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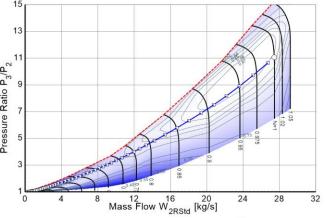


Preface

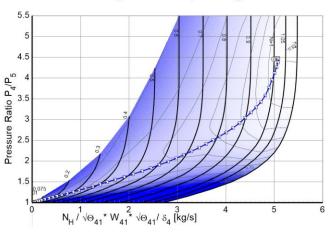
It is a widespread view that reasonably accurate gas turbine performance calculations are only feasible between idle and max power.

However, the common performance programs can calculate the thermodynamic cycle for spool speeds as low as 1% of the design value provided physically sound compressor and turbine maps are available.

The 2nd edition of the book "Propulsion and Power" describes how to extend compressor and turbine maps from the idle region down to extremely low spool speeds. With such maps it is feasible to simulate engine starting and windmilling.



Gas generator operating lines





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Outline

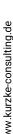
This tutorial is intended to support readers of Chapter 17 in "Propulsion and Power" who want to carry out their own calculations on starting and windmilling.

The first part of the tutorial describes the steps involved in simulating the start-up of an aircraft engine. Although the specific algorithms in your favorite performance program may differ, the underlying principles remain the same as described here.

The presented example simulation is supplemented by sensitivity studies, which illustrate the importance of the various input data.

The second part of this tutorial is dedicated to the simulation of windmilling. It also covers relighting an engine from the windmilling state.

























Preparing an Engine Start Simulation

1 Create an engine model consisting of

- The thermodynamic cycle design point
- Extended compressor and turbine maps
- o downto very low speed (10% ... 1%)
- Engine geometry description (yields a guess of rotor inertia)

2 Check the thermodynamic model

- Intake pressure ratio = 1 at zero spool speed?
- Customer Bleed = 0 kg/s at zero spool speed?
- There must not be losses which do not decrease with spool speed!

3 Search for a suitable point to initialize the simulation

- Zero spool speed is trivial, but no cycle calculation feasible
- A crank point at very low spool speed is required
 - o run a 30% spool speed case with fuel
 - o switch to crank mode
 - o run an operating line in crank mode down to minimum simulatable spool speed

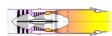














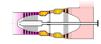




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Cycle Design PointGas Generator Model of the CFM56-3

| | W | Т | Р | | WRstd |
|---------|----------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|
| Station | kg/s | K | kPa | ì | kg/s |
| amb | | 288.15 | 101.3 | 325 | |
| 1 | 27.436 | 288.15 | 101.3 | 325 | |
| 2 | 27.436 | 288.15 | 101.3 | 325 | 27.436 |
| 3 | 27.436 | 609.27 | 1121.6 | 568 | 3.604 |
| 31 | 23.568 | 609.27 | 1121.6 | 568 | |
| 4 | 23.973 | 1228.40 | 1065.5 | 584 | 4.707 |
| 41 | 25.894 | 1185.80 | 1065.5 | 84 | 4.995 |
| 49 | 25.894 | 886.65 | 239.1 | L76 | |
| 5 | 27.540 | 870.78 | 239.1 | L76 | 20.282 |
| 6 | 27.540 | 870.78 | 239.1 | L76 | |
| 8 | 27.540 | 870.78 | 239.1 | L76 | 20.282 |
| Bleed | 0.302 | 609.27 | 1121.6 | 668 | |
| P2/P1 = | 1.0000 | P4/P3 = | 0.9500 | P6/P5 | 1.0000 |
| Efficie | ncies: | isentr | polytr | RNI | P/P |
| Compre | ssor | | 0.9033 | 1.000 | 11.070 |
| Burner | | 0.9995 | | | 0.950 |
| Turbin | e | 0.8250 | 0.7960 | 2.003 | 4.455 |
| Spool m | ech Eff | 0.9900 | Nom Spd | 134 | 498 rpm |
| hum [%] | 1 wa | r0 | FHV | Fuel | |

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Generic

| SL stat | ic, | ISA | | Guella Daviera Daviera | (|
|----------|-----|---------|----------|---|------------|
| FN | = | 17.08 | kN | Cycle Design Point Net Thrust | ' |
| TSFC | = | | g/(kN*s) | Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption | |
| FN/W2 | = | 622.66 | | Specific Thrust | |
| Prop Eff | = | 0.0000 | | Propulsion Efficiency | Red |
| eta core | = | 0.3060 | | Core Efficiency | |
| WF | = | 0.40579 | kg/s | Fuel Flow | |
| s NOx | = | 0.2.50. | | NOx Severity Parameter | |
| XM8 | | 1.0000 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. | 0 |
| A8 | | 0.0854 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area | BI |
| P8/Pamb | = | 2.3605 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | 0.0 |
| WBld/W2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 | 1.1 |
| Ang8 | = | 1.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle | |
| CD8 | = | 0.9980 | | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient | |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / | W2 |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 | |
| Loading | = | 100.00 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design | Point Valu |
| e45 th | = | 0.79974 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency | |
| far8 | = | 0.01495 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio | |
| PWX | = | 0.00 | kw | Power Offtake | |

0.00% Overboard 0.00kg/s .10% lue





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NGV Cool.

7.00%

Handling

0.00%

HPT

Cooling 6.00%

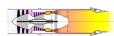
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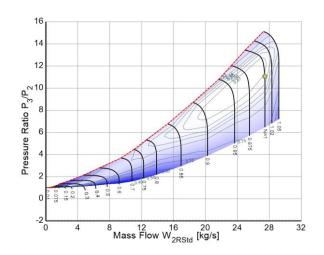


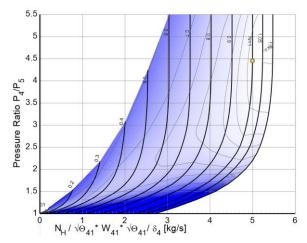












Extended Maps

Download from

https://kurzke-consulting.de/my-products/compressor-maps/isabe-2007-1184.html ISABE2007_1184_Fig29_ExtndGasTurb.txt

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ISABE2007_1184_Fig29_ExtndGasTurb.Map

• Set the map scaling point to N=1, ß=0.5

Download from

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Save as

NASATM83655_ExtndTurbine.Map

• Set the map scaling point to N=1, ß=0.5









Station kg/s

Compressor

Burner

Turbine

2.313

2.313

1.987

2.027

2.189

2.189

2.327

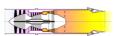
2.327

0.025

Efficiencies: isentr polytr

0.00000















Steady State Operation 30% Spool Speed

SL static, ISA , Rel GG Speed=0.300

WRstd

kg/s

2.313

1.853

2.955

3.116

4.196

4.196

0.987

kPa

101.325

101.325 101.325

136.838

136.838

135.028

135.028

102.390 102.390

102.390

102.390

0.5217 0.5415 1.000 1.350

0.6663 0.6588 0.296 1.319

Generic

337.54 136.838

288.15

288.15

337.54

1087.70

1037.21

992.25

956.36

956.36

P2/P1 = 1.0000 P4/P3 = 0.9868 P6/P5 1.0000

Spool mech Eff 0.9900 Speed 30.00 %

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0.9826

| FN TSFC FN/W2 | = | 0.18 227.3385 76.22 | g/(kN*s) | Net Thrust Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption Specific Thrust |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|----------|---|
| , | | , ,,,,, | , 5 | Specific image |
| Prop Eff | = | 0.0000 | | Propulsion Efficiency |
| eta core | . = | 0.0039 | | Core Efficiency |
| P5/P2 | = | 1.0105 | EPR | Engine Pressure Ratio |
| WF | = | 0.04007 | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| s NOx | = | 0.02662 | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| XM8 | = | 0.1256 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
| A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area |
| P8/Pamb | = | 1.0105 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |
| wBld/w2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 |
| Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle |
| CD8 | = | 0.9427 | | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / W2 |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 |
| Loading | = | 919.88 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| e45 th | = | 0.65477 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| far8 | = | 0.01752 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| PWX | = | 0.00 | kw | Power Offtake |

| s NOx | = | 0.02662 | | NOx Severit |
|---------|---|---------|-----|-------------|
| XM8 | = | 0.1256 | | Nozzle Thro |
| A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric N |
| P8/Pamb | = | 1.0105 | | Nozzle Pres |
| WBld/W2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air F |
| Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Peta |
| CD8 | = | 0.9427 | | Nozzle Disc |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Noz |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rot |
| Loading | = | 919.88 | % | Burner Load |
| e45 th | = | 0.65477 | | Thermodynam |
| far8 | = | 0.01752 | | Nozzle Thro |
| PWX | = | 0.00 | kW | Power Offta |
| | | | | |

| Standard off-design iteration setup for a given speed | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Variable | Error | | | | |
| Beta in HPC Map | Turbine Flow | | | | |
| T4 | Turbine Pressure Ratio | | | | |
| Beta in HPT Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | | | | |
| | | | | | |



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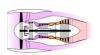
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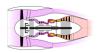












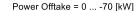


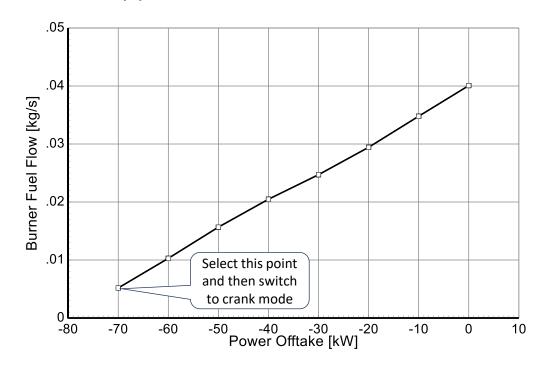






Parametric Study With Negative PWX





One might encounter convergence problems when switching from a normal steady-state performance point with a given spool speed (fuel flow>0) to a crank point (fuel flow=0).

In such a case, run a parametric study with decreasing power offtake. Select a point with low fuel flow from this study, and then switch to crank mode.



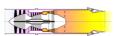






















Steady State Operation 30% Spool Speed, No Fuel - Crank

SL static, ISA , Rel GG Speed=0.300, crank

| | W | Т | Р | | WRstd |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
| Station | kg/s | K | kP | a | kg/s |
| amb | | 288.15 | 101. | 325 | |
| 1 | 3.867 | 288.15 | 101. | 325 | |
| 2 | 3.867 | 288.15 | 101. | 325 | 3.867 |
| 3 | 3.867 | 320.63 | 136. | 133 | 3.036 |
| 31 | 3.322 | 320.63 | 136. | 133 | |
| 4 | 3.322 | 320.63 | 131. | 302 | 2.704 |
| 41 | 3.593 | 320.63 | 131. | 302 | 2.925 |
| 49 | 3.593 | 307.68 | 101. | 686 | |
| 5 | 3.825 | 308.47 | 101. | 686 | 3.943 |
| 6 | 3.825 | 308.47 | 101. | 686 | |
| 8 | 3.825 | 308.47 | 101. | 686 | 3.943 |
| вleed | 0.043 | 320.63 | 136. | 133 | |
| | | | | | |
| P2/P1 = | 1.0000 | P4/P3 = | 0.9645 | P6/P5 | 1.0000 |
| Efficier | ncies: | isentr | polytr | RNI | P/P |
| Compres | sor | 0.7797 | 0.7887 | 1.000 | 1.344 |
| Burner | | 0.0000 | | | 0.965 |
| Turbine | j | 0.5752 | 0.5662 | 1.141 | 1.291 |
| | | | | | |
| Spool me | ch Ett | 0.9900 | Speed | | 30.00 % |

Fuel

| TSFC | = = = | | g/(kN*s) | Net Thrust Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption Specific Thrust |
|---------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|---|
| P5/P2 | = | 0.0000 0.0000 1.0036 | | Propulsion Efficiency Core Efficiency Engine Pressure Ratio |
| WF | | | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| s NOx | | | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| XM8 | = | 0.0714 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
| A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area |
| P8/Pamb | = | 1.0036 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |
| WBld/W2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 |
| Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle |
| CD8 | = | 0.9783 | _ | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / W2 |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 |
| Loading | = | 919.88 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| e45 th | = | 0.00000 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| far8 | = | 0.00000 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| PWX | = | -79.99 | kW | Power Offtake |

| Crank iteration setup, spool speed is given | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Variable | Error | | | | |
| Beta in HPC Map | Turbine Flow | | | | |
| PWX | Turbine Pressure Ratio | | | | |
| Beta in HPT Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | | | | |



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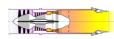
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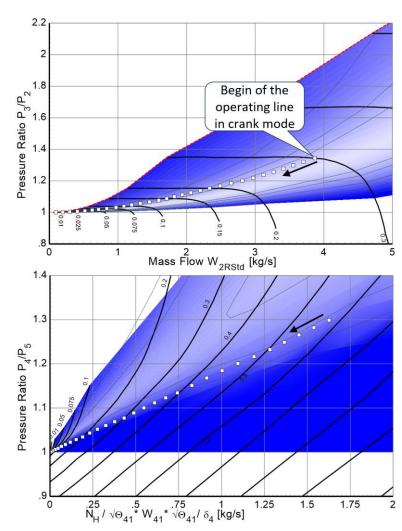


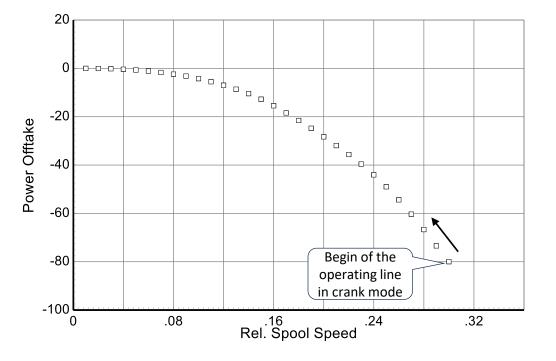




Operating Points in Crank Mode

From 30% Spool Speed Downto 1%



























Crank - 1% Spool SpeedBegin of the Engine Start Simulation

SL static, ISA , Rel GG Speed=0.010, crank

| | W | Т | Р | | WRstd |
|------------|--------|------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Station | kg/s | K | kP | a | kg/s |
| amb | • | 288.15 | 101. | 325 | • |
| 1 | 0.094 | 288.15 | 101. | 325 | |
| 2 | 0.094 | 288.15 | 101. | 325 | 0.094 |
| 3 | 0.094 | 288.20 | 101. | 364 | 0.094 |
| 31 | 0.081 | 288.20 | 101. | 364 | |
| 4 | 0.081 | 288.20 | 101. | 361 | 0.081 |
| 41 | 0.087 | 288.20 | 101. | 361 | 0.087 |
| 49 | 0.087 | 288.25 | 101. | 326 | |
| 5 | 0.093 | 288.24 | 101. | 326 | 0.093 |
| 6 | 0.093 | 288.24 | 101. | 326 | |
| 8 | 0.093 | 288.24 | 101. | 326 | 0.093 |
| Bleed | 0.001 | 288.20 | 101. | 364 | |
| p2 /p1 | 1 0000 | 54/52 | | | 1 0000 |
| P2/P1 = | | | | | 1.0000 |
| Efficien | | isentr p | | | , |
| Compres | sor | 0.5964 (|).5955 | 1.000 | |
| Burner | | 0.0000 | F0.61 | 1 000 | 1.000 |
| Turbine | ! | -1.5059 -1 | 1.5061 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Spool me | ch Eff | 0.9900 | Speed | | 1.00 % |
| | | | | | |
| hum [%] | Wa | ar0 i | HV | Fuel | |

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Generic

| FN | = | 9.1E-5 | kn | Net Thrust |
|----------|---|---------|----------|---|
| TSFC | = | 0.0000 | g/(kN*s) | Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption |
| FN/W2 | = | 0.97 | m/s | Specific Thrust |
| | | | | |
| Prop Eff | = | 0.0000 | | Propulsion Efficiency |
| eta core | = | 0.0000 | | Core Efficiency |
| P5/P2 | = | 1.0000 | EPR | Engine Pressure Ratio |
| WF | | 0.00000 | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| s NOx | = | 0.00000 | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| XM8 | = | 0.0029 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
| A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area |
| P8/Pamb | = | 1.0000 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |
| WBld/W2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 |
| Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle |
| CD8 | = | 0.9984 | | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / W2 |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 |
| Loading | = | 99.99 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| e45 th | = | 0.00000 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| far8 | = | 0.00000 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| PWX | = | -0.01 | kw | Power Offtake |























Engine Start Simulation

A Special Case of a Transient Manouver























How it Works

Engine starting is a transient event that begins with a steady-state crank point at very low spool speed

Before light-up:

The starter accelerates the rotor until light-up speed is reached

- The starter is the sole source of energy during that first phase
- Starter power can be described with two numbers: torque and spool speed
- A power limit can exist

After light-up:

Both the starter and the combustion of fuel add energy to the cycle

- The amount of fuel is determined by a controller with the following limiters
- Accel N/δ Limit
- Minimum fuel-air-ratio far_{min}
- Maximum fuel-air-ratio far_{max}
- o Idle spool speed
- Fuel flow is not an input, it is a result
- o Burner efficiency varies with burner loading
- o The dubious accuracy of the burner efficiency model has only a minor impact on the overall result.











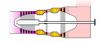












Transient Performance Simulation Input Data for a Reference Starting Process

| Rotor Inertia | kg m⁴ | 5.69 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Rel N for PLA 0% (Idle) | | 0.6 |
| Proportional Control Constant | | 0.04 |
| Integral Control Constant | | 0 |
| Differential Control Constant | | 0.04 |
| Gain Modifier | | 1 |
| Minimum Fuel-Air-Ratio | | 0.003 |
| Maximum Fuel-Air-Ratio | | 0.026 |
| Decel (dN/dt)/(P2/Pstd) Limit | | 0.1 |
| Accel (dN/dt)/(P2/Pstd) Limit | | 0.033 |
| Rel. Burner Light-up Speed | | 0.18 |
| Rel. Starter Cut-off Speed | | 0.3 |
| Max Starter Torque | N m | 150 |
| Starter Torque Slope | | -0.2 |
| Max Starter Power | kW | 40 |
| | | |

| Transient iteration setup, before light-up | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Variable | Error | | | | | |
| Beta in HPC Map | Turbine Flow | | | | | |
| PWX | Turbine Pressure Ratio | | | | | |
| Beta in HPT Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | | | | | |

| Transient iteration setup, after light-up | |
|---|------------------------|
| Variable | Error |
| Acceleration Rate | Control System |
| Fuel-Air-Ratio | Turbine Flow |
| Beta in Compressor Map | Turbine Pressure Ratio |
| Beta in Turbine Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |



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Transient Performance Simulation After Light-up Proportional-Integral-Differential Control

The proportional term of the speed control loop modulates the fuel flow according to

$$\Delta W_{f,P} = C_P(N_{Demand} - N)$$

while the integral term is calculated as

$$\Delta W_{f,I} = C_I \int (N_{Demand} - N) dt$$

Finally, the differential term is

$$\Delta W_{f,D} = C_D \frac{d(N_{Demand} - N)}{dt}$$

In a real engine, fuel flow is in principle controlled as described by these equations. In a simulation, however, it is better to control fuel flow indirectly via fuel-air-ratio because this is much less dependent on ambient conditions. Absolute fuel flow varies with engine inlet total pressure and temperature as well as spool speed, but the fuel-air-ratio is pretty much constant.

The operation of an engine model may be governed by setting selected combinations of the constants C_p (*Proportional Control Constant*), C_1 (*Integral Control Constant*) and C_n (*Differential Control Constant*).

Note that the values for the control constants depend on the simulation algorithm: When fuel flow is the iteration variable, the control constants need to be adapted as engine inlet total pressure and temperature change because fuel mass flow is not a non-dimensional quantity. When fuel-air-ratio is the iteration variable, however, the control constants remain valid for a wide range of P_2 and T_2 .

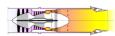














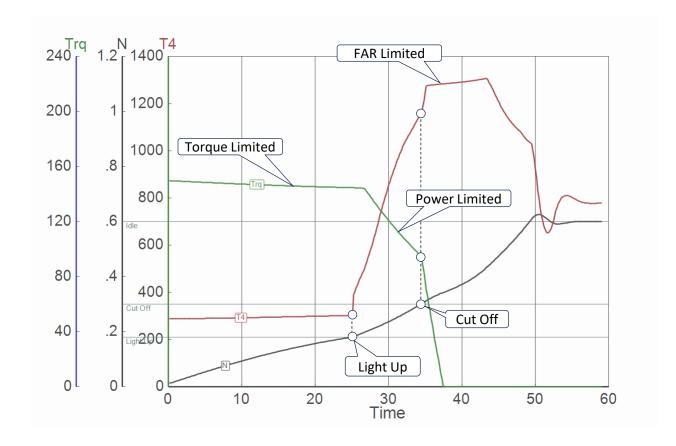








Reference Starting Process



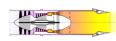
Timestep size = 0.165 sec













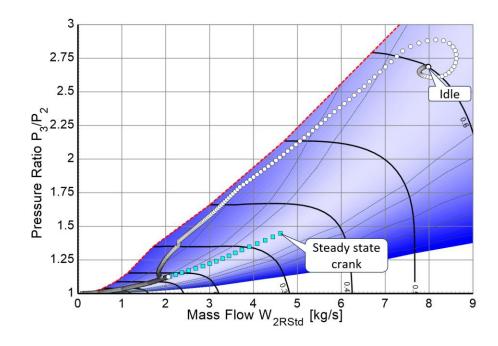


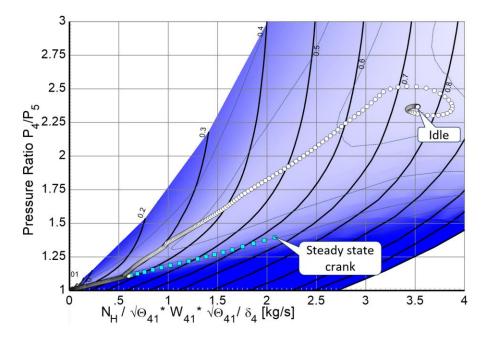






Starting in the Component Maps



























Sensitivity Studies

We will modify one input quantity at a time and compare the engine start history with our reference case.

Additionally, we demonstrate the influence of the combustion efficiency assumption on the result.

Compressor maps that extend down to 1% spool speed are rare. We also show how the simulation results are affected when the simulation begins with 10% instead of 1% spool speed.













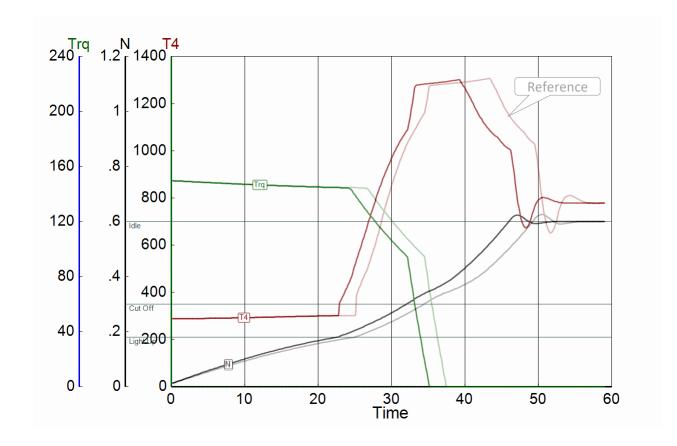








Spool Inertia – 10%















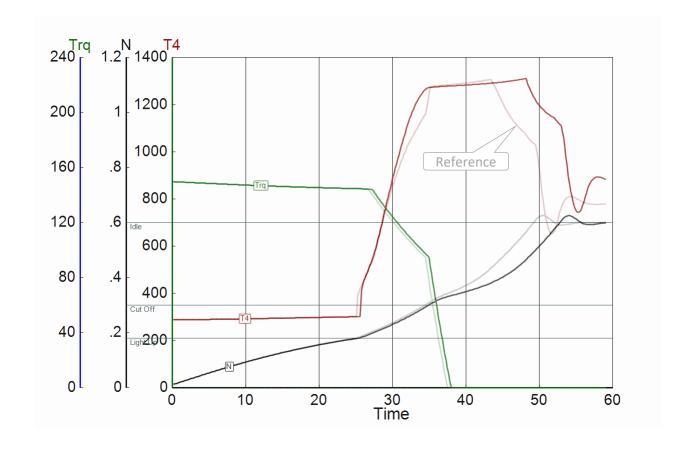








10% Handling Bleed















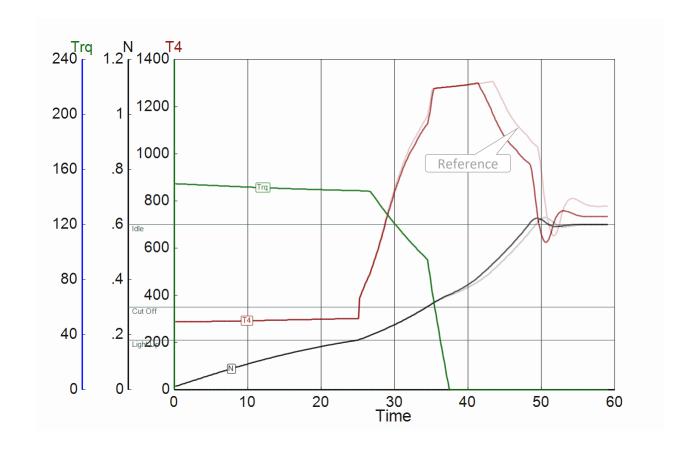








Nozzle Area + 50%

















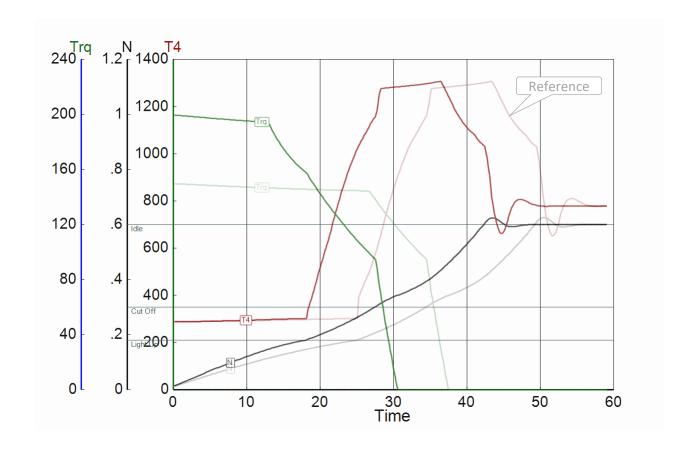








Starter Torque From 150 to 200Nm



















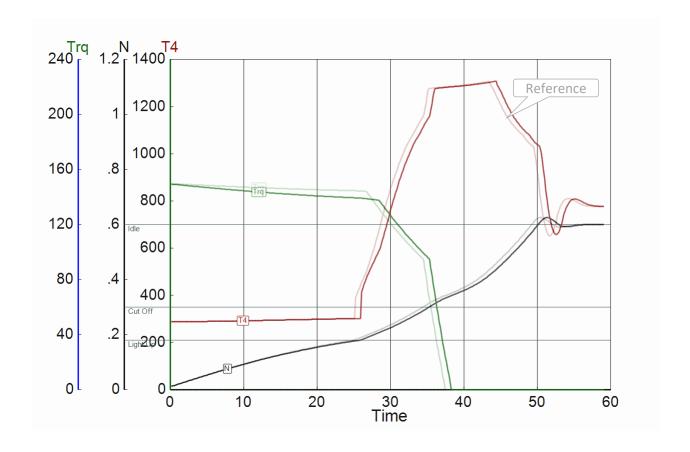






Starter Torque Slope

From -0.2 to -0.4



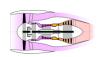


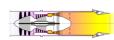




Max Starter Power From 40 to 50kW









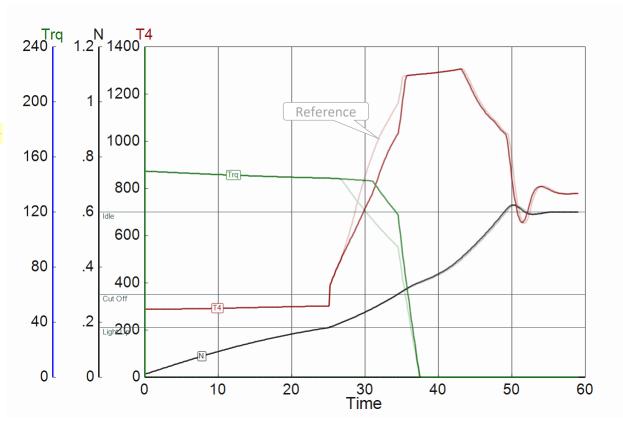
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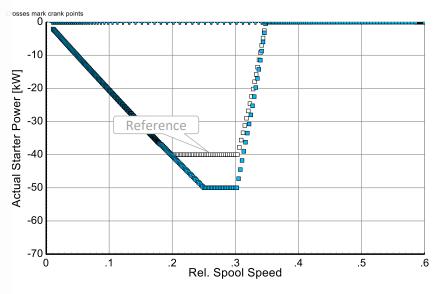


























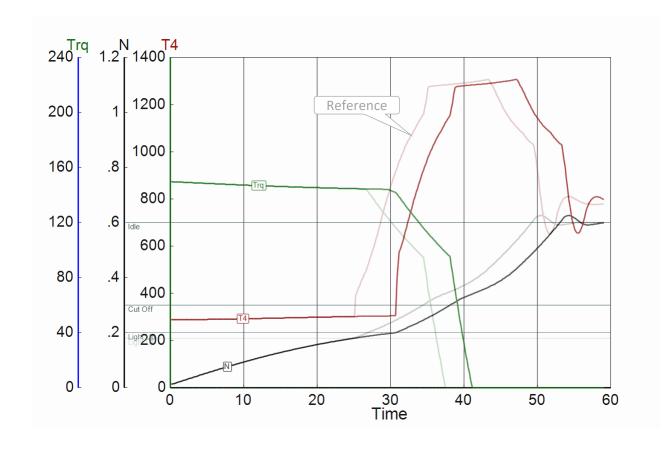








Light-up Speed From 0.18 to 0.2

















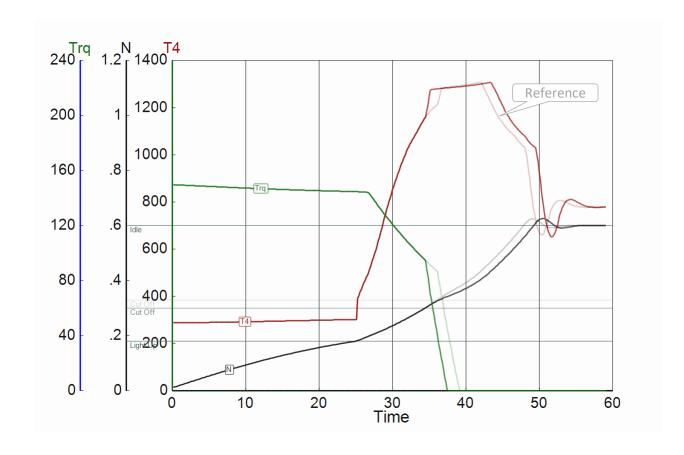








Starter Cut-off Speed From 0.3 to 0.33





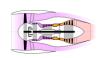


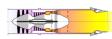


Acceleration Rate Limiter \dot{N}/δ @ Idle

From 0.033 to 0.04









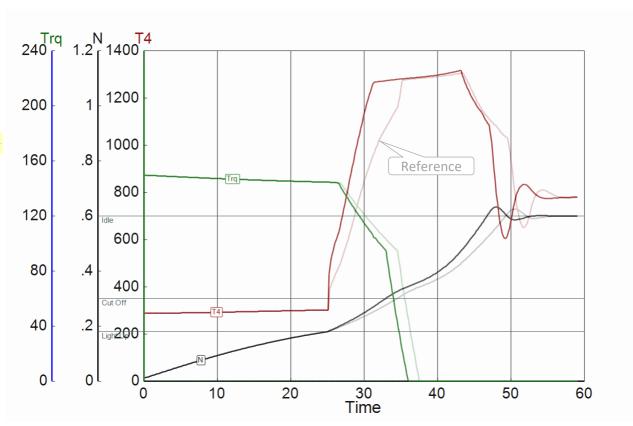
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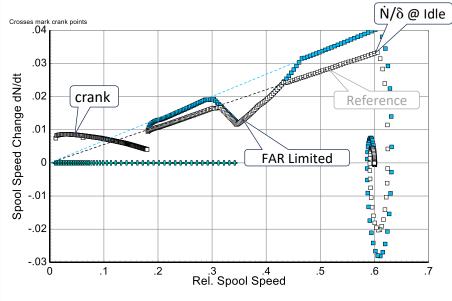








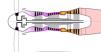




Note: The scheduled \dot{N}/δ increases linearly from light-up to idle speed. This approach prevents an overly large step in T_4 at

light-up.

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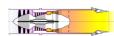
Acceleration Rate Limiter \dot{N}/δ @ Idle

From 0.033 to 0.026











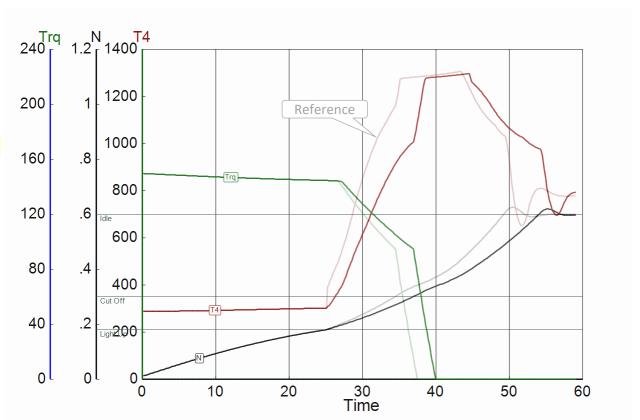
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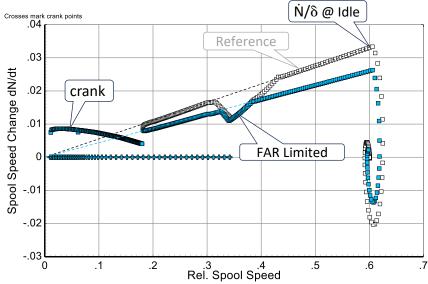


























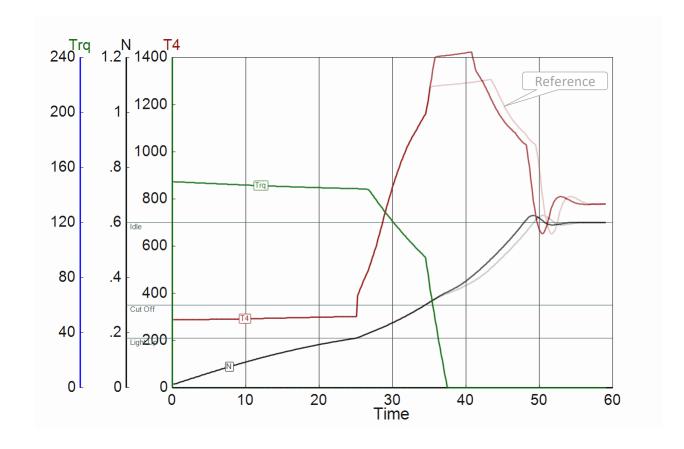








FAR_{max} Limiter From 0.026 to 0.03

















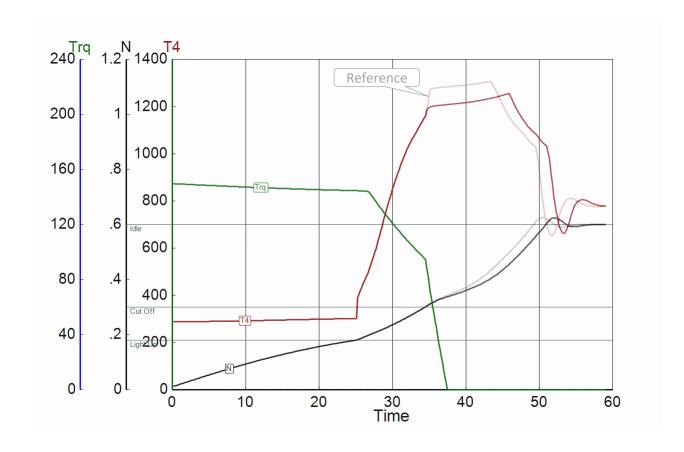








T₅ Limiter Introduced as 1050K

















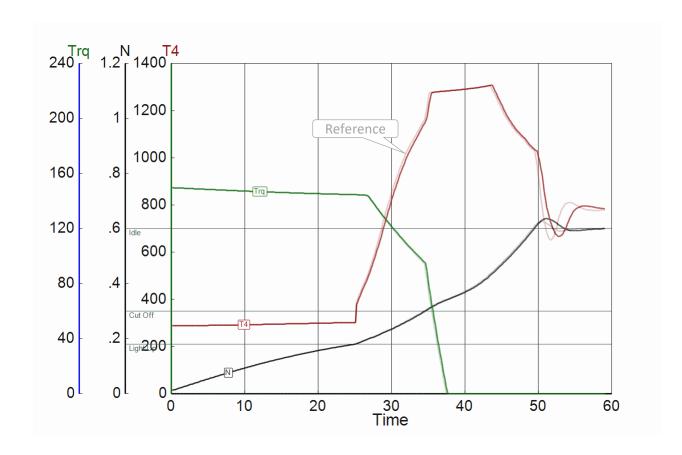








Proportional Control Constant From 0.04 to 0.02 (-50%)

















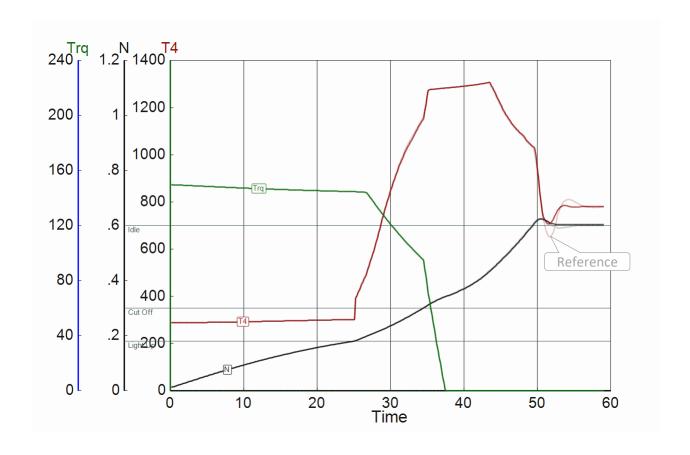








Integral Control Constant From 0 to 1

















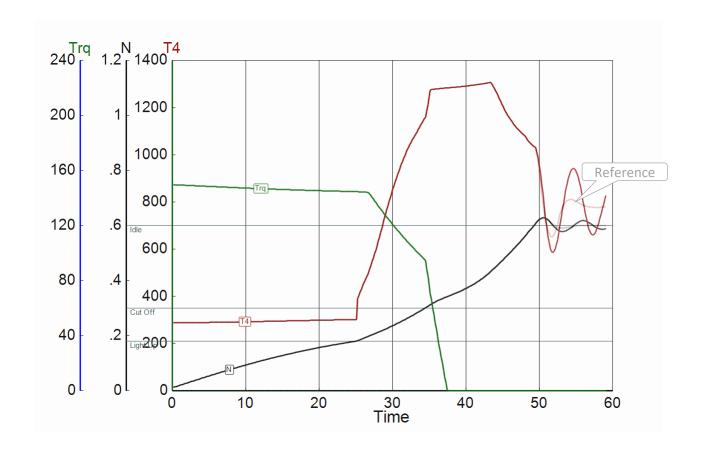








Differential Control ConstantFrom 0.04 to 0

















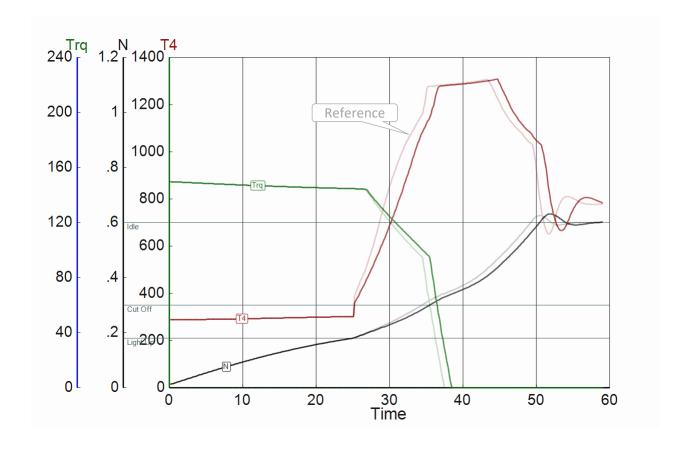








Gain Modifier From 1 to 2







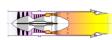


Effect of Burner Efficiency $T_{5,max} = 1050K$











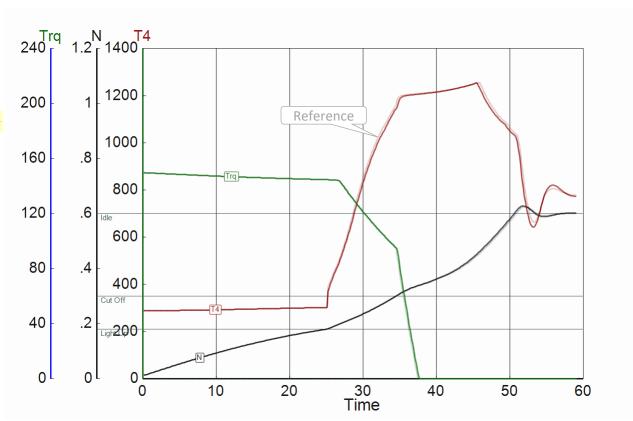
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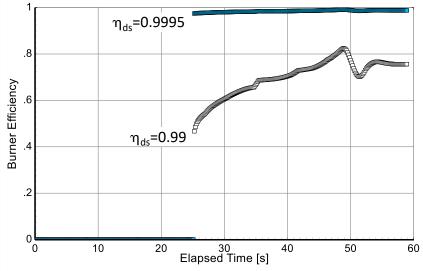






Burner efficiency is calculated as

$$\log(1 - \eta) = \log(1 - \eta_{ds}) + 1.6 \times \log(\Omega/\Omega_{ds})$$



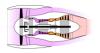


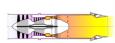










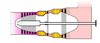






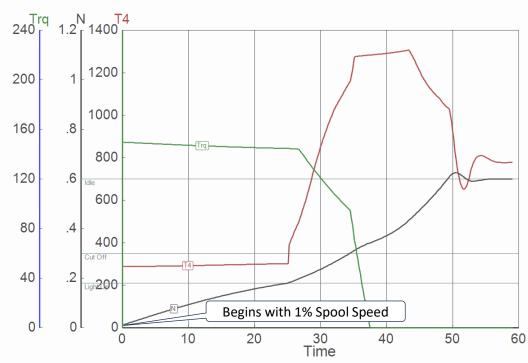


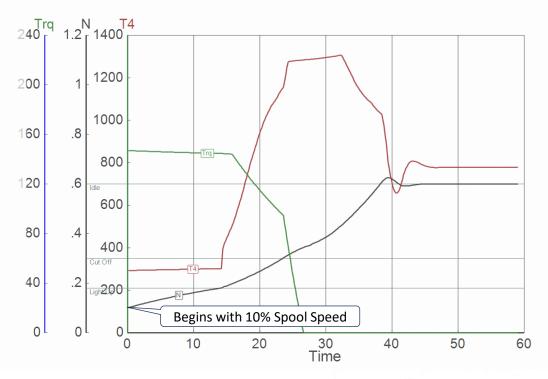




Compressor Map Extension

Reference Map Split ß-Line Grid* N/√⊖ = 1% ...105% Conventional Map Standard ß-Line Grid N /√⊖ = 10% ...105%







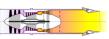
^{*} see chapter 18 in "Propulsion and Power", 2nd Edition















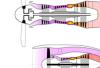






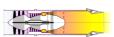
Windmilling





















Preparing a Windmilling Simulation

Create an engine model consisting of

- The thermodynamic cycle reference point
- Extended compressor and turbine maps
- Downto very low speed (10% ... 5%)
- o Include compressor pressure ratio region with P/P<1

Find a suitable starting point for the simulation

- A zero fuel flow point at a low spool speed and Mach number > 0 is required
 - o Run a zero Mach number steady state case with 30% spool speed
 - o Increase Mach number in small steps fuel flow will decrease.
 - Select a point with low fuel flow
 - Switch to windmilling mode

























Steady State Operation 30% Spool Speed

SL static, ISA , Rel GG Speed=0.300

WRstd

kg/s

2.313

1.853

2.955

3.116

4.196

4.196

0.987

kPa

101.325

101.325 101.325

136.838

136.838

135.028

135.028

102.390 102.390

102.390

102.390

0.5217 0.5415 1.000 1.350

0.6663 0.6588 0.296 1.319

Generic

337.54 136.838

288.15

288.15

337.54

1087.70

1037.21

992.25

956.36

956.36

P2/P1 = 1.0000 P4/P3 = 0.9868 P6/P5 1.0000

Spool mech Eff 0.9900 Speed 30.00 %

42.769

0.9826

2.313

2.313

1.987

2.027

2.189

2.189

2.327

2.327

0.025

Compressor

Burner

Turbine

Efficiencies: isentr polytr

0.00000

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| FN | = | 0.18 | kN | Net Thrust |
|----------|-----|----------|----------|---|
| TSFC | = | 227.3385 | g/(kN*s) | Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption |
| FN/W2 | = | 76.22 | m/s | Specific Thrust |
| | | | | |
| Prop Eff | = | 0.0000 | | Propulsion Efficiency |
| eta core | . = | 0.0039 | | Core Efficiency |
| P5/P2 | = | 1.0105 | EPR | Engine Pressure Ratio |
| WF | = | 0.04007 | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| s NOx | = | 0.02662 | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| XM8 | = | 0.1256 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
| A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area |
| P8/Pamb | = | 1.0105 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |
| WBld/W2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 |
| Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle |
| CD8 | = | 0.9427 | - | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / W2 |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 |
| Loading | = | 919.88 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| e45 th | = | 0.65477 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| far8 | = | 0.01752 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| PWX | = | 0.00 | kw | Power Offtake |
| | | | | |

| Standard off-design iteration setup for a given speed | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Variable | Error | | | |
| Beta in HPC Map | Turbine Flow | | | |
| T4 | Turbine Pressure Ratio | | | |
| Beta in HPT Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | | | |



| eta core | = | 0.0039 | | Core Efficiency |
|----------|---|---------|------|---|
| P5/P2 | = | 1.0105 | EPR | Engine Pressure Ratio |
| WF | = | 0.04007 | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| s NOx | = | 0.02662 | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| XM8 | = | 0.1256 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
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| Loading | = | 919.88 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| e45 th | = | 0.65477 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| far8 | = | 0.01752 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| PWX | = | 0.00 | kw | Power Offtake |
| | | | | |











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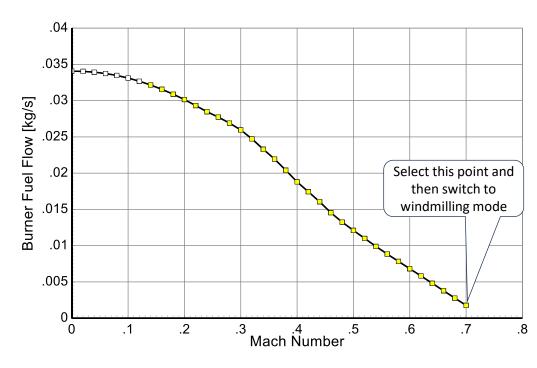






Parametric Study With Increasing Flight Mach Number

Mach Number = 0 ... 0.7



One might encounter convergence problems when switching from a normal, steady-state performance point with a given spool speed to a windmilling point. In such a case, run a parametric study with an increasing Mach number. Select a point with low fuel flow from this study, treat it as a normal off-design point, and then switch to windmilling.



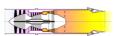






















Steady State OperationWindmilling at 30% Spool Speed

| r | WKSLU | |
|---------|-------|--|
| kPa | kg/s | |
| 101.325 | | |
| 143.401 | | |
| 143.401 | 4.350 | |
| 171.777 | 3.782 | |
| 171.777 | | |
| 162.318 | 3.438 | |

| 41 | 5.443 | 345.06 | 162.318 | 3.718 |
|--------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 49 | 5.443 | 315.82 | 103.652 | |
| 5 | 5.795 | 317.59 | 103.652 | 5.947 |
| 6 | 5.795 | 317.59 | 103.652 | |
| 8 | 5.795 | 317.59 | 103.652 | 5.947 |
| вleed | 0.064 | 345.06 | 171.779 | |
| | | | | |
| P2/P1: | = 1.0000 | P4/P3 = 0. | 9449 P6/P | 5 1.0000 |

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5.033

| FZ/FI - 1.0000 | F4/F3 — | 0.5445 | FU/FJ | 1.0000 |
|----------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| Efficiencies: | isentr | polytr | RNI | P/P |
| Compressor | 0.6242 | 0.6336 | 1.258 | 1.198 |
| Burner | 0.0000 | | | 0.945 |
| Turbine | 0.7067 | 0.6933 | 1.293 | 1.566 |
| | | | | |

| Spool | mech | Eff | 0.9900 | Speed | 30.00 |
|-------|------|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | |

| hum [%] | war0 | FHV | Fuel |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 0.0 | 0.00000 | 42.769 | Generic |

SL Mn=0.722 ISA , Rel GG Speed=0.300, windmilling

| FN TSFC FN/W2 | = = = | -1.07 0.0000 -182.24 | g/(kN*s) | Net Thrust Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption Specific Thrust |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|---|
| Prop Eff eta core P5/P2 | = | 0.7228 | | Propulsion Efficiency Core Efficiency Engine Pressure Ratio |
| WF | = | | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| s NOx | | 0.00000 | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| XM8 | = | 0.1805 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
| A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area |
| P8/Pamb | = | 1.0230 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |
| WBld/W2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 |
| Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle |
| CD8 | = | 0.9154 | • | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient |
| wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / W2 |
| wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 |
| Loading | = | 1509.42 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| e45 th | = | 0.00000 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| far8 | = | 0.00000 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| PWX | = | 0.00 | kw | Power Offtake |

| Windmilling iteration setup, spool speed is given | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Variable | Error | | | | |
| Beta in HPC Map | Turbine Flow | | | | |
| Mach number XM | Turbine Pressure Ratio | | | | |
| Beta in HPT Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | | | | |



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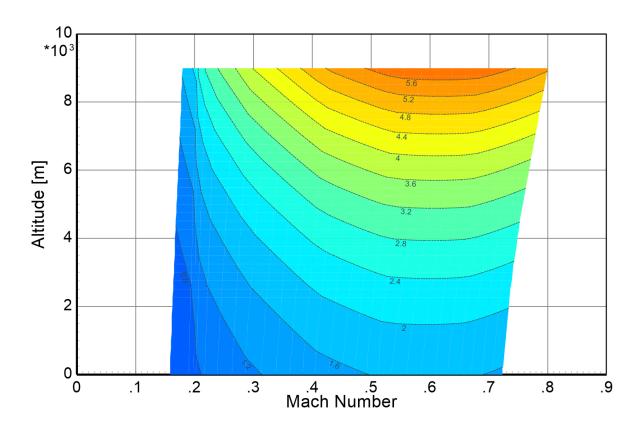








Windmilling Burner Loading Relative to Idle Sea Level Static



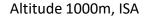
Burner loading during windmilling is an indicator of the difficulty encountered during a relight, which can be a significant challenge.





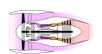


Windmilling Shaft Power Available = f(N,Mach)



Altitude 5000m, ISA









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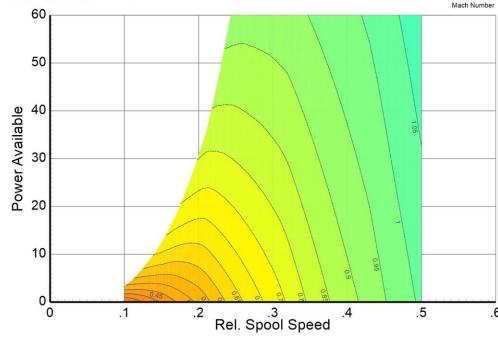








HPC Spool Speed ZXN = 0.5 ... 0.1 Mechanical Efficiency = 1 ... 0.6



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Note:

Power Available is calculated as $(1-\eta_{mech})*PW_{Turbine}$



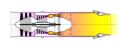




Windmilling in the Component Maps $PW_X = (1-\eta_{mech})*PW_{Turbine}$



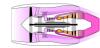






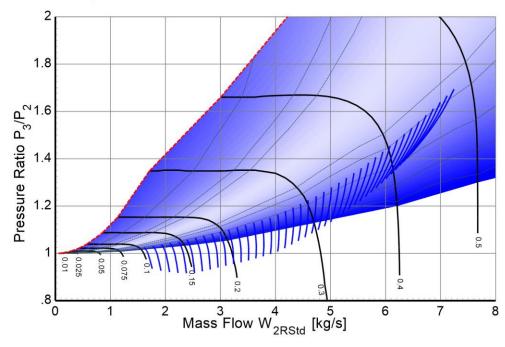




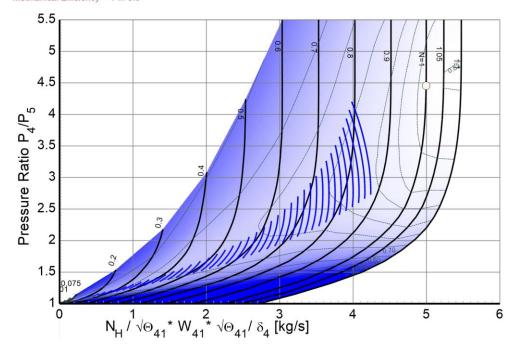








HPC Spool Speed ZXN = 0.5 ... 0.1 Mechanical Efficiency = 1 ... 0.6



























A Windmilling Relight Example Altitude 6000m, Mach=0.44

Alt= 6000m / Mn=0.440 ISA , Rel GG Speed=0.150, windmilling

| | W | т | Р | | WRstd |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| Station | kg/s | K | kPa | a | kg/s |
| amb | - | 249.15 | 47. | 181 | • |
| 1 | 1.354 | 258.80 | 53. | 881 | |
| 2 | 1.354 | 258.80 | 53. | 881 | 2.413 |
| 3 | 1.354 | 266.07 | 56. | 903 | 2.317 |
| 31 | 1.163 | 266.07 | 56. | 903 | |
| 4 | 1.163 | 266.07 | 55. | 727 | 2.032 |
| 41 | 1.258 | 266.07 | 55. | 727 | 2.198 |
| 49 | 1.258 | 258.16 | 47. | 377 | |
| 5 | 1.339 | 258.64 | 47. | 377 | 2.714 |
| 6 | 1.339 | 258.64 | 47. | 377 | |
| 8 | 1.339 | 258.64 | 47. | 377 | 2.714 |
| Bleed | 0.015 | 266.07 | 56. | 903 | |
| | | | | | |
| P2/P1 = | | P4/P3 = | | | 1.0000 |
| Efficien | icies: | isentr | polytr | RNI | P/P |
| Compres | sor | | 0.5630 | 0.604 | |
| Burner | | 0.0000 | | | 0.979 |
| Turbine | ! | 0.6552 | 0.6499 | 0.604 | 1.176 |
| | | | | | |

| hum [%] | war0 | FHV | Fuel |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 0.0 | 0.00000 | 42.769 | Generic |

Spool mech Eff 0.9900 Speed

| | | , | | , , | |
|--|----------|---|---------|----------|---|
| | | | -0.16 | | Net Thrust |
| | | | | g/(kN*s) | Thrust Specific Fuel Consumption |
| | FN/W2 | = | -114.61 | m/s | Specific Thrust |
| | | | | | |
| | Prop Eff | = | 1.6975 | | Propulsion Efficiency |
| | eta core | = | 0.0000 | | Core Efficiency |
| | P5/P2 | = | 0.8793 | EPR | Engine Pressure Ratio |
| | WF | = | 0.00000 | kg/s | Fuel Flow |
| | s NOx | = | 0.00000 | | NOx Severity Parameter |
| | XM8 | = | 0.0769 | | Nozzle Throat Mach No. |
| | A8 | = | 0.0881 | m² | Geometric Nozzle Throat Area |
| | P8/Pamb | = | 1.0042 | | Nozzle Pressure Ratio |
| | wBld/w2 | = | 0.01100 | | Bleed Air Flow/Mass Flow W2 |
| | Ang8 | = | 16.00 | deg | Nozzle Petal Angle |
| | CD8 | = | 0.9639 | - | Nozzle Discharge Coefficient |
| | wcln/w2 | = | 0.07000 | | Turbine Nozzle Guide Vane Cooling Air / W2 |
| | wclr/w2 | = | 0.06000 | | Turbine Rotor Cooling Air/ W2 |
| | Loading | = | 1684.95 | % | Burner Loading in % of the Cycle Design Point Value |
| | e45 th | | 0.00000 | | Thermodynamic Turbine Efficiency |
| | far8 | = | 0.00000 | | Nozzle Throat Fuel-Air-Ratio |
| | PWX | = | 0.00 | kw | Power Offtake |
| | | | | | |

| Windmilling iteration setup, spool speed is given | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Variable | Error | | | |
| Beta in HPC Map | Turbine Flow | | | |
| Mach number XM | Turbine Pressure Ratio | | | |
| Beta in HPT Map | Nozzle Pressure Ratio | | | |



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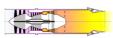
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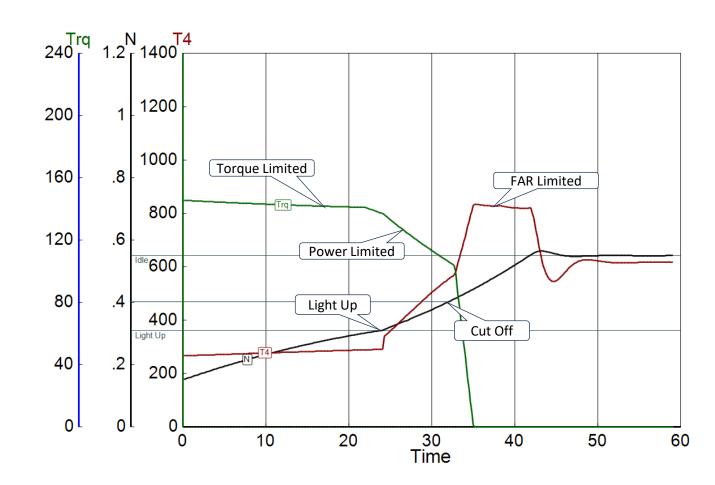








Windmill Relight



Adjust the numbers for light-up, starter cutoff speed and max starter power:

| Rotor Inertia | kg m ² | 5.69 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Rel N for PLA 0% (Idle) | | 0.6 |
| Proportional Control Constant | | 0.04 |
| Integral Control Constant | | 0 |
| Differential Control Constant | | 0.04 |
| Gain Modifier | | 1 |
| Minimum Fuel-Air-Ratio | | 0.003 |
| Maximum Fuel-Air-Ratio | | 0.026 |
| Decel (dN/dt)/(P2/Pstd) Limit | | 0.1 |
| Accel (dN/dt)/(P2/Pstd) Limit | | 0.033 |
| Rel. Burner Light-up Speed | | 0.31 |
| Rel. Starter Cut-off Speed | | 0.4 |
| Max Starter Torque | N m | 150 |
| Starter Torque Slope | | -0.2 |
| Max Starter Power | kW | 60 |













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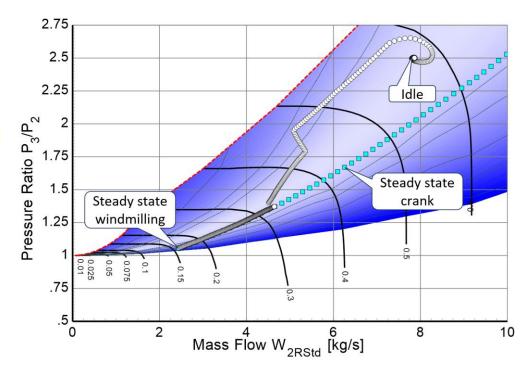


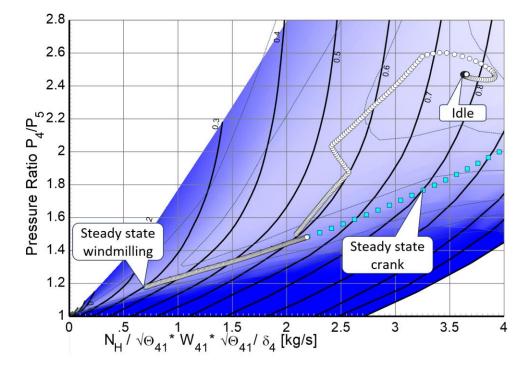






Windmill Relight



























Concluding Remarks

This tutorial focused on the most basic type of gas turbine: a single-spool machine.

- The starting process for more complex engines with multiple spools is similar when the starter motor is connected to the gas generator spool. The compressors and turbines on the other spools are accelerated by the gas generator's exhaust.
- Windmilling of high bypass ratio turbofans is dominated by the behavior of the fan.
- However, the procedures for simulating starting and windmilling remain the same.

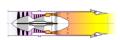




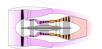




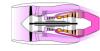








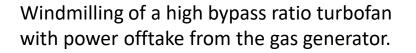


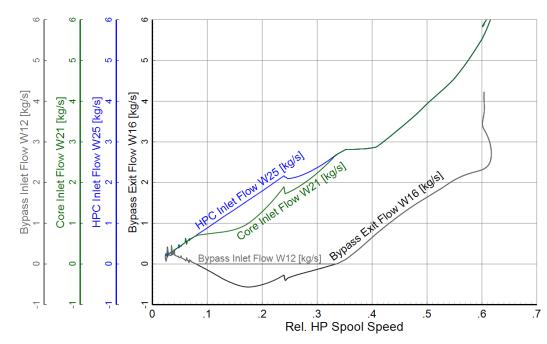


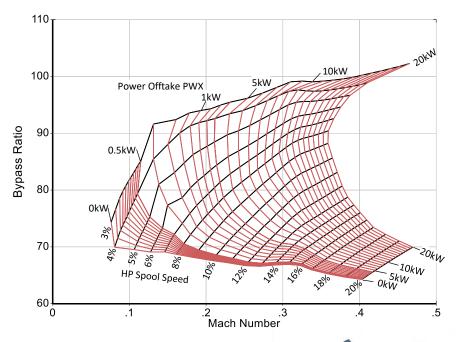


Two Interesting Starting and Windmilling Simulation Examples

During the start of a low-bypass ratio mixed-flow turbofan, it's possible that the high pressure compressor (HPC) will draw for some time more flow than the fan can deliver because its spool speed lags behind.







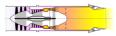






















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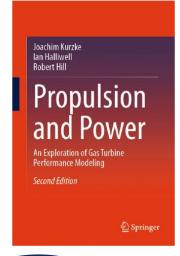
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