

## Numerical Solution for Mach Number in Isentropic Nozzle

- Graphical Solutions are good for “sanity check” but really Need automated solver to allow for iterative design, trade studies, sensitivity analyses, etc.
- Use “Newton’s Method” to extract numerical solution

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

- At correct Mach number (for given  $A/A^*$ ) ...  $F(M) = 0$

## Numerical Solution for Mach (cont'd)

- Expand  $F(M)$  as Taylor's series about some arbitrary Mach number  $M_{(j)}$

$$F(M) = F(M_{(j)}) + \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial M} \right)_{(j)} (M - M_{(j)}) + \frac{\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} \right)_{(j)} (M - M_{(j)})^2}{2} + \dots O(M - M_{(j)})^3$$

- Solve for M

$$M = M_{(j)} + \frac{F(M) - F(M_{(j)}) - \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} \right)_{(j)} (M - M_{(j)})^2}{2} + \dots O(M - M_{(j)})^3 \right]}{\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial M} \right)_{(j)}}$$

## Numerical Solution for Mach (cont'd)

- From Earlier Definition  $F(M) = 0$ , thus

$$M = M_{(j)} - \frac{F(M_{(j)}) + \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial M^2} \right)_{(j)} (M - M_{(j)})^2}{2} + \dots O(M - M_{(j)})^3 \right]}{\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial M} \right)_{(j)}}$$

Still exact expression

- if  $M_{(j)}$  is chosen to be “close” to  $M$   $(M - M_{(j)})^2 \ll (M - M_{(j)})$

And we can truncate after the first order terms with “little”  
Loss of accuracy

## Numerical Solution for Mach (cont'd)

- First Order approximation of solution for M

$$\hat{M} = M_{(j)} - \frac{F(M_{(j)})}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}\right)_{(j)}}$$

“Hat” indicates that solution is no longer exact

- However; one would anticipate that  $\|M - \hat{M}\| < \|M - M_{(j)}\|$

*“estimate is closer than original guess”*

## Numerical Solution for Mach (cont'd)

- If we substitute  $\hat{M}$  back into the approximate expression

$$\hat{M} = \hat{M} - \frac{F(\hat{M})}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}\right)_{\hat{M}}}$$

- And we would anticipate that  $\left\| M - \hat{\hat{M}} \right\| < \left\| M - \hat{M} \right\|$

*“refined estimate” .... Iteration 1*

# Numerical Solution for Mach

- Abstracting to a “j<sup>th</sup>” iteration

$$\hat{M}_{(j+1)} = \hat{M}_{(j)} - \frac{F(\hat{M}_{(j)})}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}\right)_{l(j)}}$$

Iterate until convergence  
j={0,1,...}

- Drop from loop when

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\hat{M}_{(j+1)}} \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} \hat{M}_{(j+1)}^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}} - \frac{A}{A^*} \right\| < \varepsilon$$

## Numerical Solution for Mach (cont'd)

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

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial M} \right)_{(j)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{M}_{(j)}} \left( \frac{1}{\hat{M}_{(j)}} \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} \hat{M}_{(j)}^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}} \right) =$$

$$\left( 2^{\left( \frac{1-3\gamma}{2-2\gamma} \right)} \right) \frac{\left( \hat{M}_{(j)}^2 - 1 \right)}{\hat{M}_{(j)}^2 \left[ 2 + \hat{M}_{(j)}^2 (\gamma - 1) \right]} \left( \frac{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} \hat{M}_{(j)}^2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\left( \frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)} \right)}$$

## Numerical Solution for Mach (cont'd)

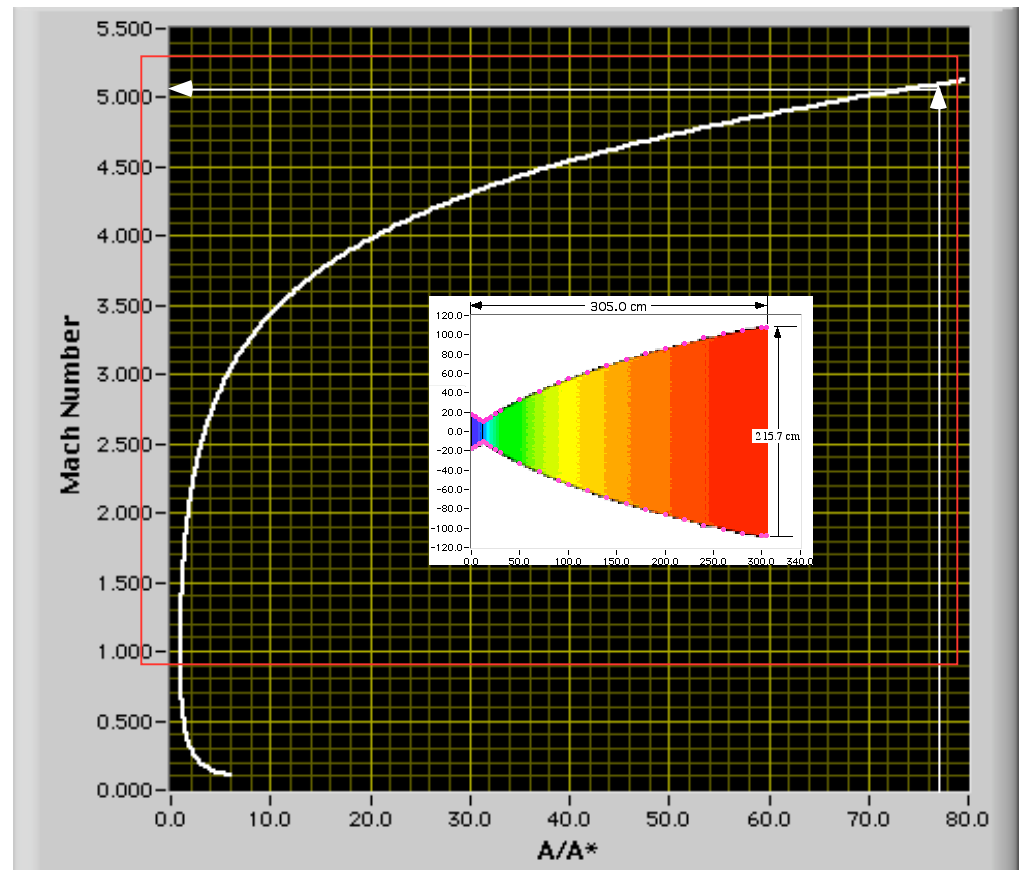
- Numerical Solution (Newton's Method)

$$\hat{M}_{(j+1)} = \hat{M}_{(j)} - \frac{F(\hat{M}_{(j)})}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}\right)_{l(j)}}$$

- Example  $\frac{A}{A^*} = 77.5$
- Starting mach  $\rightarrow 3.0$
- Allowable Error, 0.001%

$\gamma = 1.25$

- Solves for Supersonic Branch of Curve

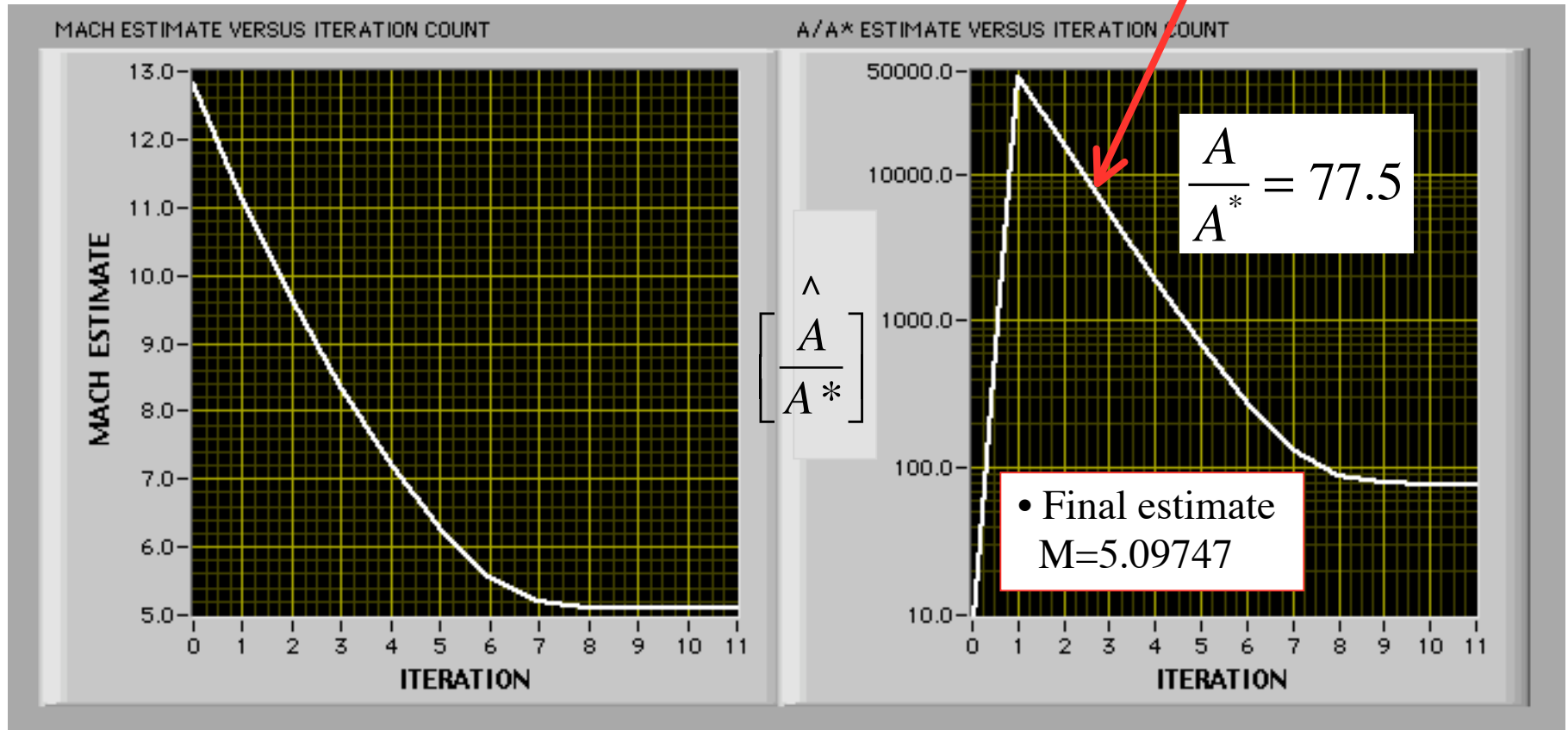




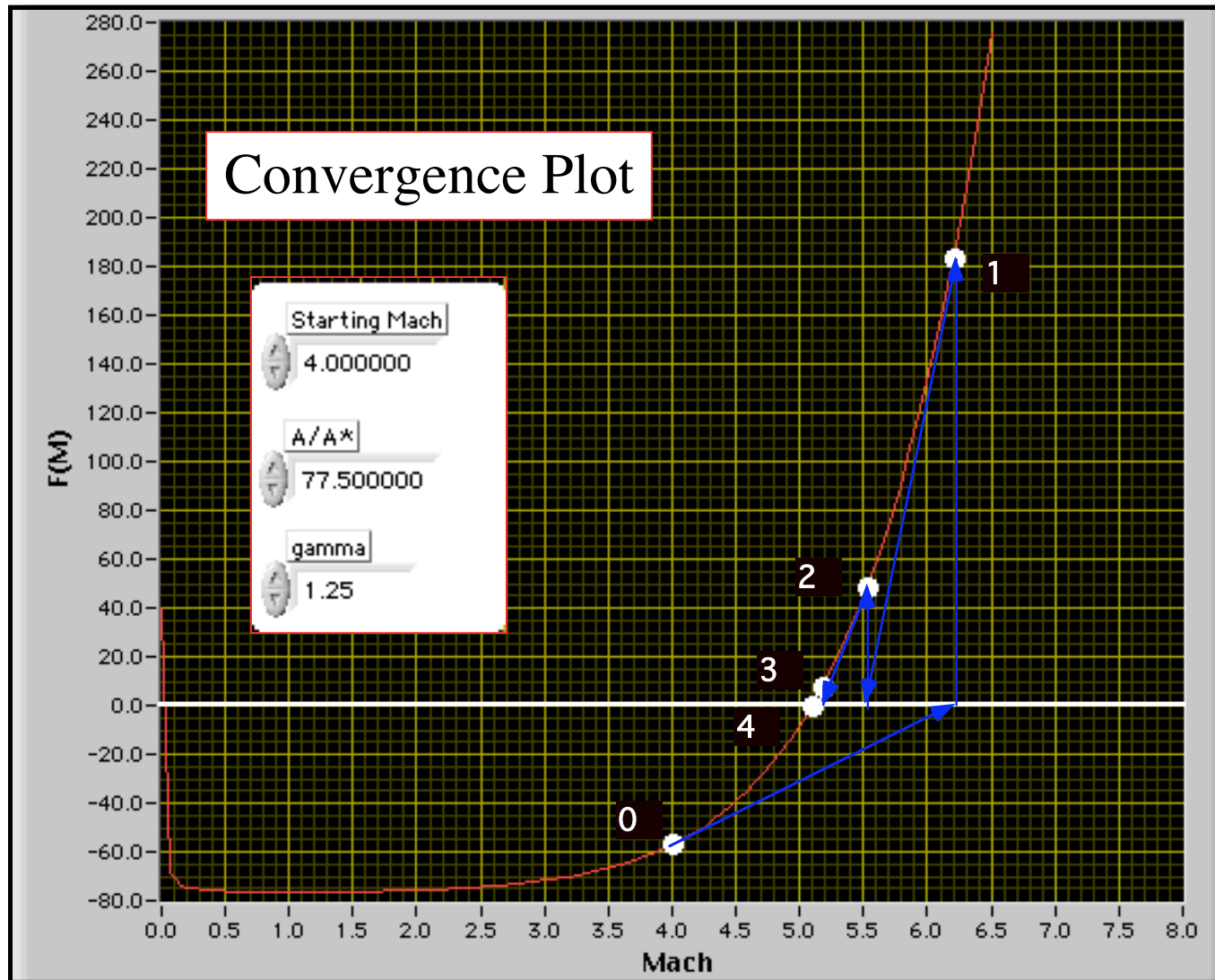
# Numerical Solution for Mach (concluded)

$$\hat{M}_{(j+1)} = \hat{M}_{(j)} - \frac{F(\hat{M}_{(j)})}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}\right)_{(j)}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\hat{M}_{(j)}} \left[ \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{(\gamma - 1)}{2} \hat{M}_{(j)}^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma + 1}{2(\gamma - 1)}}$$



# Numerical Solution for Mach (concluded)

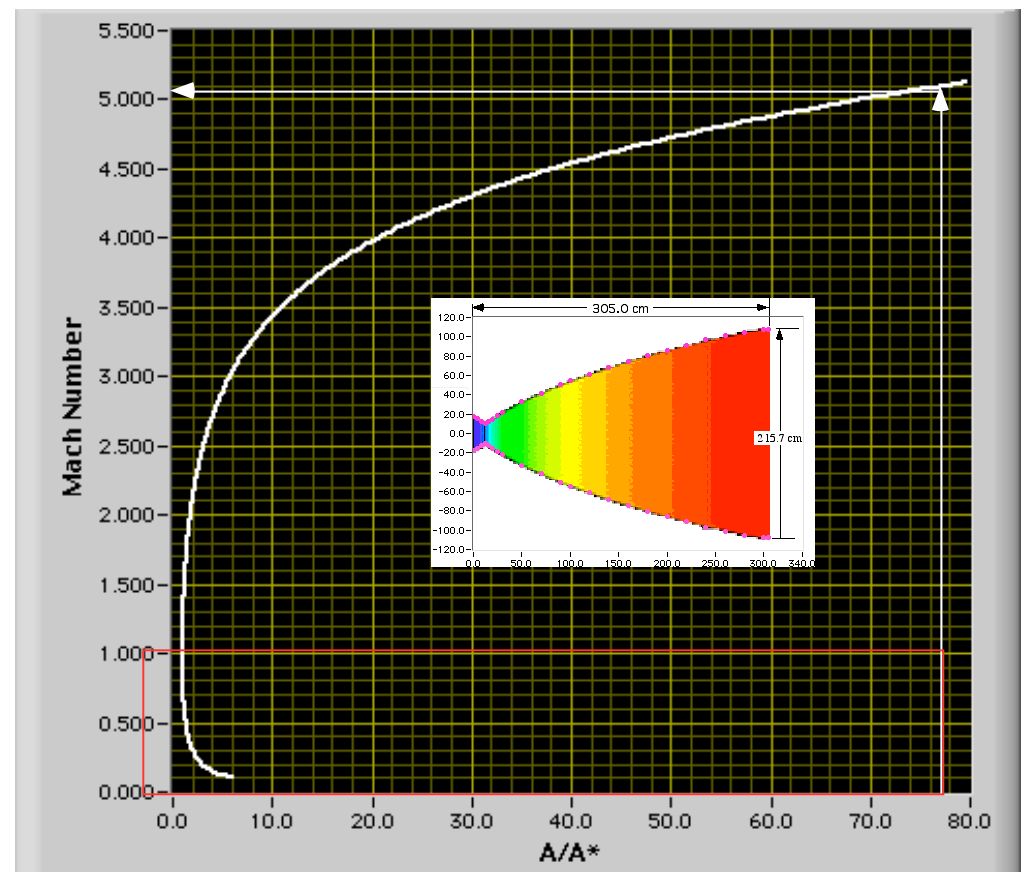


# Effect of Startup Condition

- Example  $\frac{A}{A^*} = 77.5$
- Starting mach  $\rightarrow 0.01$
- Allowable Error,  
0.001%

$$\gamma = 1.25$$

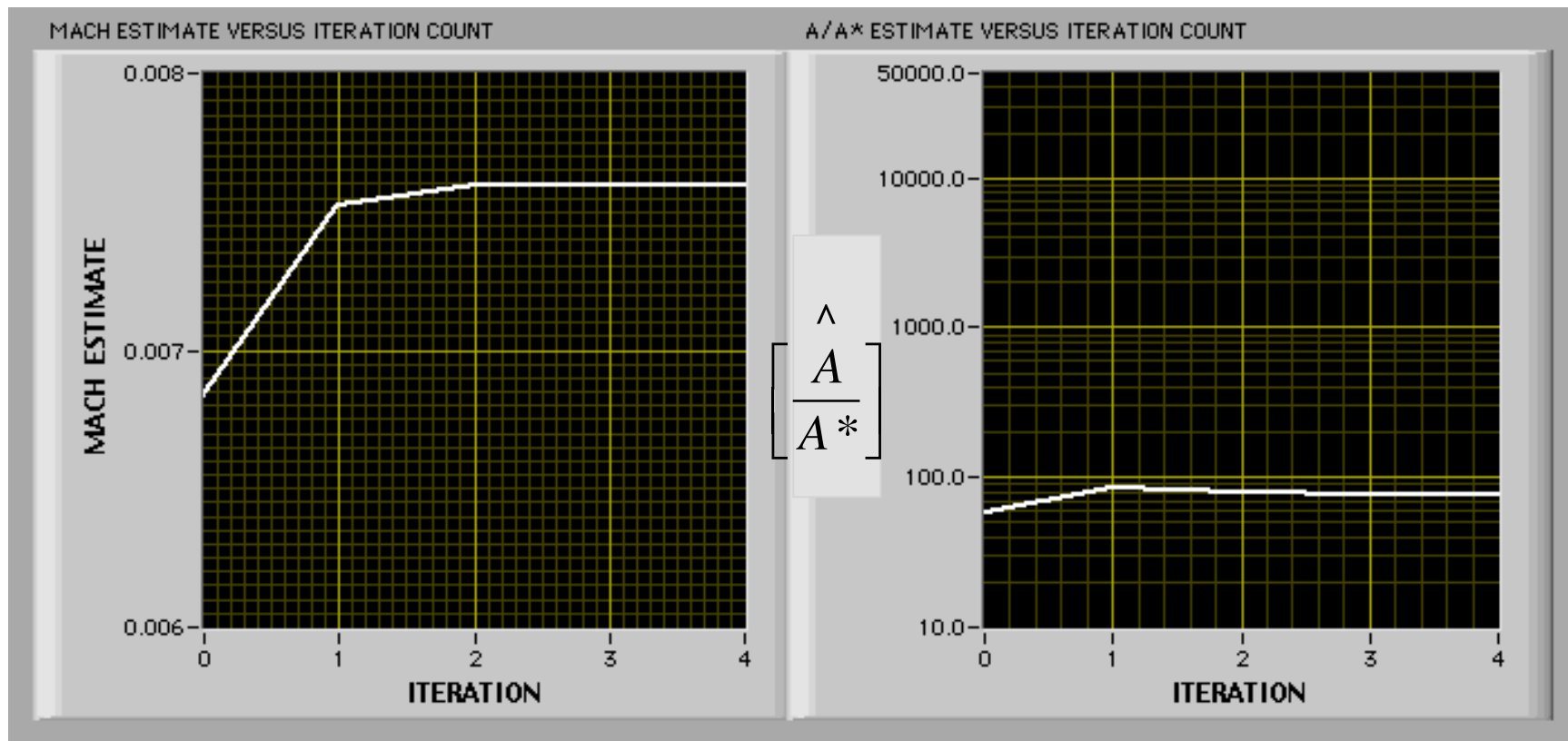
- Solves for Subsonic Branch Of Curve



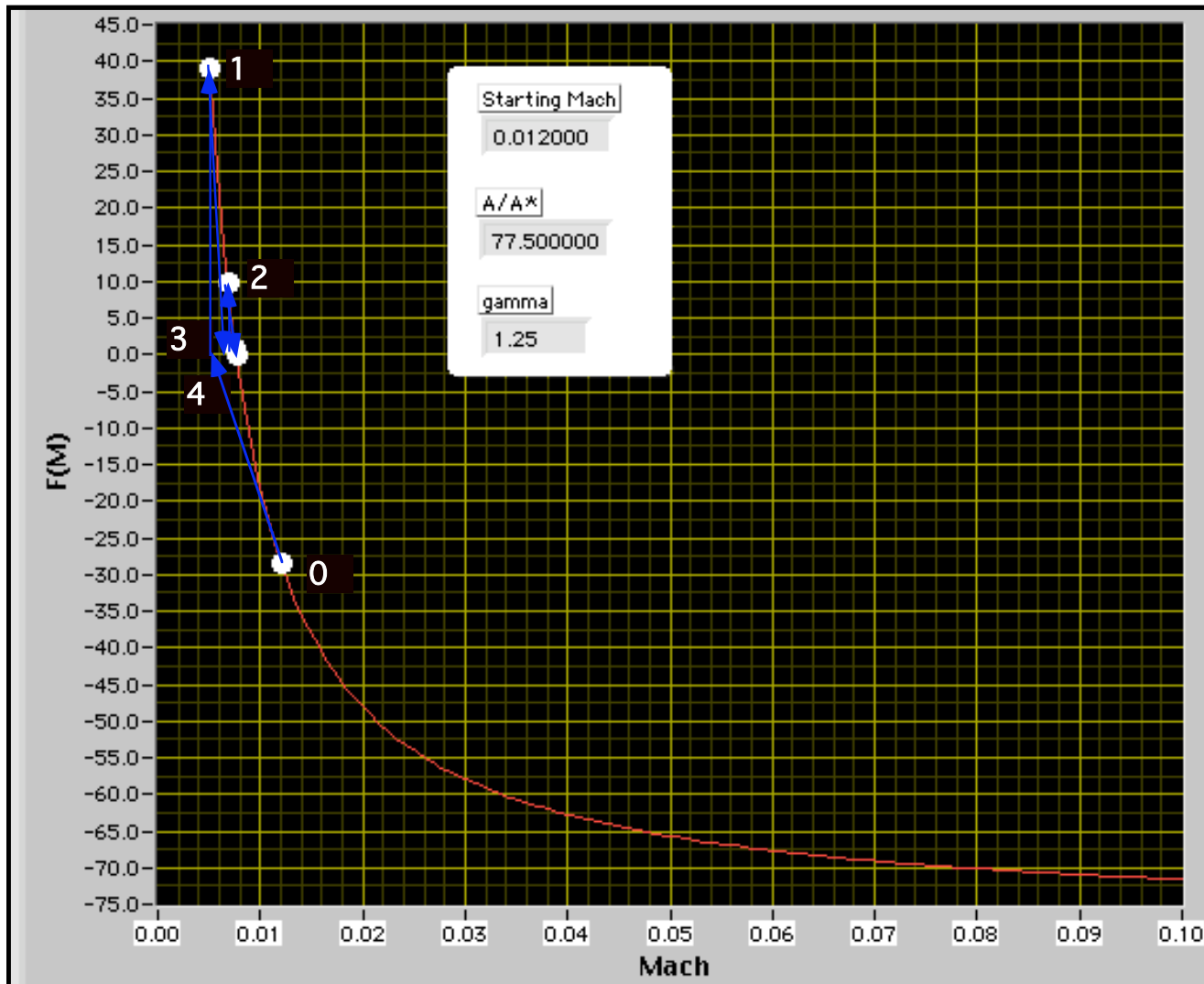
# Effect of Startup Condition (concluded)

$$\hat{M}_{(j+1)} = \hat{M}_{(j)} - \frac{F(\hat{M}_{(j)})}{\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial M}\right)_{l(j)}}$$

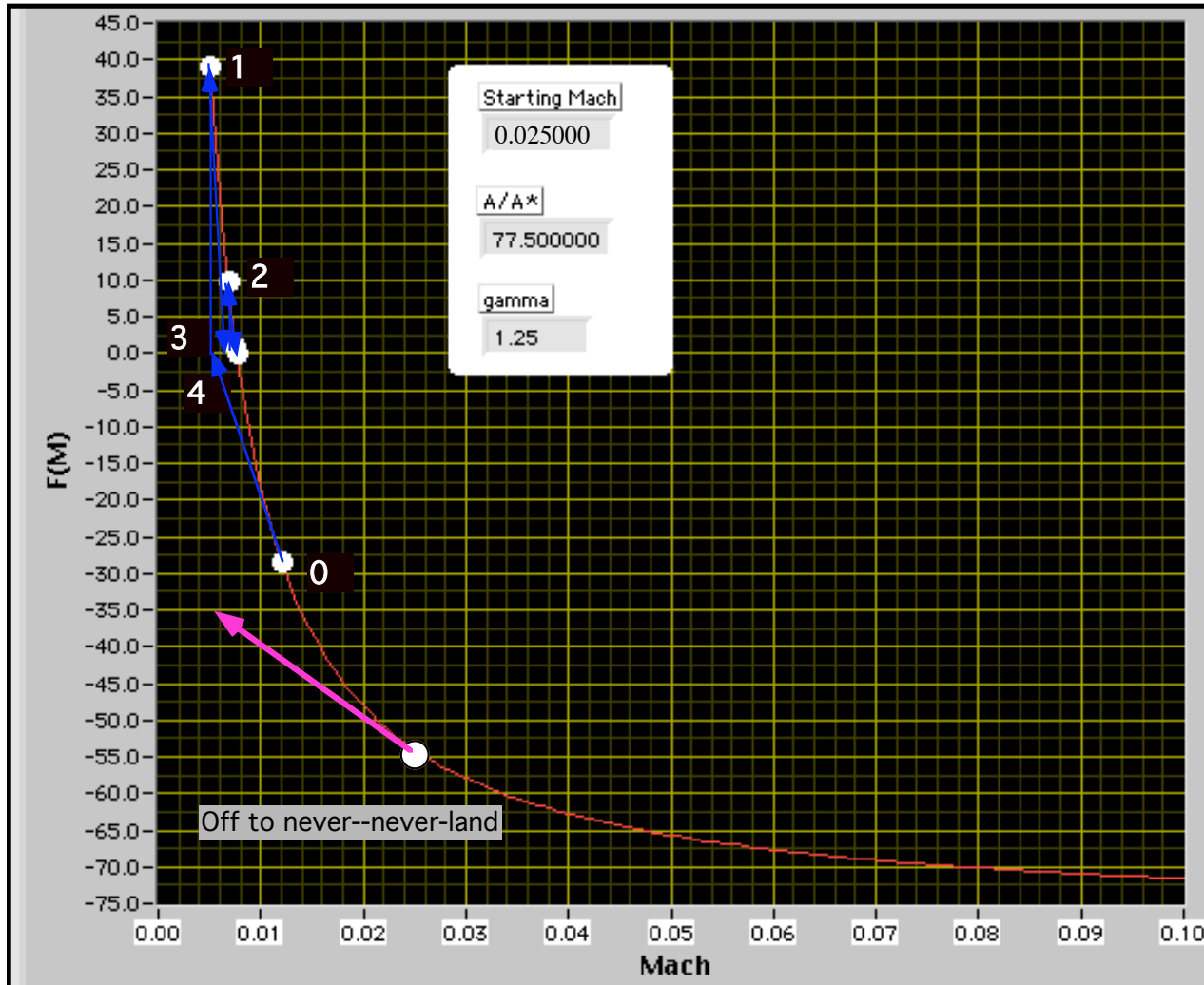
- Final estimate  
M=0.00759



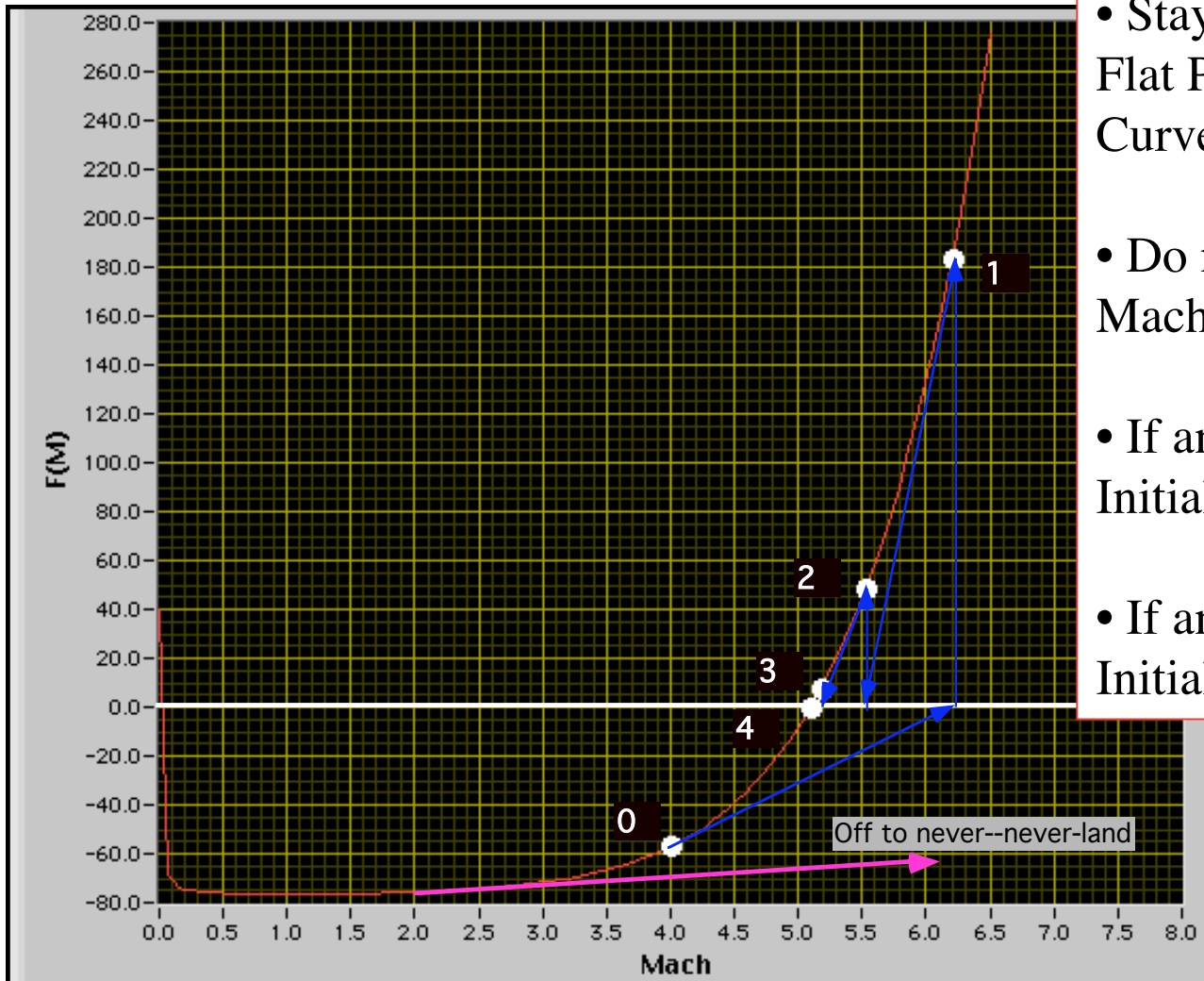
# Convergence Plot



# Be Careful About Startup Condition



# Be Careful About Startup Condition (cont'd)



- Stay Off of Flat Portion of Curve at Startup
- Do not start at Mach=0, Mach 1
- If anticipate Mach < 1 Initialize at M slightly > 0
- If anticipated Mach > 1 Initialize at Mach > 3