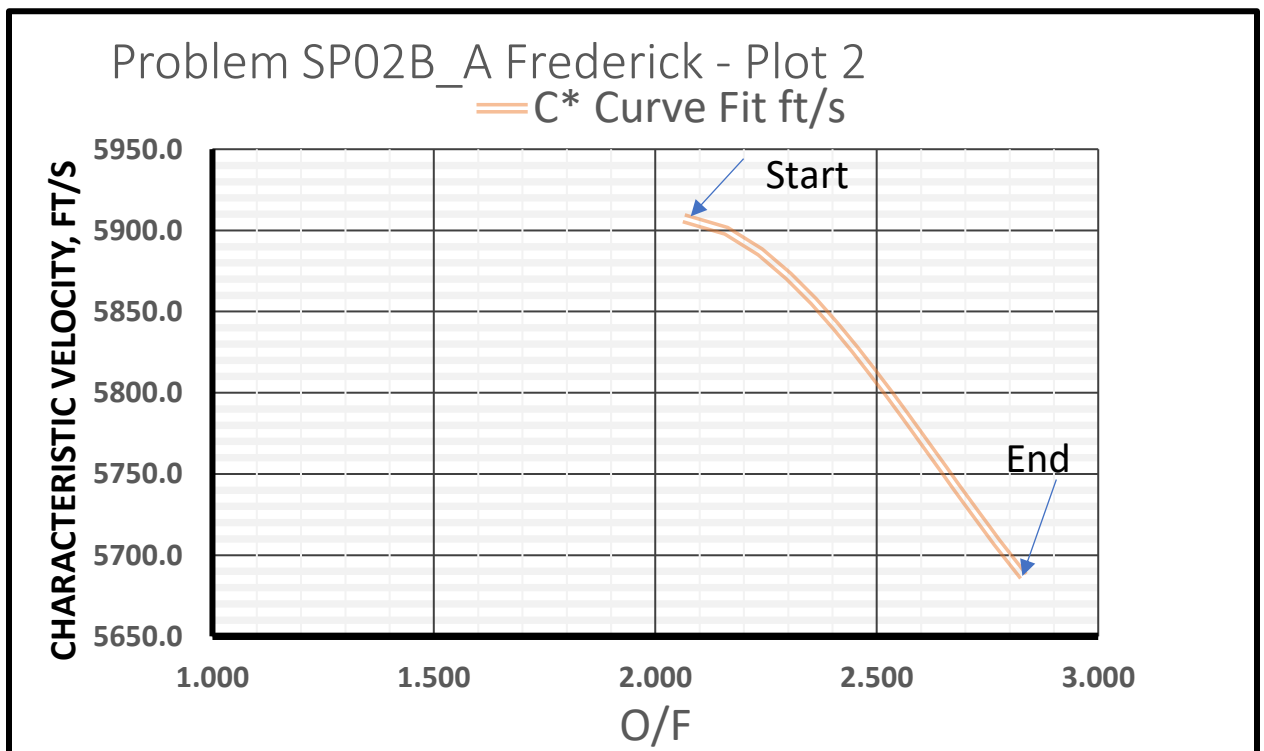
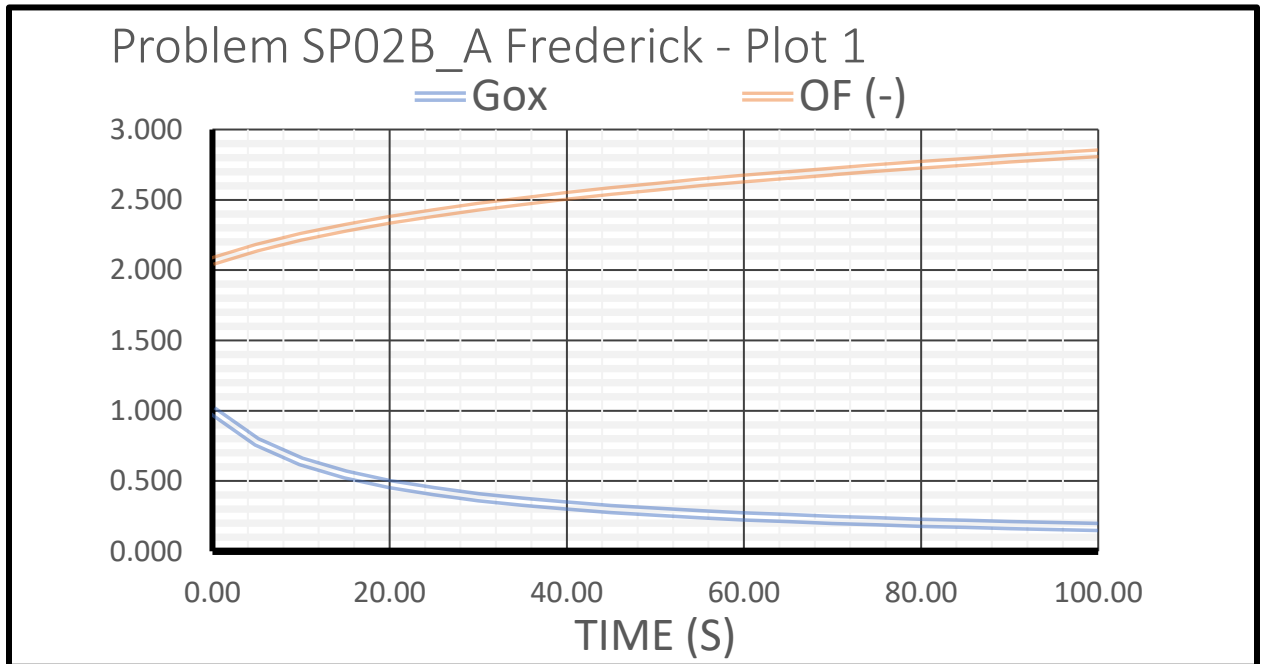
For thrust coefficient match  $C_{Fvac} = 1.7 @ t = 0$

At  $t = 0$ ,  $\gamma = 1.15282$ ; using curve fit  $C_{Fvac}(1.15282, \epsilon, 999,999) = 1.7$  iterate on  $\epsilon$  to get  $\epsilon = 6.24322$

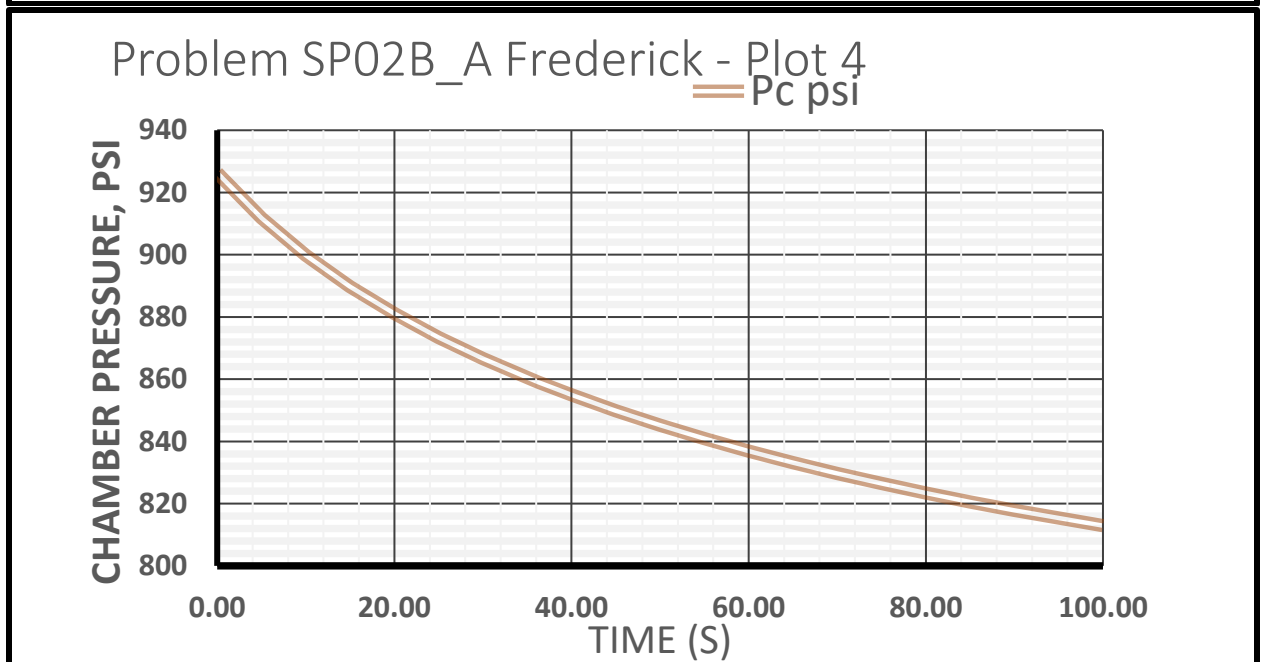
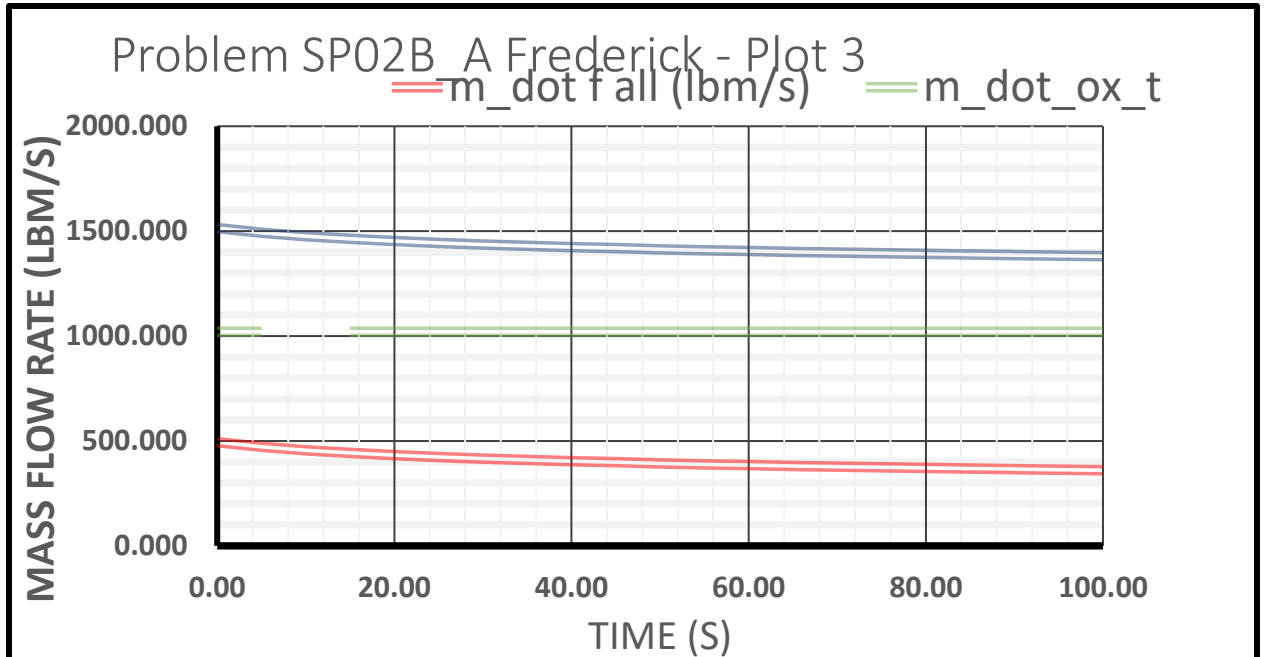
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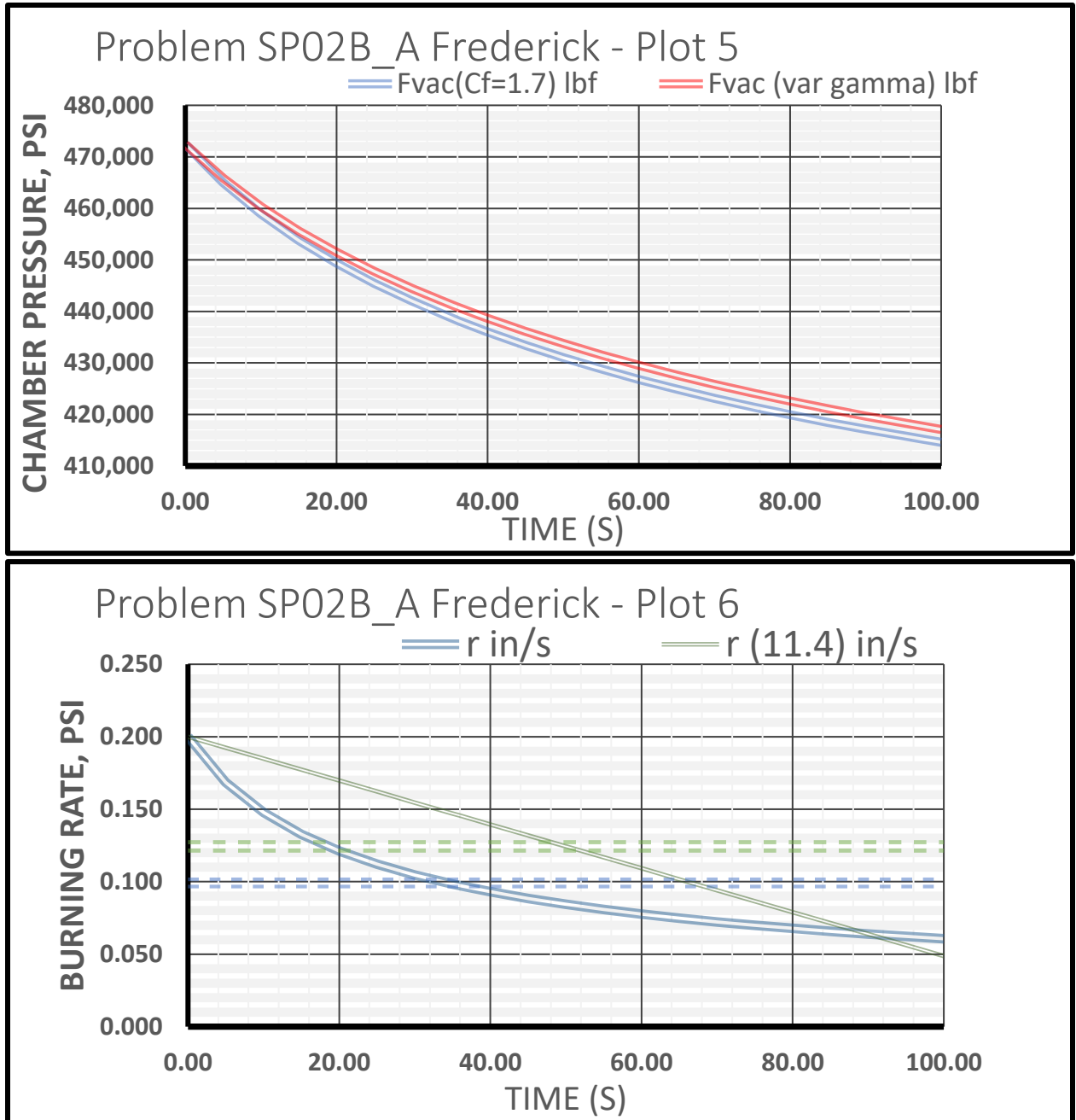
$$C_{Fvac} = C_{Fvac}(\gamma)$$

$$C_{Fvac} = C_{Fvac}(O/F) = C_{Fvac}(\gamma, 6.224322, 999,999)$$









8. Answers: See above.

9. Comments: Small variations in  $\gamma$  with O/F ratio cause some changes in  $C_{Fvac}$ .

	Result	Result	% diff	Comment
	11-4	SP		
$D_{pi} =$	13.624	13.624	0%	Assume same initial oxidizer flow, number of ports and initial flux
$w =$	12.43505	9.57	-30%	the average burning rate assumption leads to a higher burning rate
Mid Web O/F	2.5	2.5	0%	Assumed
$L$	238.9780007	229.1551886	-4%	The lower burning rate from SP leads to a smaller mid web diameter so a shorter length is needed to match the O/F
$D_{pi} =$	115.48	98.27	-18%	This is a consequence of the high average burning rate
$F_{I} =$	500,000	472,419	-6%	This comes from the $I_{sp}$ and the $C^*$ of problem 11-4 resulting in an unrealistic thrust coefficient.