

- a) Re-derive the Conical (3-D) Aerospike Contour Design Rules (*Slide 31*) for a two dimensional (Linear) Nozzle
- b) For Aerospike Nozzle use Sonic Throat section, assume axi-symmetric design, full spike length .. For Aerospike Nozzle use Sonic Throat section, assume axi-symmetric design, full spike length .. Design a Conical *aerospike nozzle replacement* for the RS-27A Nozzle (Delta II Stage 1)

... i) *First Compare RS-27A Nozzle Length with minimum length nozzle of same expansion ratio (assume conical nozzle with 15.25:1 expansion ratio but actual RS-27 A $\theta_{\text{exit}} = 30.5$ deg.) Plot both minimum Length and RS-27A Contours*

... ii) *Calculate and plot design Aerospike spike contour of same expansion ratio as RS-27A NOZZLE*

... iii) *Calculate design altitude for this expansion ratio and plot design Mach number and pressure profile along spike LENGTH*

... iv) *Plot delivered Thrust and I_{sp} as a function of altitude for 1) RS-27A ACTUAL, 2) RS-27A MINIMUM LENGTH (CONICAL), and 3) **Truncated Aerospike NOZZLE***

assume chamber properties identical to RS-27A

$$\theta_{MAX_{RS-27A}} = \frac{V_{EXIT}}{2}$$

- (i) For Aerospike Nozzle from part 2, Truncate the spike at the point on the ramp where the pressure exactly equals sea level ambient pressure (101.325 kPa)

- This truncation will ensure no shockwaves on nozzle at Launch condition, which are the most over-expanded

- (ii) Calculate the base pressure using the “Rocketdyne Model” from Onofri, pg. 16

$$p_{base} = 0.58 \cdot P_0 \cdot \left(\frac{C_{F,max,d} - C_{F,core}}{\epsilon_{base}} \right) = 0.58 \cdot \left(\frac{F_{,max,d} - F_{,core}}{A_{base}} \right)$$

$F_{,max,d}$ → Full Ramp Thrust, Design Condition

$F_{,core}$ → Accumulated Thrust at Truncation Point, Design Condition

Plot delivered Thrust and Isp as a function of altitude for

- (iii) *Stage 1a: Aerospike RS-27a Stage + 3 x Gem40 ... Assume conventional Nozzles for Gem-40 boosters, truncated aerospike for RS-27A! 0 to 16.31 km altitude*

- (iv) *stage 1b: 16.31 km altitude 105.52 km altitude (RS-27A. Aerospike Only)*

Use conventional nozzles for Gem-40's

(v) ... Calculate mean I_{sp} over the operating range of the First stage (use above generated data) Use “2/3rds” rule (RS-27A, truncated Aerospike)

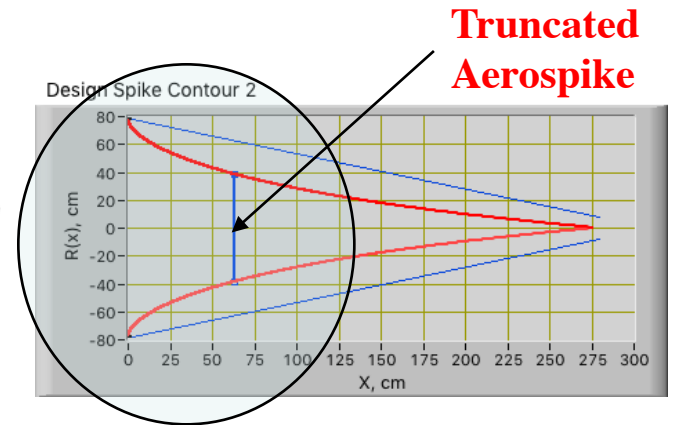
Stage “1a”

$$Use \rightarrow (I_{sp})_{eff} = \frac{2}{3} \left[(I_{sp})_{RS-27A+3x\ Gem40} \right]_{launch} + \frac{1}{3} \left[(I_{sp})_{RS-27A+3x\ Gem40} \right]_{Gem40\ Burnout}$$

Stage “1b”

$$Use \rightarrow (I_{sp})_{eff} = \frac{2}{3} (I_{sp})_{initial}^{R2-27A} + \frac{1}{3} (I_{sp})_{final}^{R2-27A}$$

(16.31km) (105.52 km)



... (vi) Re-work delta II payload analysis using new mean I_{sp} 's for stage “1a” and “1b” with the RS-27A aerospike nozzle

... (vii) compare to earlier results using standard conical nozzle for stage 1.. assume conventional nozzles for Both Gem-40 and AJ10-118 Second Stage Engine

Stage 1 Properties



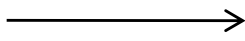
- Boeing Delta II Rocket...Stage 1
 - Sea Level Thrust: 890kN
 - Vacuum Thrust: 1085.8 kN
 - **Nozzle Expansion Ratio: 15.2503:1**
 - **Conical Nozzle, 30.5 deg exit angle**
- Combustion Properties:
(RS-27A Rocketdyne Engine)
 - Lox/Kerosene, Mixture Ratio: 2.24:1
 - **Chamber Pressure (P_0): 5161.463 kPa**
 - Combustion temperature (T_0): 3455 K
 - $\gamma = 1.2220$
 - $M_W = 21.28 \text{ kg/kg-mol}$
- Propellant Mass: 97.08 Metric Tons
- Stage 1 Launch Mass: 101.8 Metric Tons

Spike Design Characteristics

... iii) Calculate design altitude for this expansion ratio and plot design mach number and pressure profile along spike, **assume 15.2503:1 expansion ratio and chamber properties identical to RS-27A**

Design Altitude, km

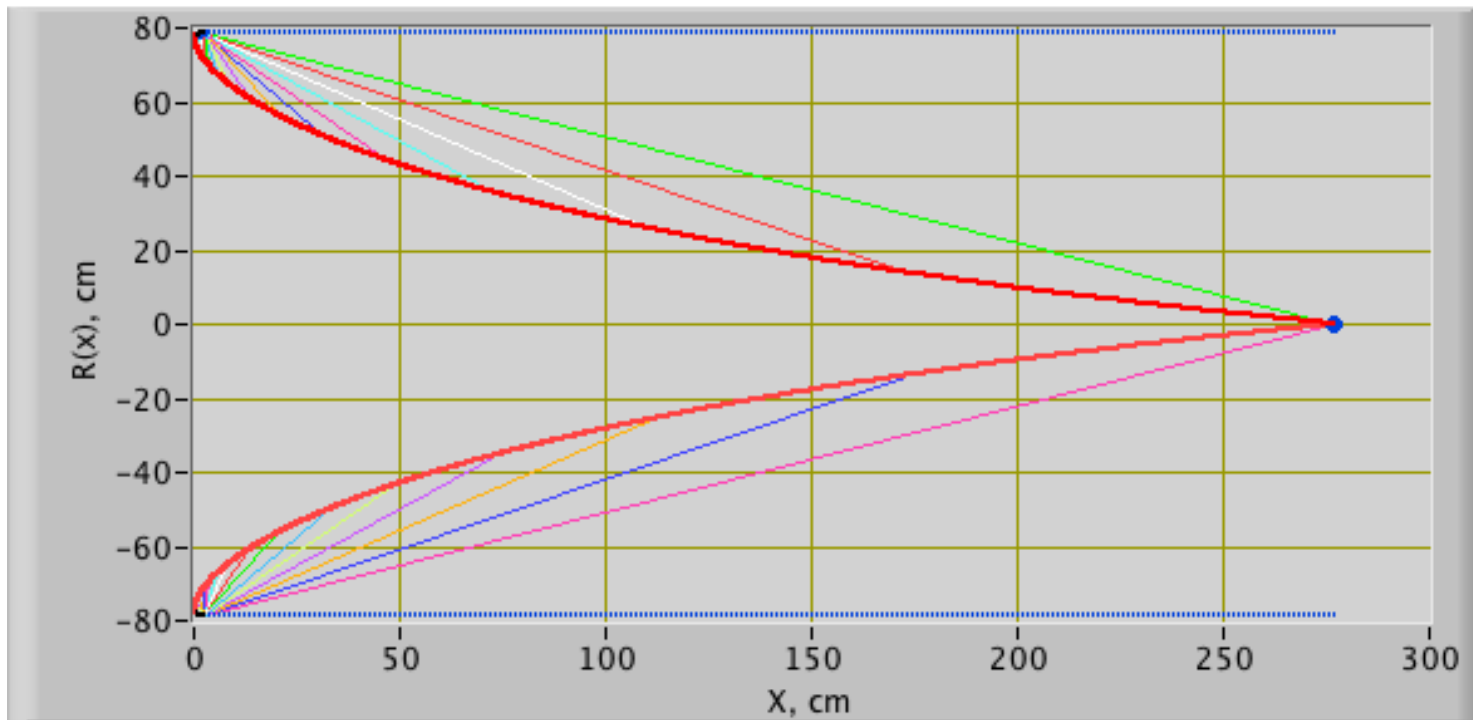
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Pa, kPa

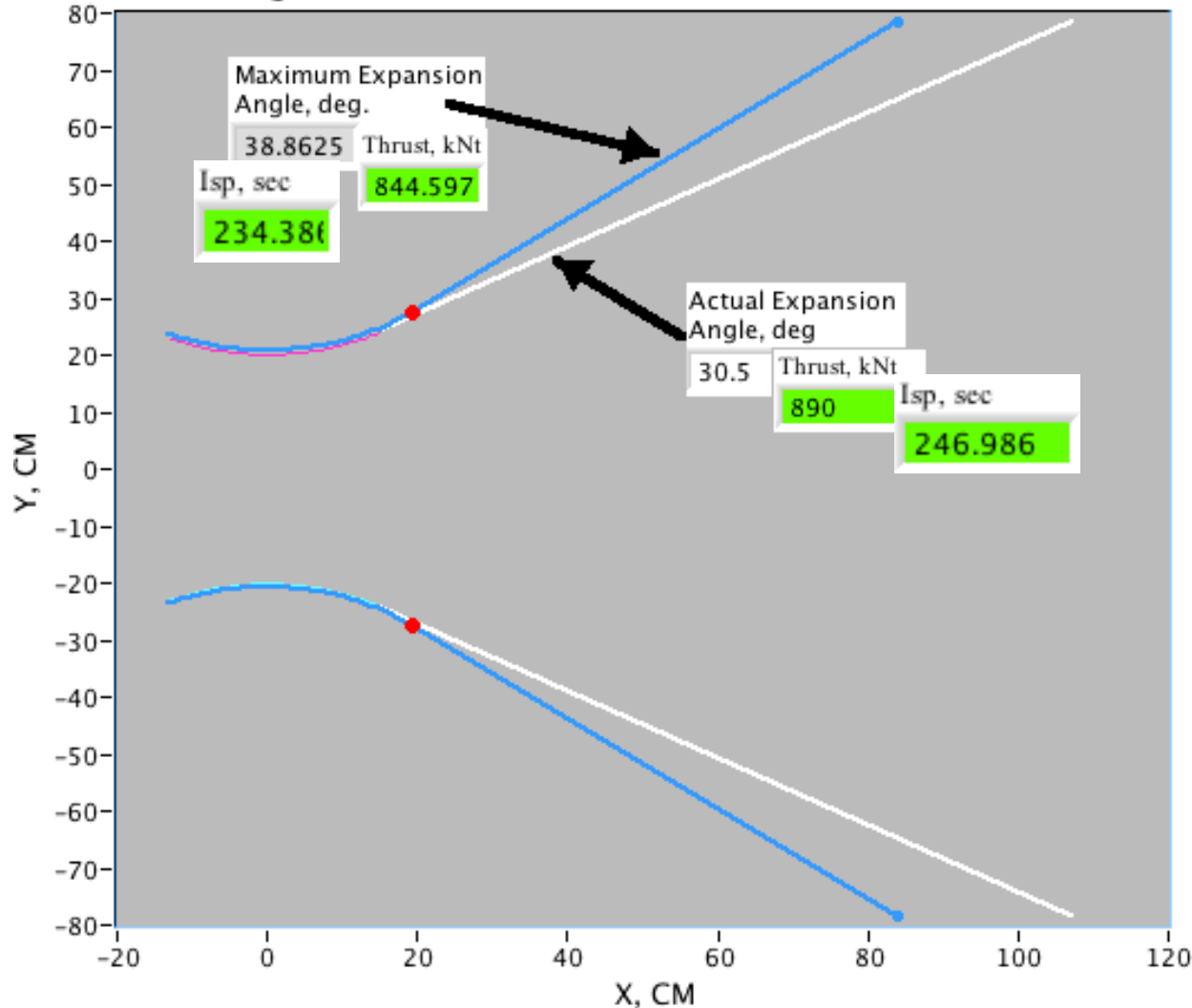
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Design Spike Contour



Compare RS-27A Nozzle to Minimum Length

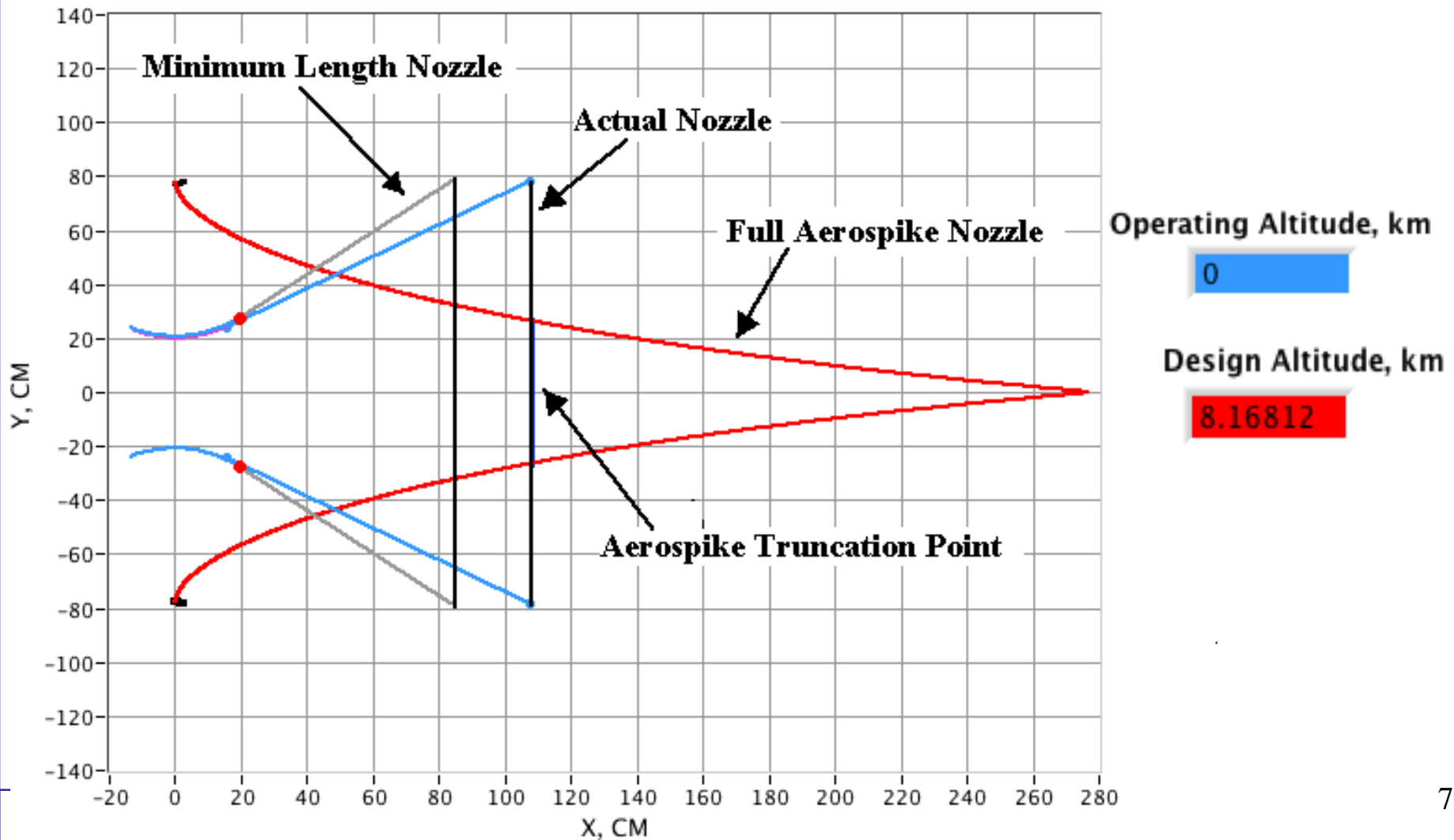
Comparison of Actual and Minimum Length RS-27A Nozzle



- Slight Thrust For Minimum Length Nozzle Due to Higher Exit Angle
- Launch Thrust, I_{sp} Levels

Compare RS-27A Nozzle to Aerospike Nozzle

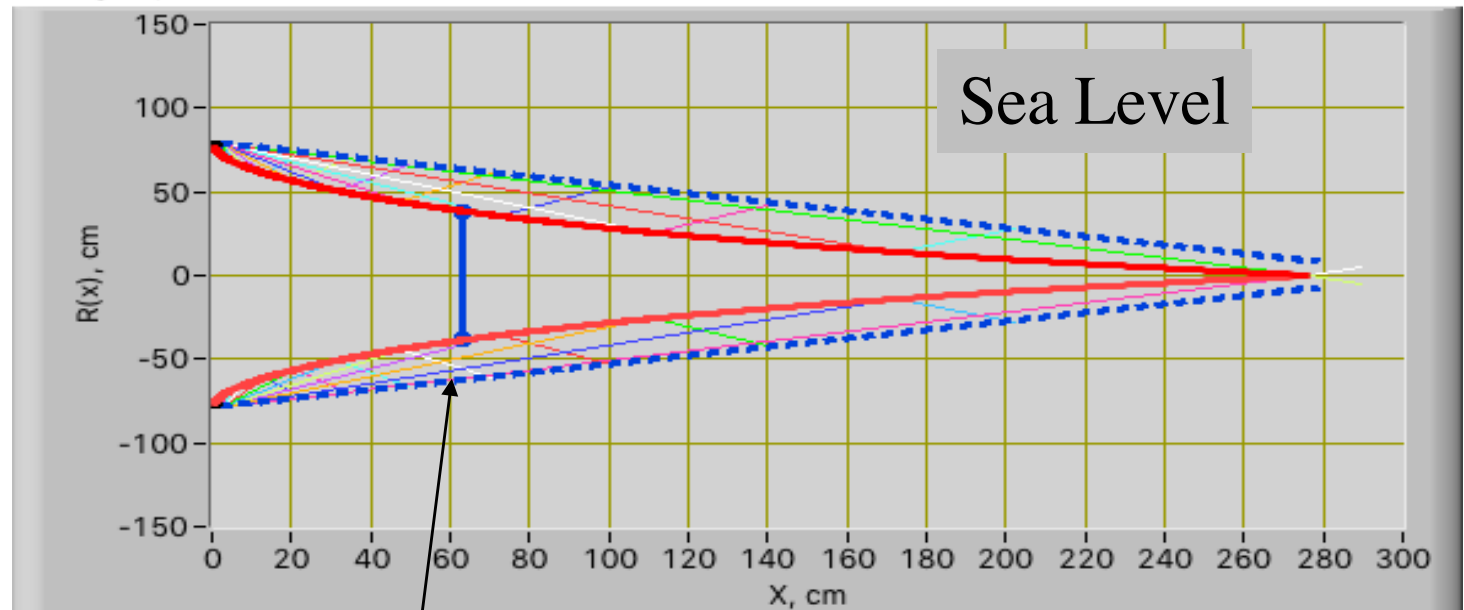
RS-27A, Comparison of Actual Nozzle, Minimum Length Nozzle, Full Aerospike Nozzle of Equivalent Expansion Ratio, and Aerospike Nozzle Truncated to Actual RS-27A Nozzle Length



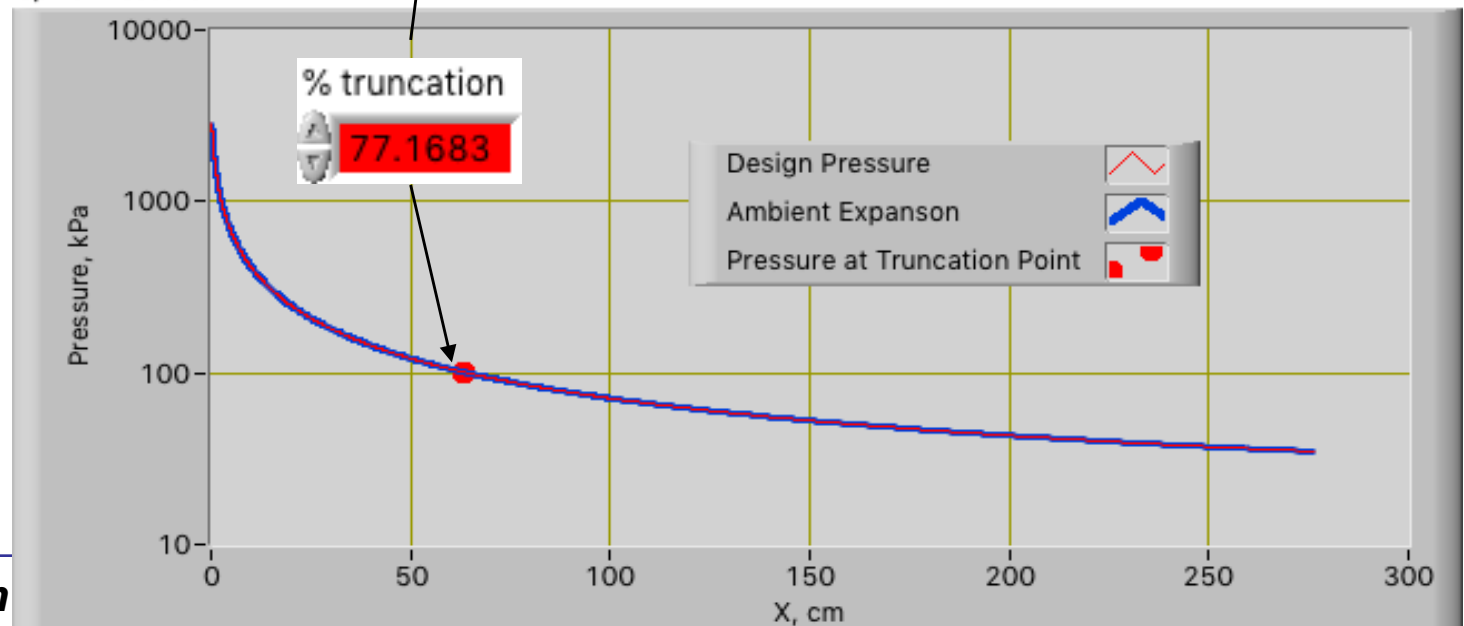
Spike Design Characteristics (1)

*Truncate
Spike Such
that pressure
at truncation
Point equals
 $= P_{sl}$*

Design Spike Contour



Spike Pressure



Calculate base pressure
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Truncated Thrust terms

Base Pressure, kPa
19.9261

Base Drag, kNt
-37.9658

RampThrust, kNt
808.459

TotalThrust, kNt
942.649

Isp, sec
261.595

Thrusts

Fmax,d, kNt
1094.38

Fcore, kNt 2
1078.35

$$P_{base} = 0.58 \frac{(1094.38 - 1078.35)}{4664.17 \cdot 0.0001} = 19.9337 \text{ kPa}$$

Data at Truncation

R value at truncation, cm
38.5312

Theta at truncation, deg
14.2576

Mach Number at Truncation
3.06432

Spike Surface Pressure at Truncation, kPa
101.325

Spike Surface Temperature at Truncation, deg. K
1691.72

Spike Surface Velocity at Truncation, deg. K
2754

Spike Truncated base area cm^2
4664.17

Spike Truncated Length cm
63.16

% truncation
77.1683

Calculate Launch Thrust

Design Thrust/Force Data

Design Pressure Thrust (Spike), kNt	922.223	Cowl Thrust Axial Direction kNt	172.156
Massflow, kg/sec	367.45	Design Base Area Thrust, kNt	0
Throat Exit (kPa) Momentum Thrust	809.746	Design Total Thrust, kNt	1094.38
Design Isp, sec	303.701		

Truncated Thrust terms

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Base Drag, kNt	-37.9658
RampThrust, kNt	808.459
TotalThrust, kNt	942.649
Isp, sec	261.595

$$T_{spike} = T_{throat} + T_{ramp} + T_{base} =$$

$$172.156 + 808.459 - 37.9658 = 942.649 \quad kNt$$

Spike Design Characteristics (2)

Aerospike Versus Altitude

Gas Properties

Gamma
1.222

MWght, kg/kg-m
21.137

% truncation

77.168

Operating Conditions

PO, kPa
5161.46

TO, K
3465

Pa, kPa
3473

Spike
Injector Geometry

Injector port diameter
11.595

Radius of Cowl Upper Lip from CL, cm
78.4293

Number of Ports
12

Port CL, Exit Angle, deg
12.275

Cluster

Minimum Altitude, km
0

Maximum Altitude, km
16.31

of Points
100

Burn time, sec

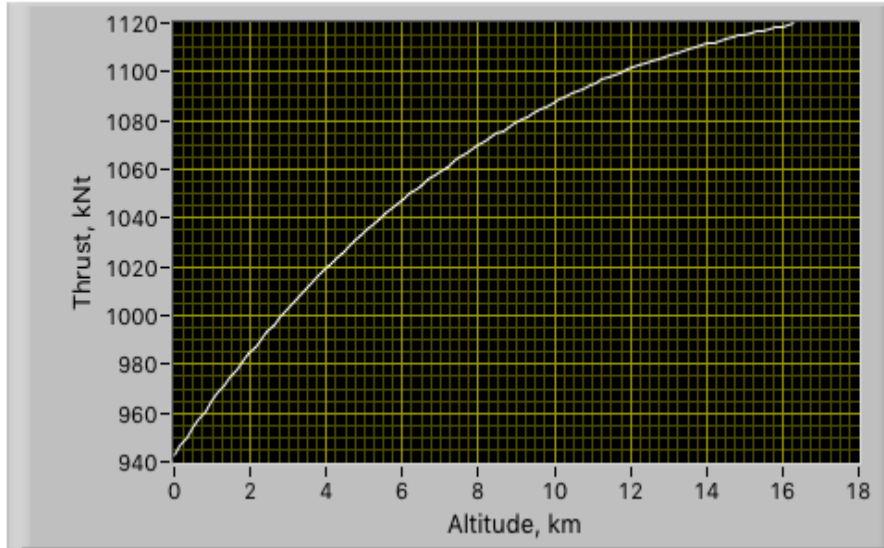
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Input data

Propellant Mass, kg
97080

Gross Mass, kg
101800

Thrust



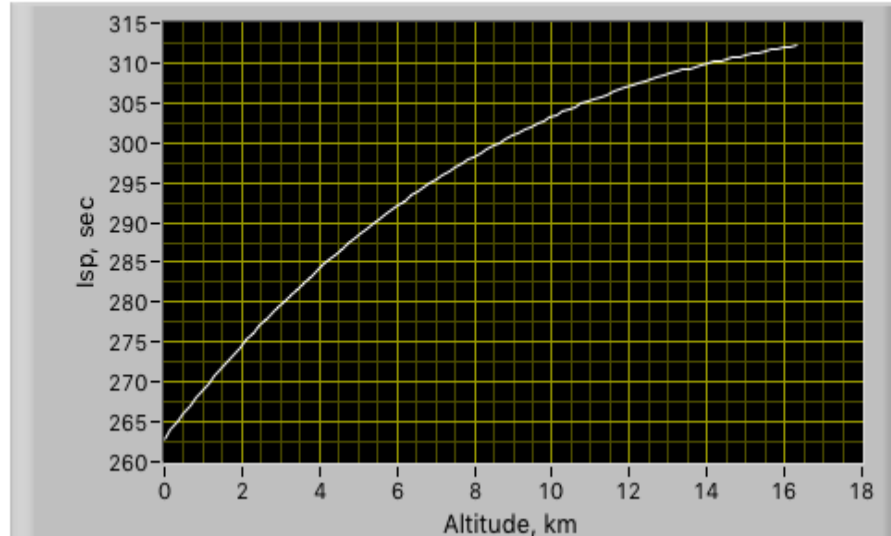
Motor Statistics

Initial Thrust, kNt
942.641

Final Thrust, kNt 2
1119.7

Mean Thrust, kNt 2
1057.87

Isp



Motor Statistics 2

Initial Isp, sec
262.85

Final Isp, sec
312.23

Mean Isp, sec
294.988

Spike Design Characteristics (3)

Gem 40 vs Altitude

Input data

Starting Mach: 3.600000
 gamma: 1.2000
 A/A*: 10.65000
 # iterations: 21
 % error in (A/A*): 0.00001
 P01, kPa: 5652.66
 T01, deg. K: 3600
 A*, M²: 0.052125
 MW: 28.15
 Actual Expansion Angle, deg: 20
 Propellant Mass, kg: 11765
 Gross Mass, kg: 13080

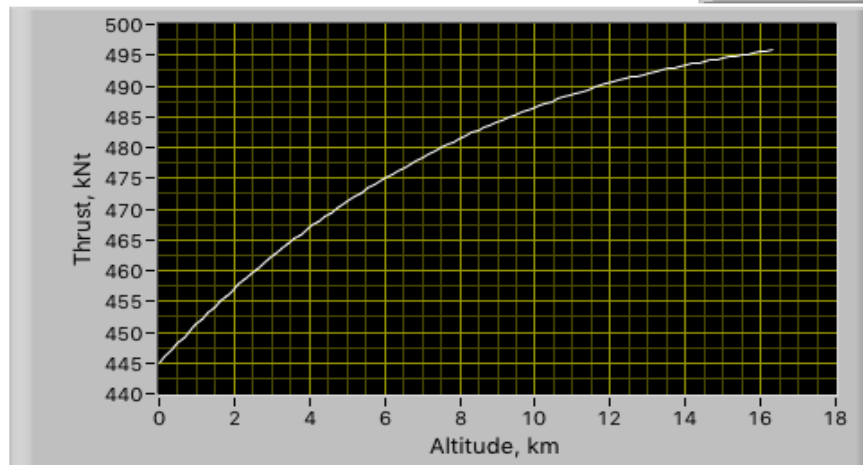
Cluster

Minimum Altitude, km: 0
 Maximum Altitude, km: 16.31
 # of Points: 100

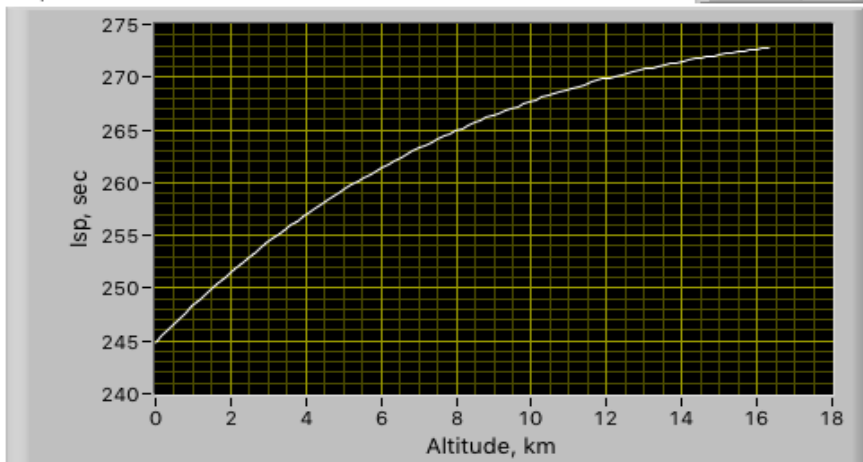
Mean Thrust, kN: 478.025
 Mean Isp, sec: 263.042

Burn time, sec: 63.4878

Thrust



Isp



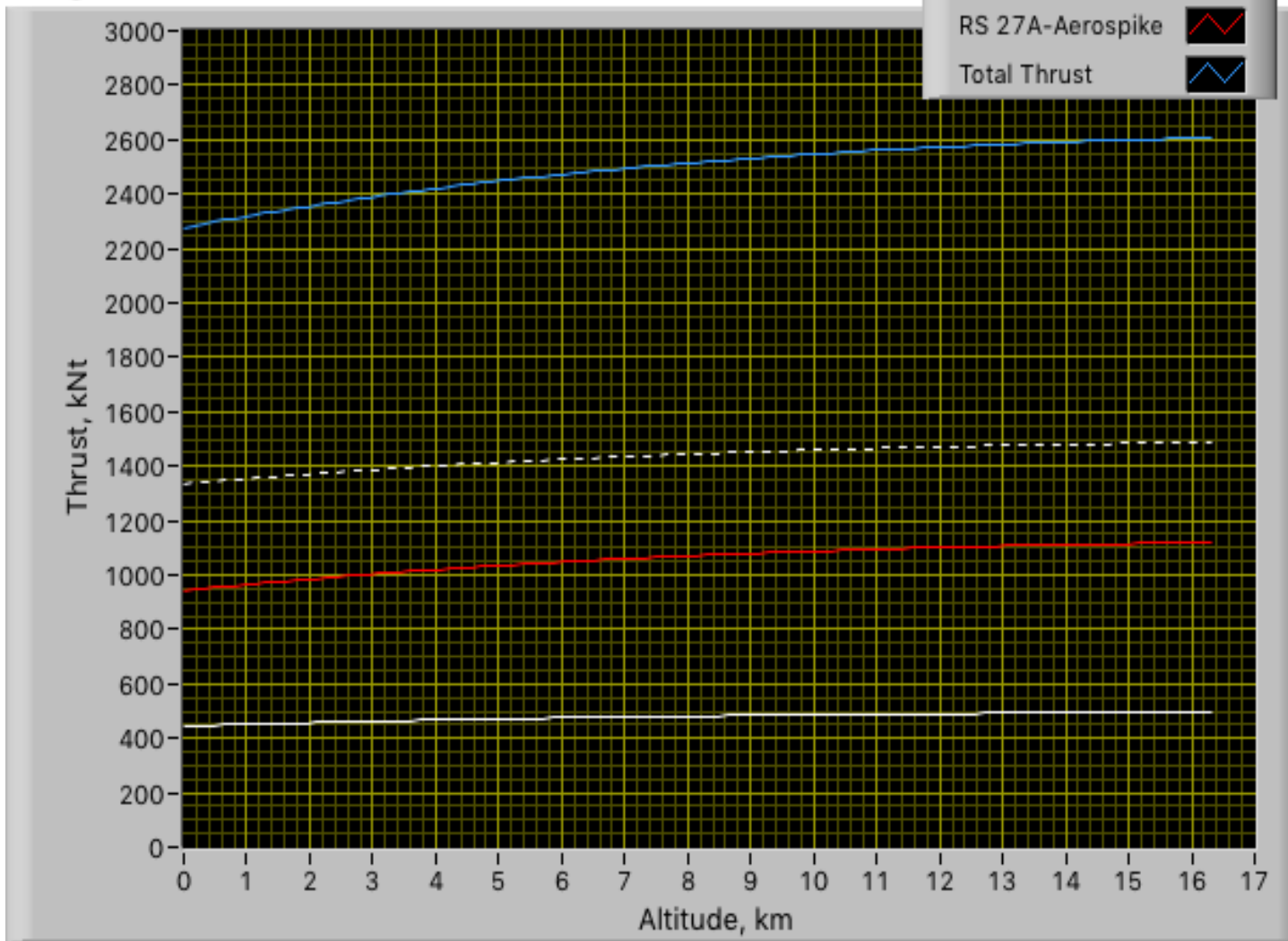
Isentropic Output parameters

Exit mach Number: 3.322236
 Pexit, kPa: 65.2101
 Texit, deg. K: 1711.21
 Vexit, m/sec: 2587.35
 Mdot, kg/sec: 185.311
 Thrust, kNt: 495.769
 Isp, sec: 272.801
 Exit Area, M²: 0.55513
 Cstar, m/sec: 1590
 Max Isp, sec: 364.247
 Max Thrust, Kn: 661.943
 Cc, m/sec: 2.67533
 Volumetric flow rate, m³/sec: 3.32223
 Chamber density kg/m²: 55.7792
 Rg, J/kg-deg-K: 295.36102
 Lambda, divergence: 0.9698463
 Burn time, sec: 63.487757

Spike Design Characteristics (4)

Total Stage 1a vs Altitude

Stage "1a" Thrust



- 1 x Gem 40
- 3 x Gem 40
- RS 27A-Aerospike
- Total Thrust

Motor Statistics

Total Take Off Thrust, kNt
2277.5

Mean GEM 40 Thrust, kNt
478.02

Mean RS-27A Thrust, kNt
1057.87

Total Mean Thrust, kNt
2491.95

% truncation

77.168

Spike Design Characteristics (5)

Total Stage 1b vs Altitude

Gas Properties

Gamma
1.222

MWght, kg/kg-m
21.137

% truncation

77.168

Operating Conditions

PO, kPa
5161.46

TO, K
3465

Pa, kPa
3473

Cluster

Minimum Altitude, km
16.31

Maximum Altitude, km
105.52

of Points
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Burn time, sec

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Input data

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Spike

Injector Geometry

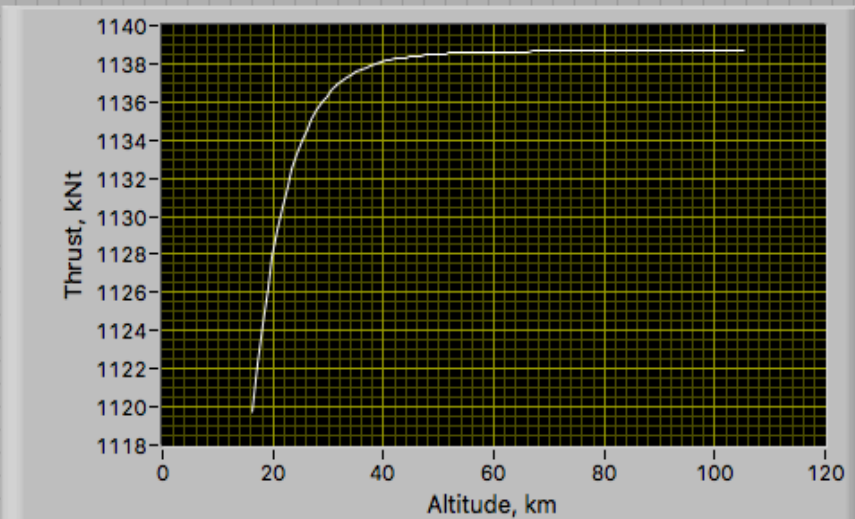
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Thrust



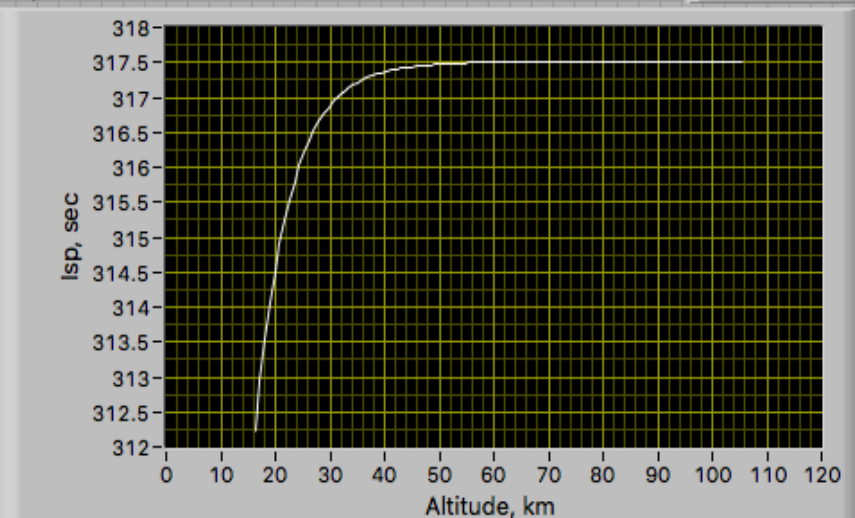
Motor Statistics

Initial Thrust, kNt
2277.5

Final Thrust, kNt 2
2277.5

Mean Thrust, kNt 2
1057.87

Isp



Motor Statistics 2

Initial Isp, sec
312.23

Final Isp, sec
317.51

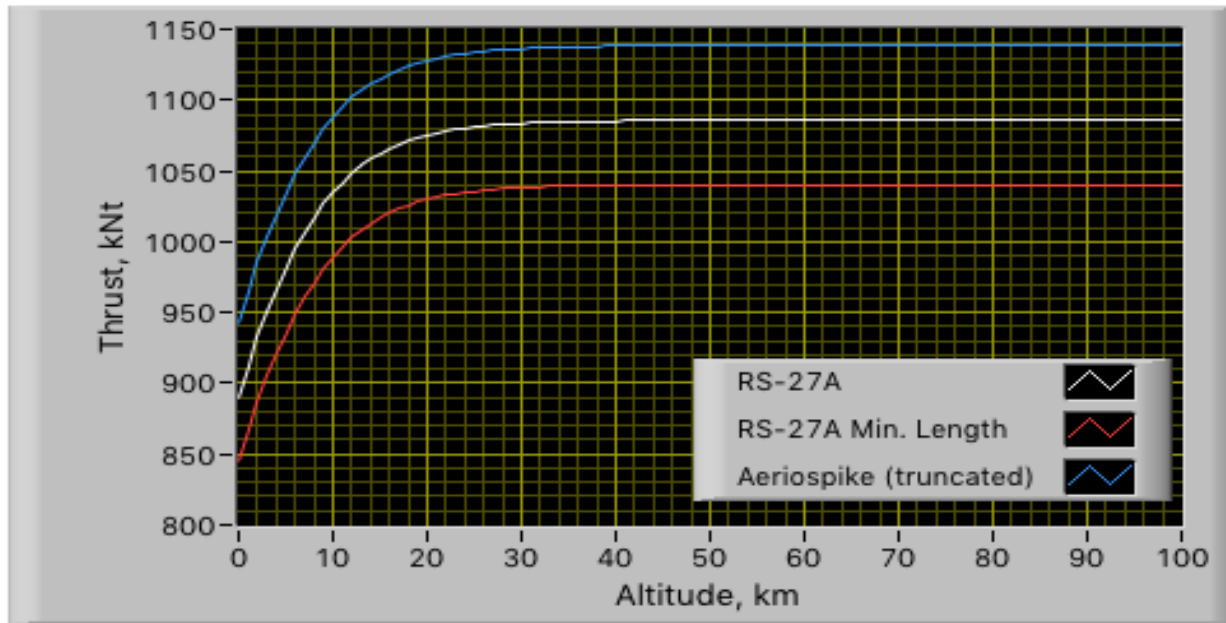
Mean Isp, sec
317.109

Nozzle Comparison Summary

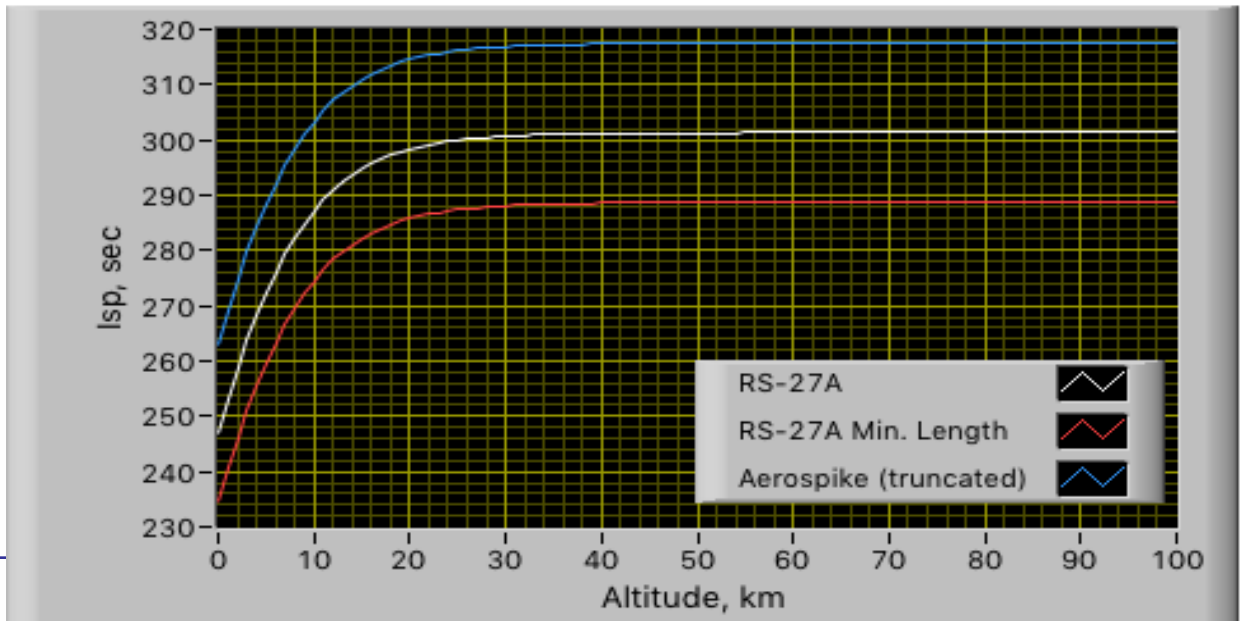
	Launch Thrust, kNt	Vacuum Thrust, kN	Design Thrust, kNt	Launch I_{sp}, sec	Vacuum I_{sp}, sec	Design Isp, sec	Length, cm
RS-27A Normal Nozzle	890.0	1085.8	1018.7	247.0	301.3	282.7	107.3
RS-27A Minimum Length Nozzle	844.6	1040.4	973.3	234.4	288.7	270.3	83.8
RS-27A Truncated Aerospike Nozzle, 77.168% (Ambient Length)	942.6	1138.7	1071.5	262.9	317.5	298.8	63.2

Spike Wins all Around!

Thrust



Isp



Delta II Launch Analysis

... iv) Plot delivered Thrust and I_{sp} as a function of altitude for RS-27a Stage
 stage 1a: 0 to 16.31 km altitude (RS-27A + 3 x Gem40)
 stage 1b: 16.31 km altitude 105.52 km altitude (RS-27A)
 ... Assume conventional Nozzles for Gem-40 boosters, *truncated*
aerospike for RS-27A

Stage "1a"

- Aerospike Nozzle Thrust, I_{sp} at Sea Level:

942.6 kNt, 262.9 sec

- Aerospike Nozzle Thrust, I_{sp} at 16.31 km ($P_{amb} = 9.797 \text{ kPa}$):

1119.7 kNt, 312.2 sec

- Nozzle Mass Flow: *367.445 kg/sec*

... Stage “1a” (4)

vi) *Effective Specific Impulse*

(3 x Gem 40 + RS-27A/w aerospike over operating altitude range)

$$\left(I_{sp}\right)_{\text{launch}} = \frac{\left(F_{RS-27A} + 3 \cdot F_{Gem40}\right)_{\text{launch}}}{g_0 \cdot \left(\dot{m}_{RS-27A} + 3 \cdot \dot{m}_{Gem40}\right)} = \left(\frac{942.646 + 3 \cdot 442.95}{367.447 + 3 \cdot 185.315} \right) \frac{1000}{9.8067}$$

$$= 250.84 \text{ sec}$$

$$\left(I_{sp}\right)_{\text{Gem40 burnout}} = \frac{\left(F_{RS-27A} + 3 \cdot F_{Gem40}\right)_{\text{Gem40 burnout}}}{g_0 \cdot \left(\dot{m}_{RS-27A} + 3 \cdot \dot{m}_{Gem40}\right)} = \left(\frac{1119.7 + 3 \cdot 493.765}{367.447 + 3 \cdot 185.315} \right) \frac{1000}{9.8067}$$

$$= 287.23 \text{ sec}$$

$$\left(I_{sp}\right)_{\text{eff}} = \frac{2}{3} \left[\left(I_{sp}\right)_{\text{Rs-27A+3x Gem40}} \right]_{\text{Launch}} + \frac{1}{3} \left[\left(I_{sp}\right)_{\text{Rs-27A+3x Gem40}} \right]_{\text{Gem40 Burnou}} = \frac{2}{3} (250.84) + \frac{1}{3} (287.23)$$

$$= 262.97 \text{ sec}$$

Delta II Launch Analysis

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stage 1b: 16.31 km altitude 105.52 km altitude (RS-27A)

... Assume conventional Nozzles for Gem-40 boosters, *full aerospike*
for RS-27A

Stage "1b"

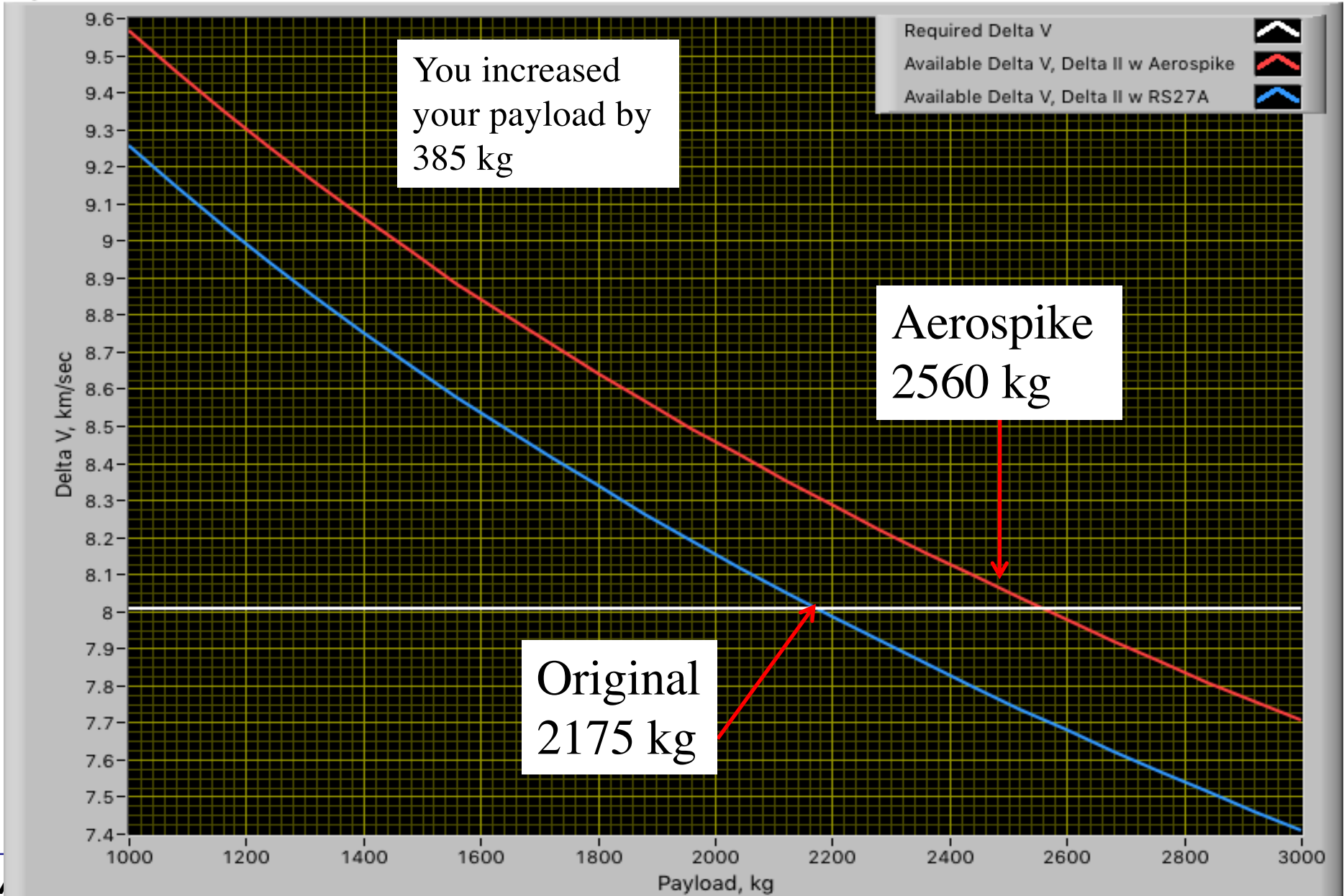
- Aerospike Nozzle (MECO) Burnout Thrust, I_{sp} :

1138.66 kNt, 317.52 sec

$$\begin{aligned} (I_{sp})_{eff} &= \frac{2}{3} \left[(I_{sp})_{R2-27A} \right]_{Gem40}^{Burnou} + \frac{1}{3} \left[(I_{sp})_{R2-27A} \right]_{MECO} = \\ &= \frac{2}{3} (312.2) + \frac{1}{3} (317.52) = 313.97 \text{ sec} \end{aligned}$$

Required versus Available Delta V

Required vs. Available delta V

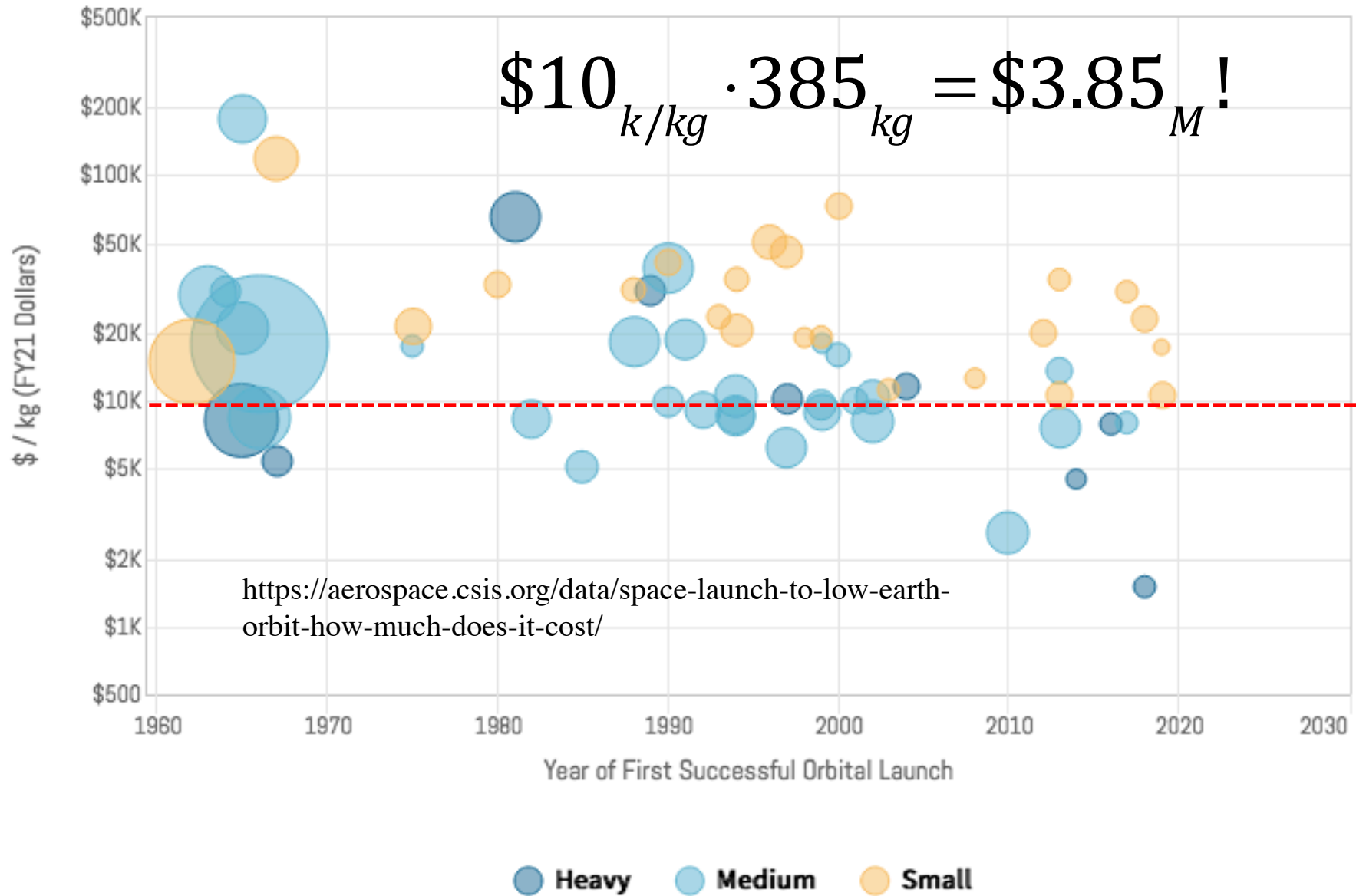


You increased
your payload by
385 kg

Aerospike
2560 kg

Original
2175 kg

Payload Cost Estimates?



Live Metal Spot Price (24hrs)

Oct 11, 2021 at 15:48 EST

Silver Spot Prices	Today	Change
Silver Price Per Ounce	\$22.7	-0.06
Silver Price Per Gram	\$0.73	0
Silver Price Per Kilo	\$729.82	-1.93

$$\frac{3.86 \cdot 10^6}{729.82 \cdot 2175} = 2.43171$$

You saved MORE 2.4 times the cost of your original payload ..
IF IT WAS MADE OUT OF 100% STERLING!