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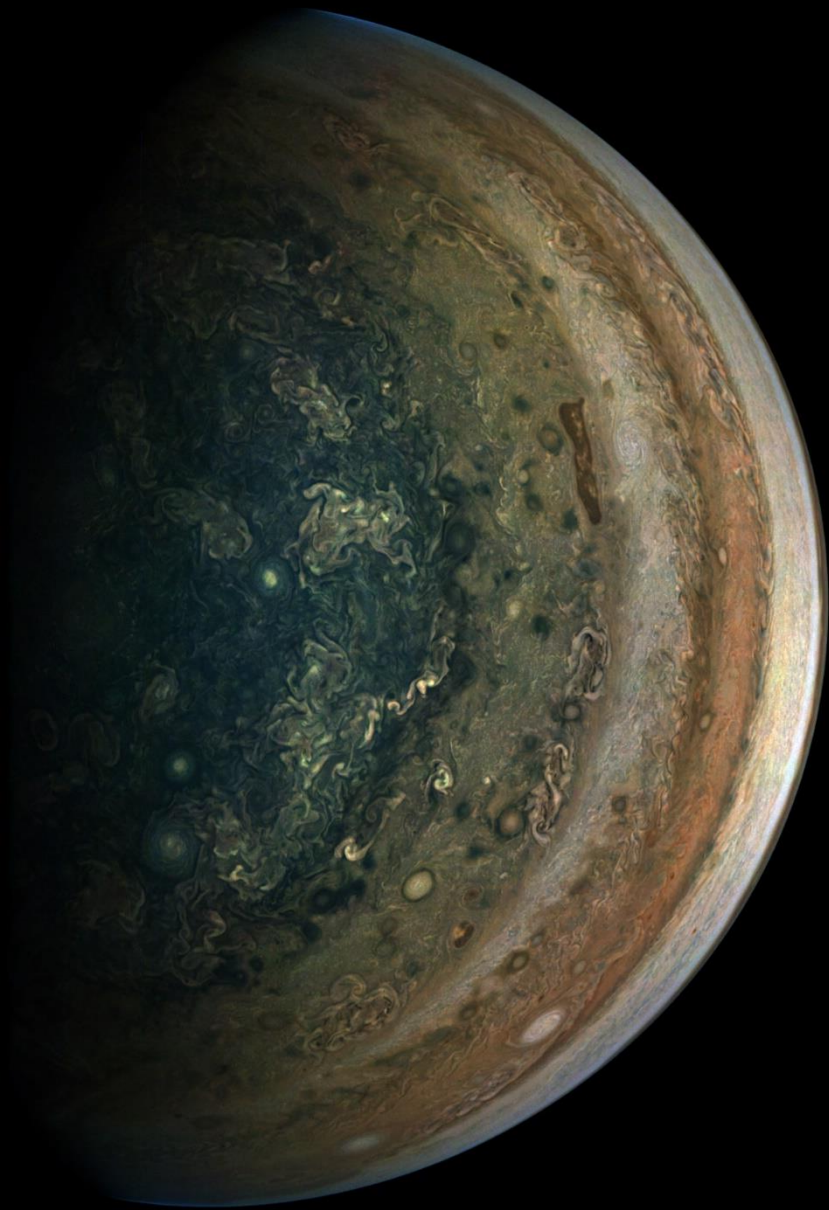
Deep Space Exploration and Micropropulsion

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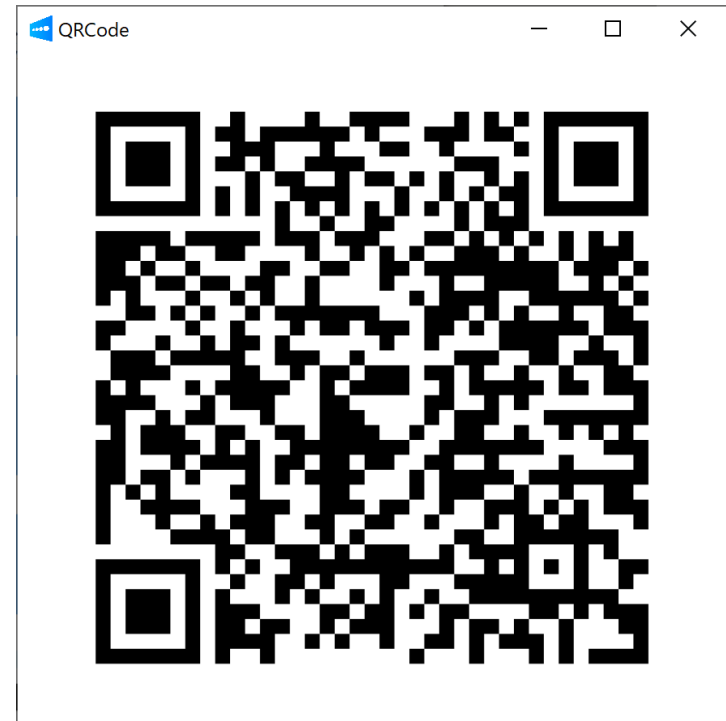
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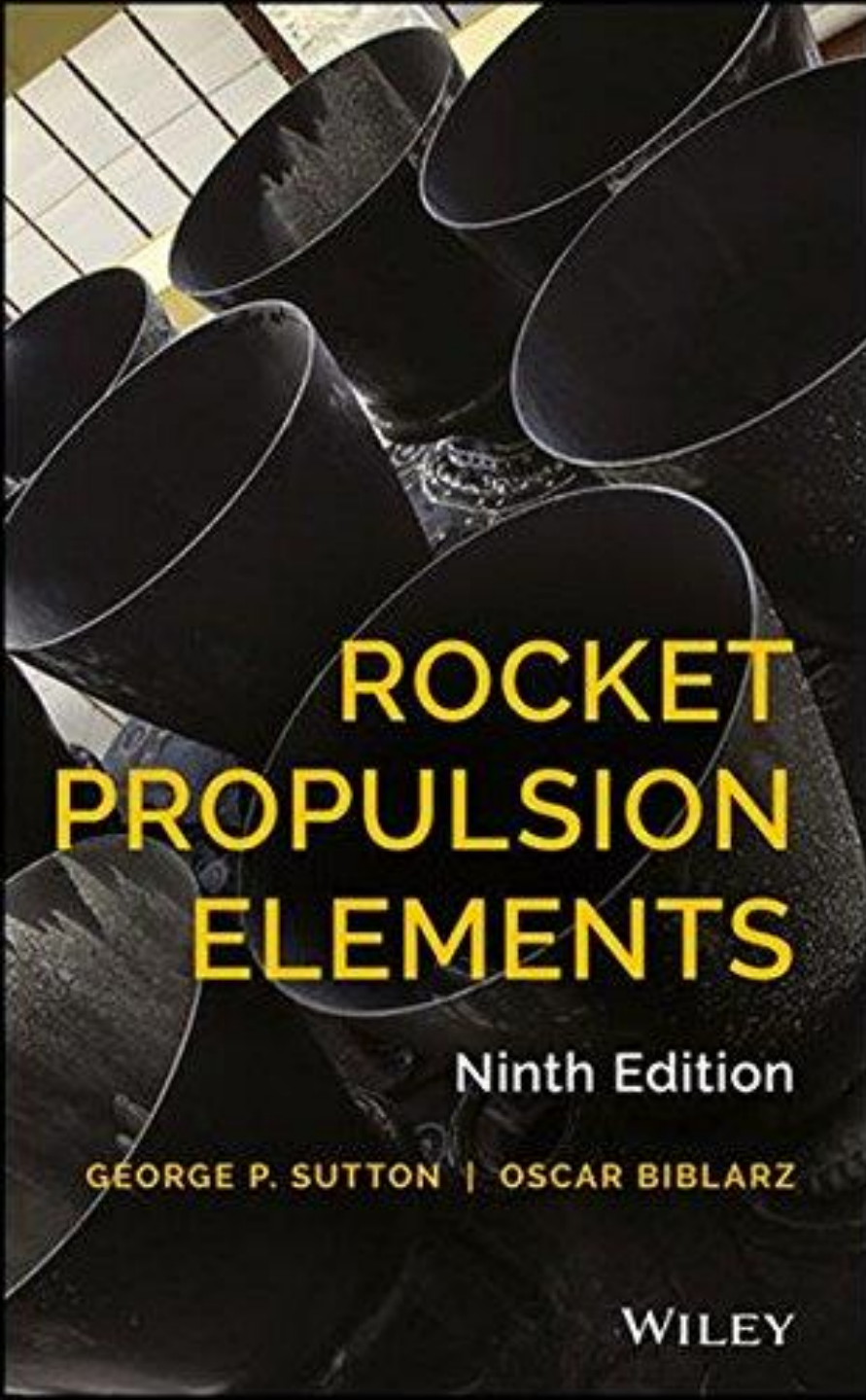
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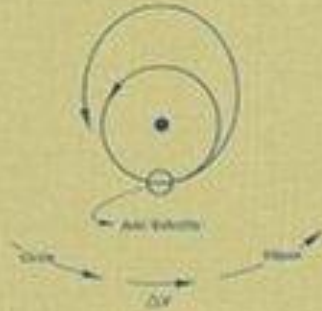
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(old and expensive)

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Spacecraft Propulsion



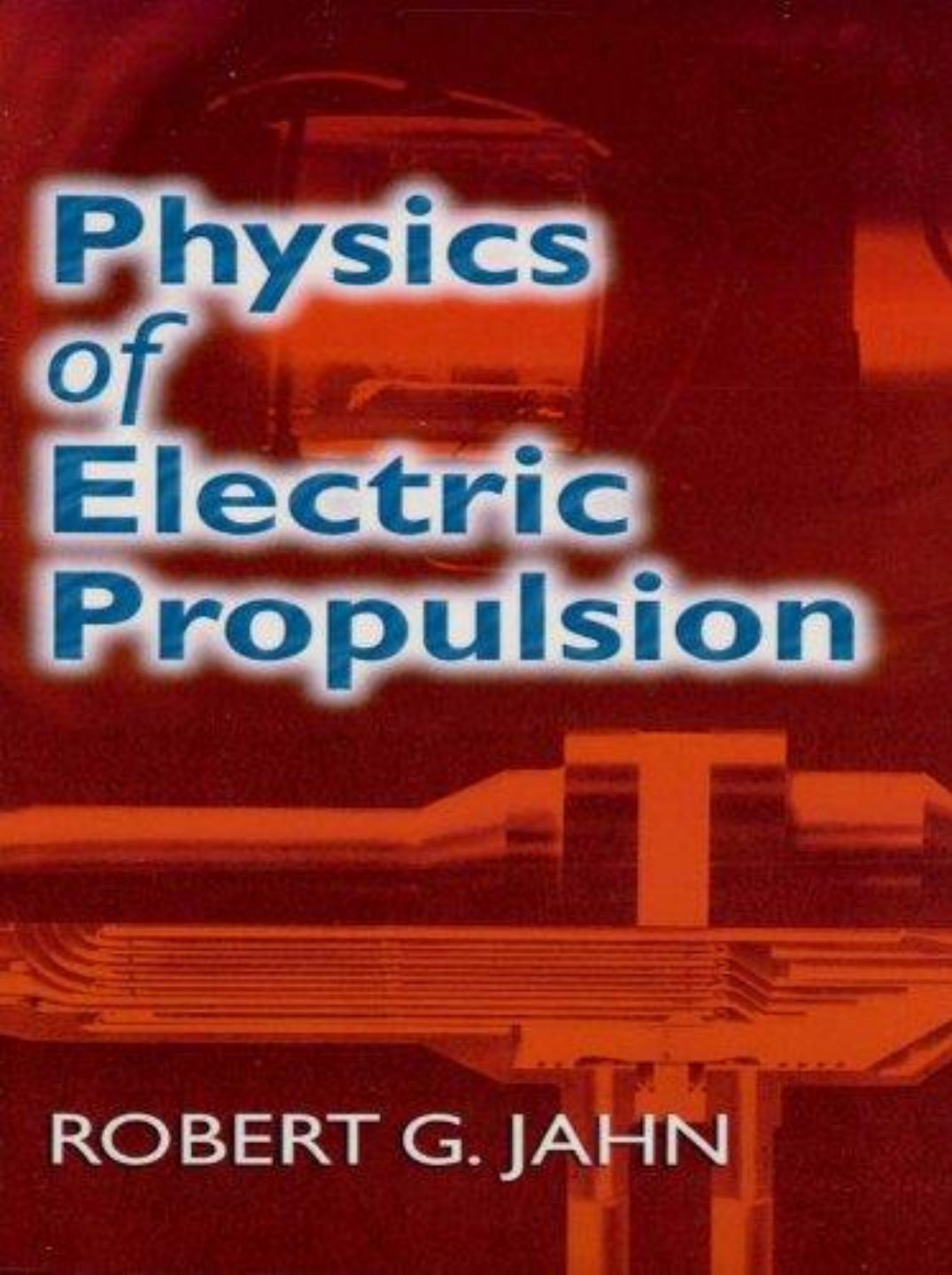
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Chemical propulsion

- Mono-propellant
- Bi-propellant
- Solid rocket
- Cold-gas



Physics *of* Electric Propulsion

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Technologically Old,
but long seller =
good book

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Fundamentals of Electric Propulsion

Ion and Hall Thrusters

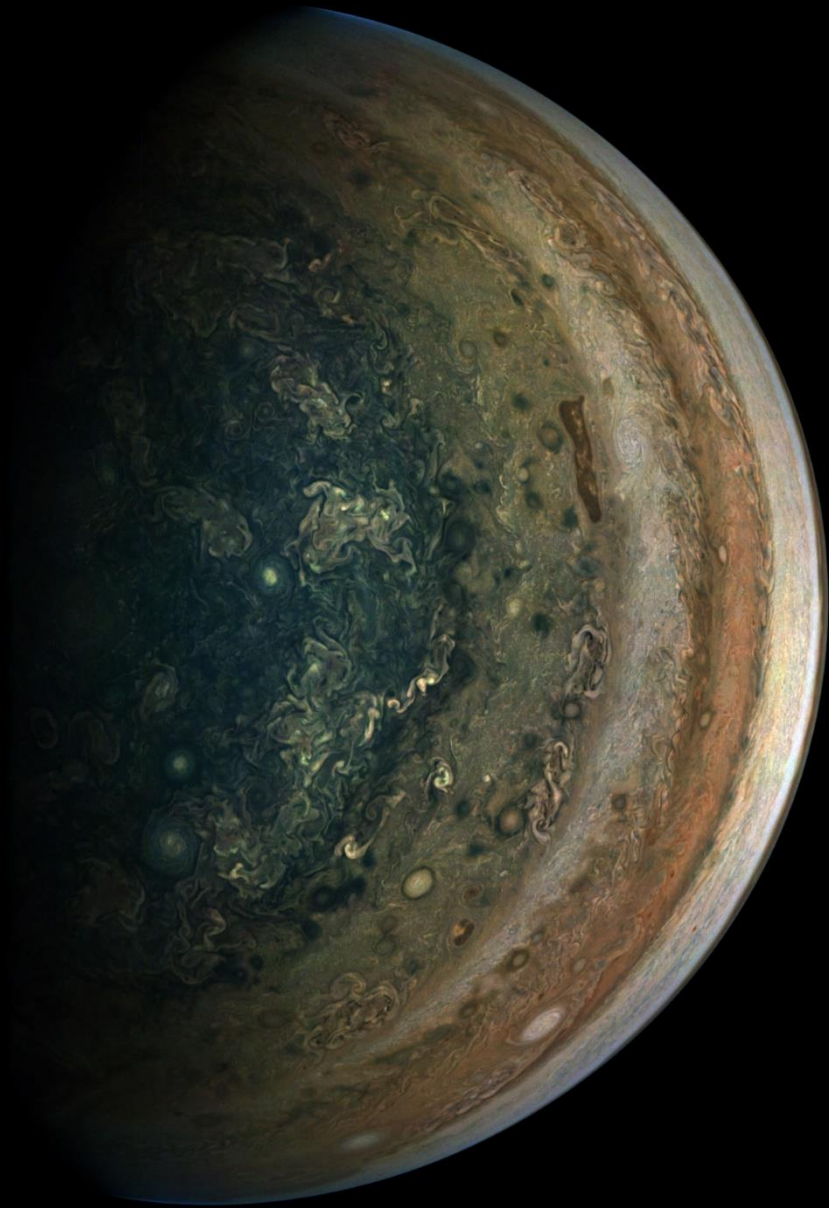


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Technologically new

Focusing on ion/Hall
thruster



1: Fundamentals

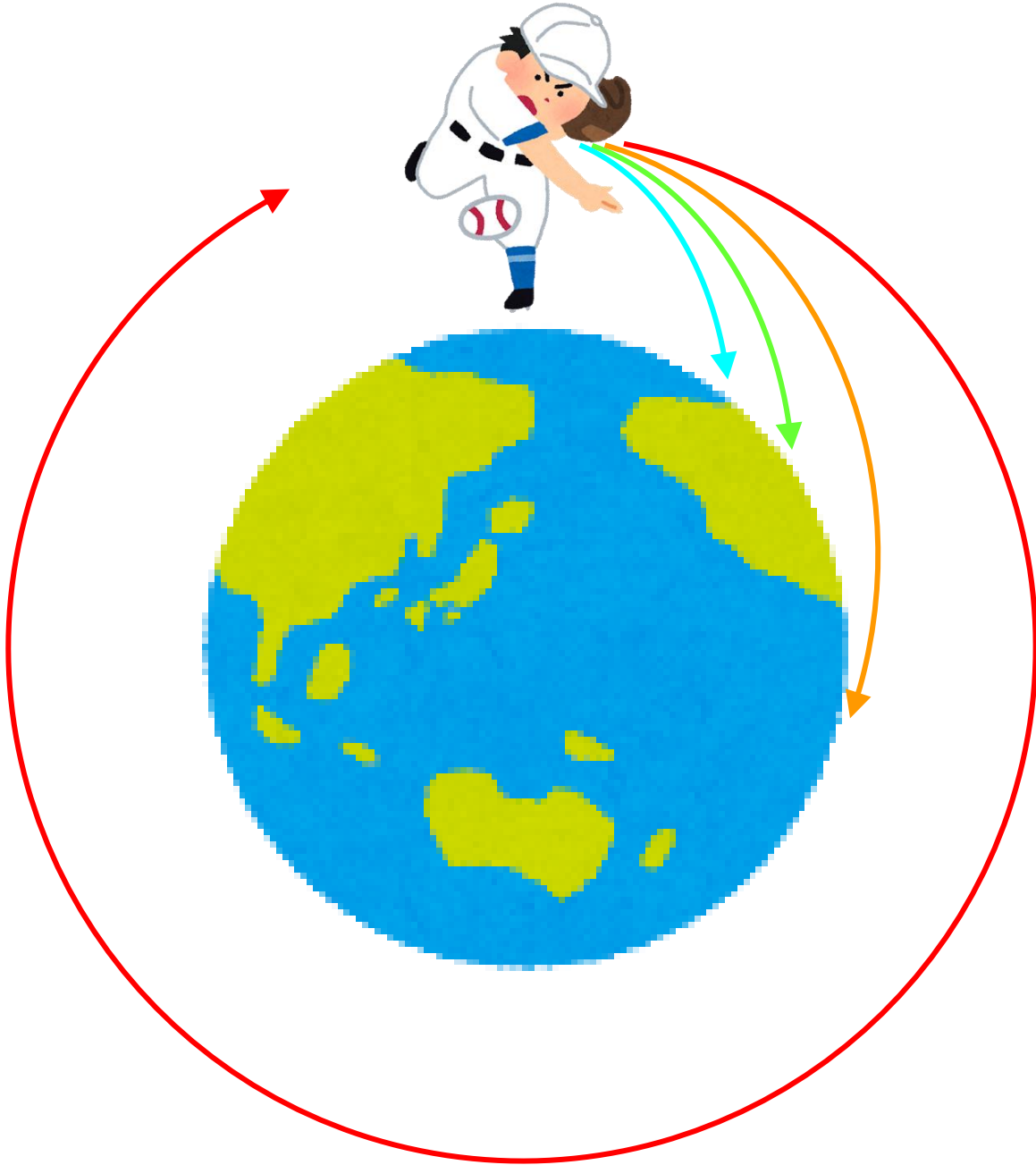
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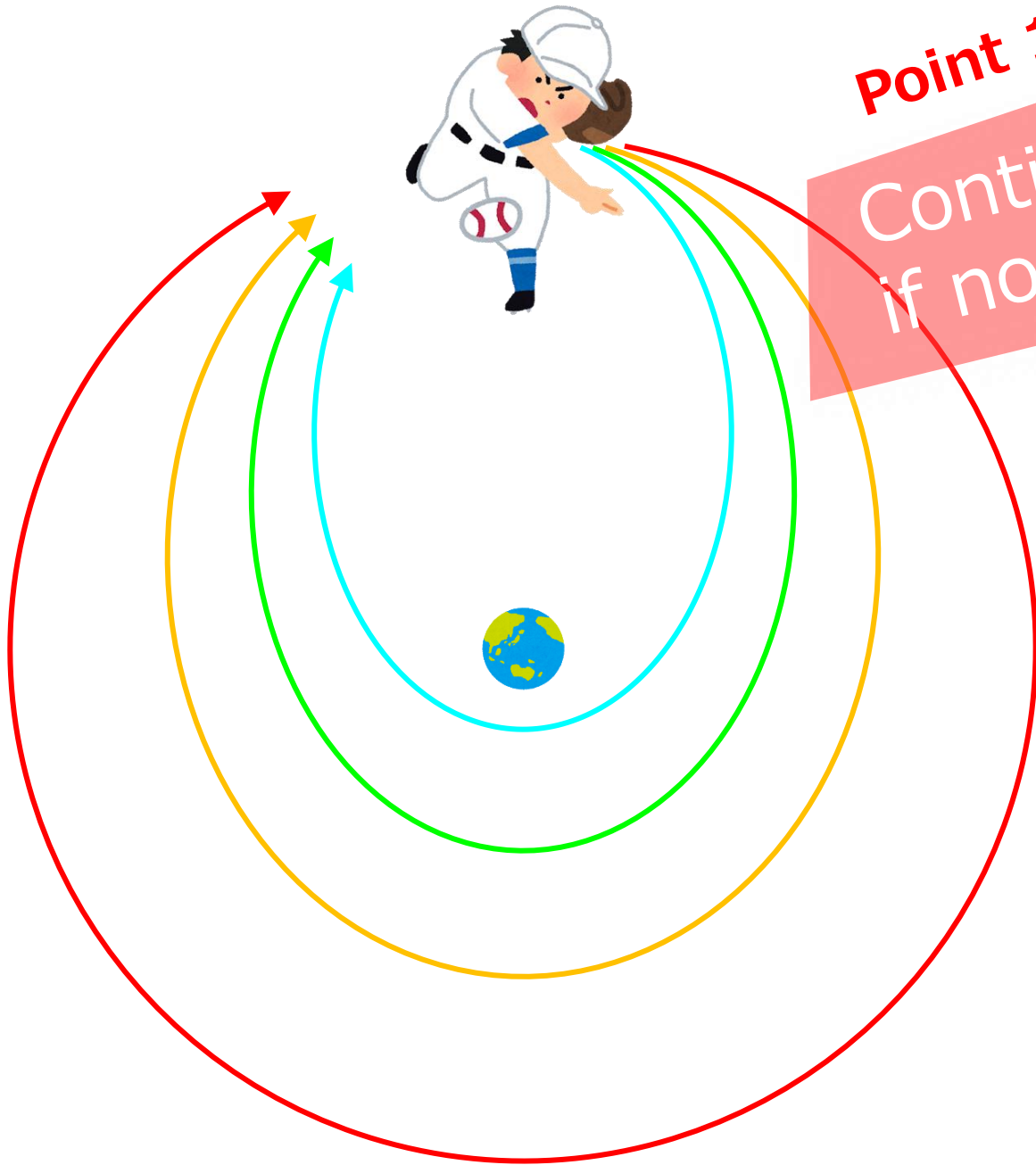
3: Electric Propulsion

4: Micropropulsion



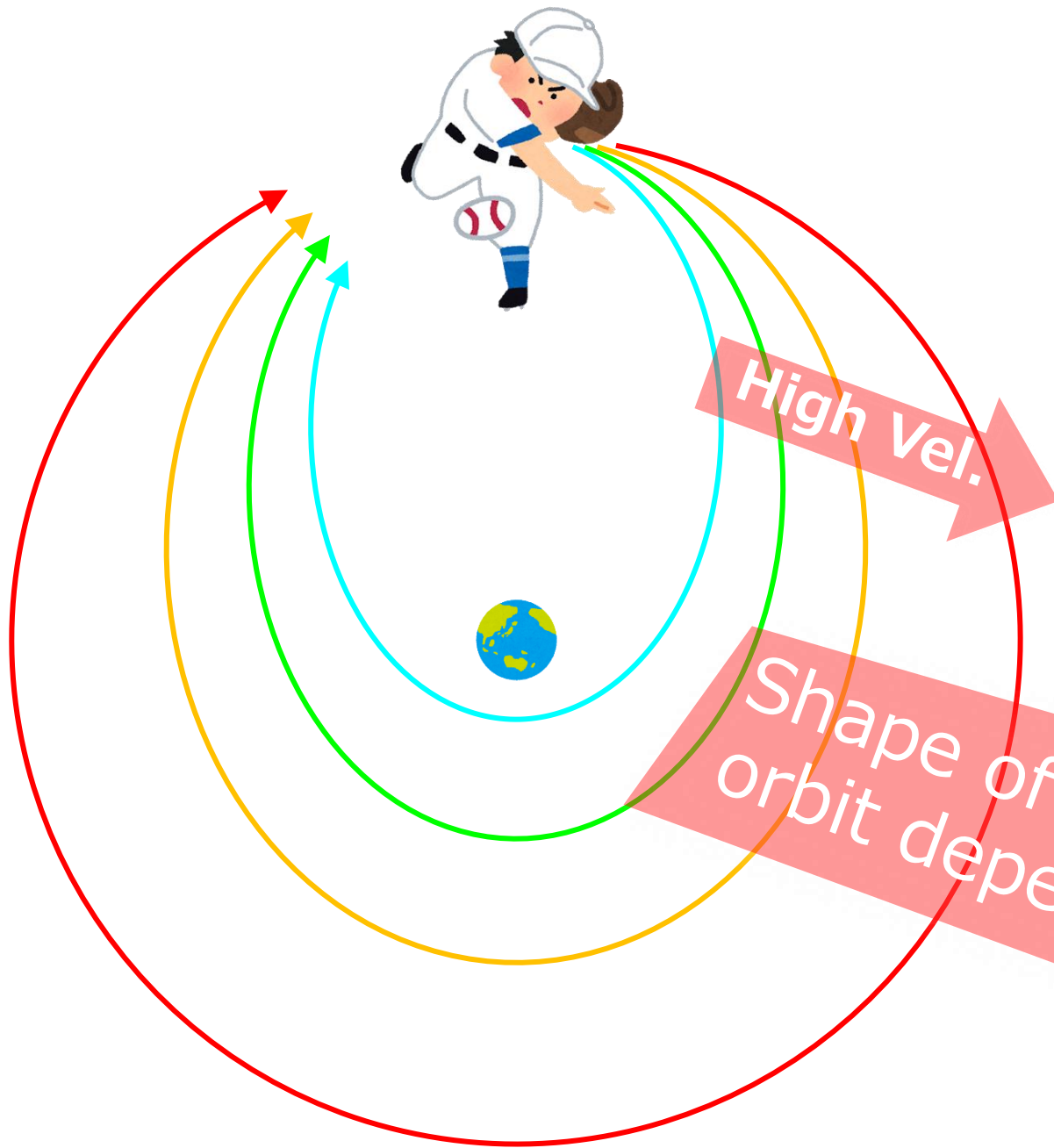
Just falling
Going to the center by energy loss





Point 1

Continue to move
if no obstacle

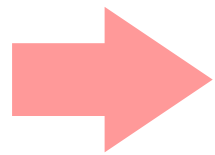


High Vel.

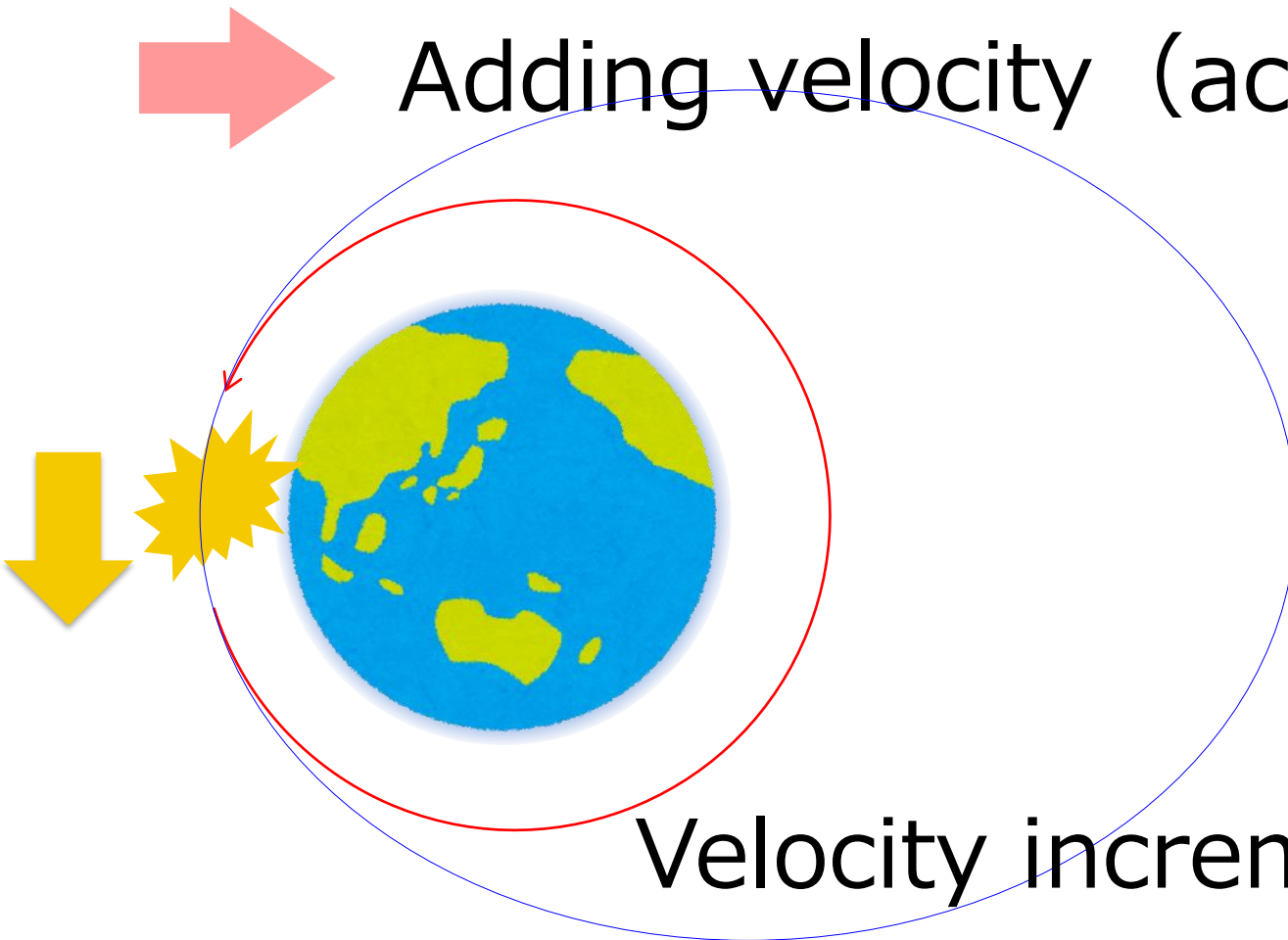
Point 2
Shape of the path,
orbit depends on the V

Velocity Increment: ΔV

How to change the orbit



Adding velocity (acceleration)



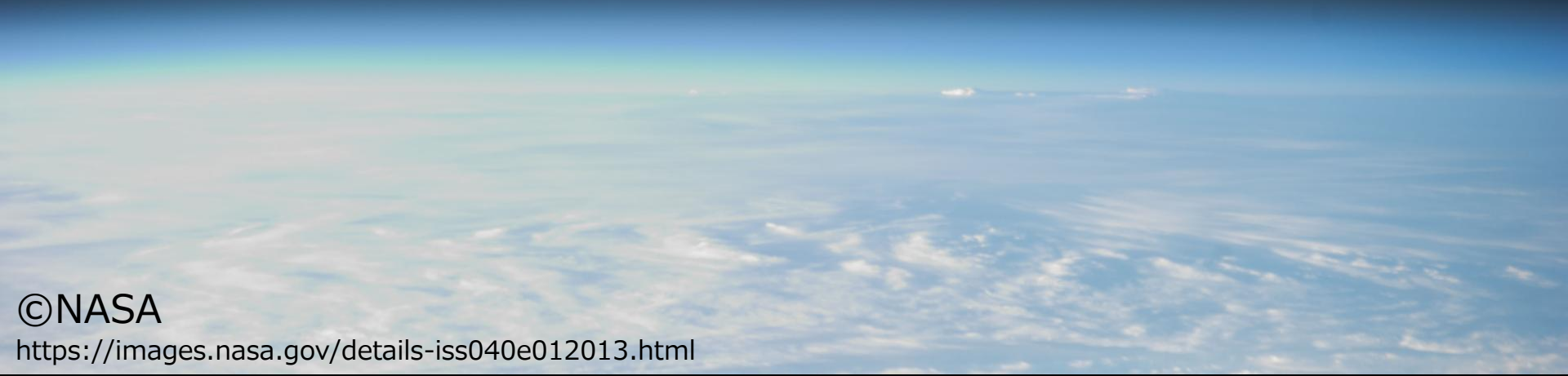
Velocity increment: ΔV

How to gain velocity?



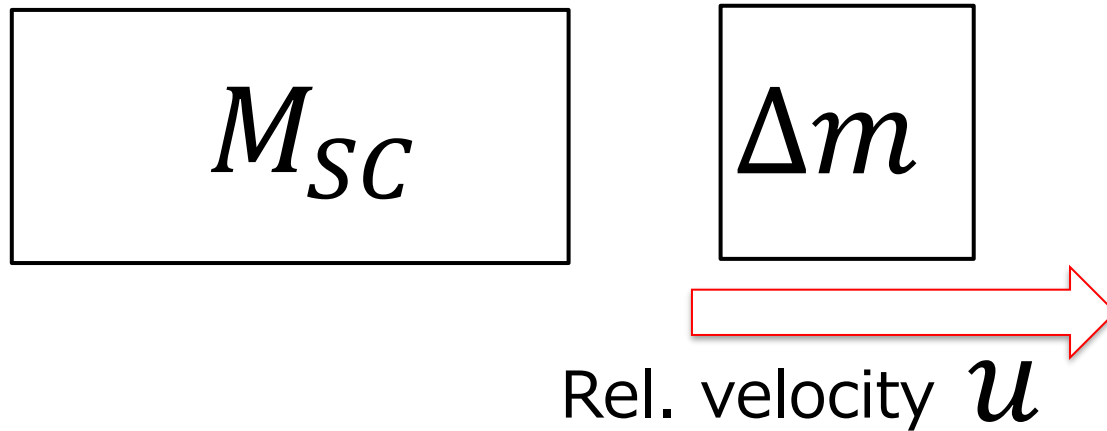
Push something!

Nothing
You need to bring something to push



How does a rocket work?

Mass Δm is released from a spacecraft at a velocity u in time Δt



Impulse = Momentum increment

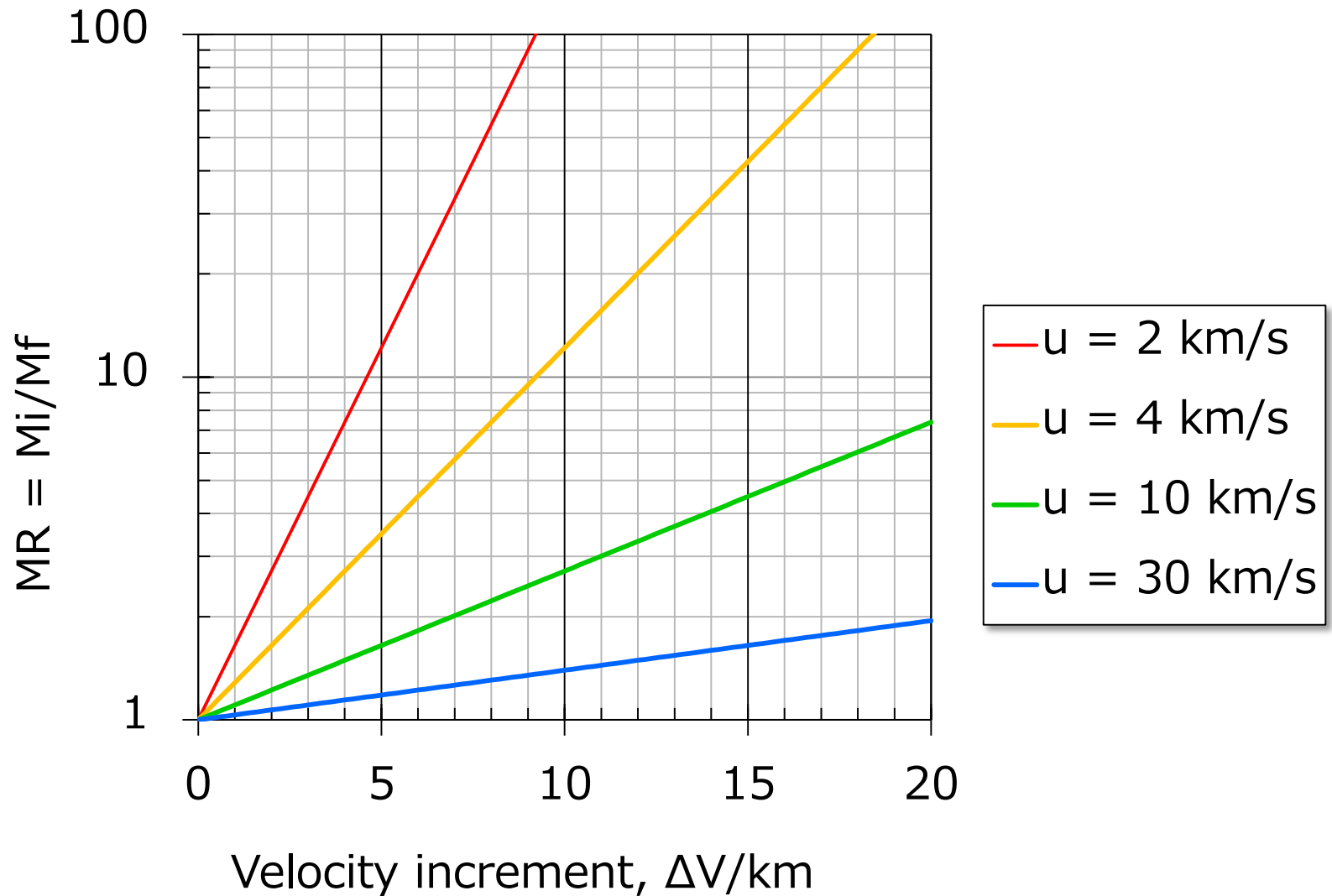
$$F \Delta t = \Delta m u$$

$$F = \dot{m} u \quad : \text{mass flow rate}$$

World's Launch Vehicles

Engine	Launcher	Propellant	Ex Vel.	Thrust
F1	Saturn V	LOX/RP-1	3.0 km/s	7.7 MN
RD-107	Soyuz	LOX/RP-1	3.1 km/s	1.0 MN
RD-264	Dnepr	N2O4/UDMH	3.2 km/s	4.5 MN
SSME	Shuttle	LOX/LH2	4.5 km/s	2.2 MN
LE7A	H2A	LOX/LH2	4.3 km/s	1.1 MN
Vulcain2	Arian 5	LOX/LH2	4.3 km/s	1.3 MN
SSRB	Shuttle	Composite	2.7 km/s	13.8 MN
SRB-A	H2A	Composite	2.8 km/s	2.3 MN
M-V-1	M-V	Composite	2.8 km/s	2.4 MN

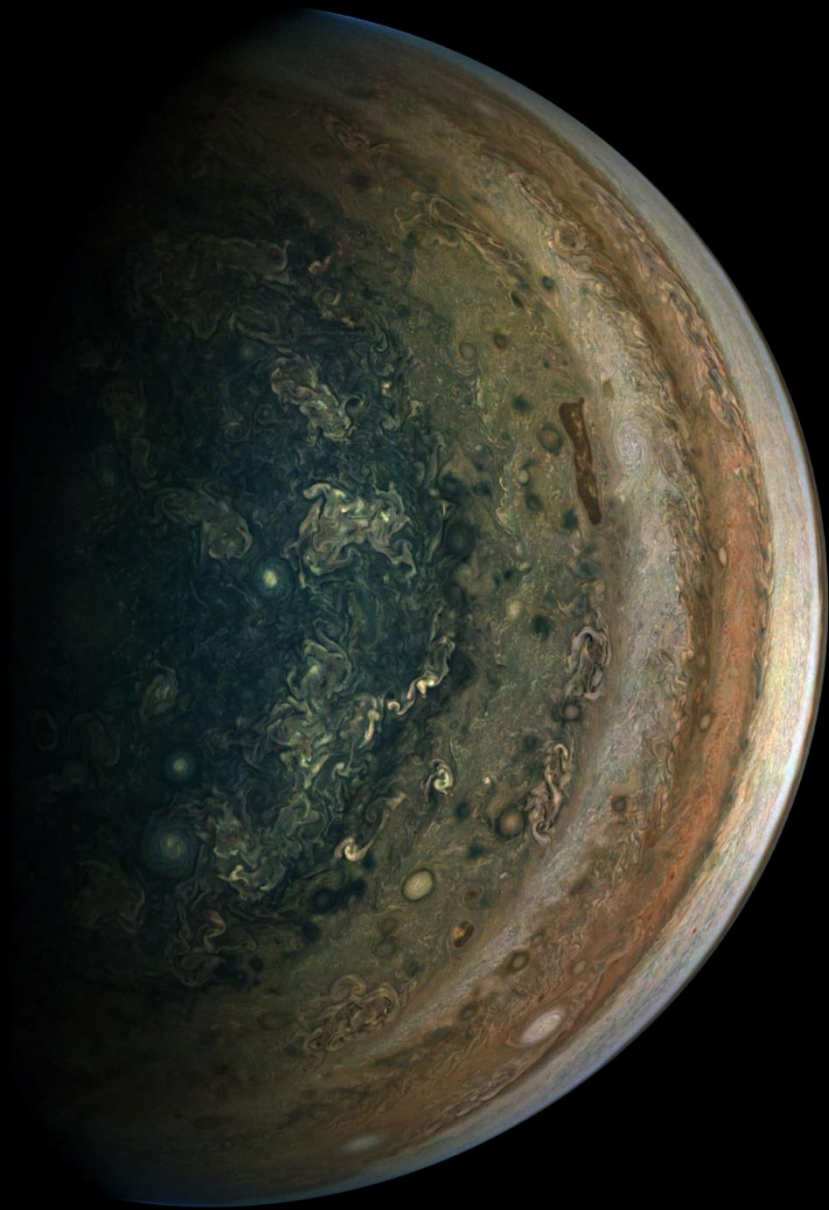
Exhaust velocity is a key



Propulsion = Energy converter

(Any \rightarrow Kinetic energy)

- ✓ **Chemical propulsion**
Chemical E \rightarrow Kinetic E
Exhaust velocity : 1 – 4 km/s
- ✓ **Electric propulsion**
Electric E \rightarrow Kinetic E
Exhaust : 10 – 50 km/s



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Chemical Propulsion; Processes

Chemical energy

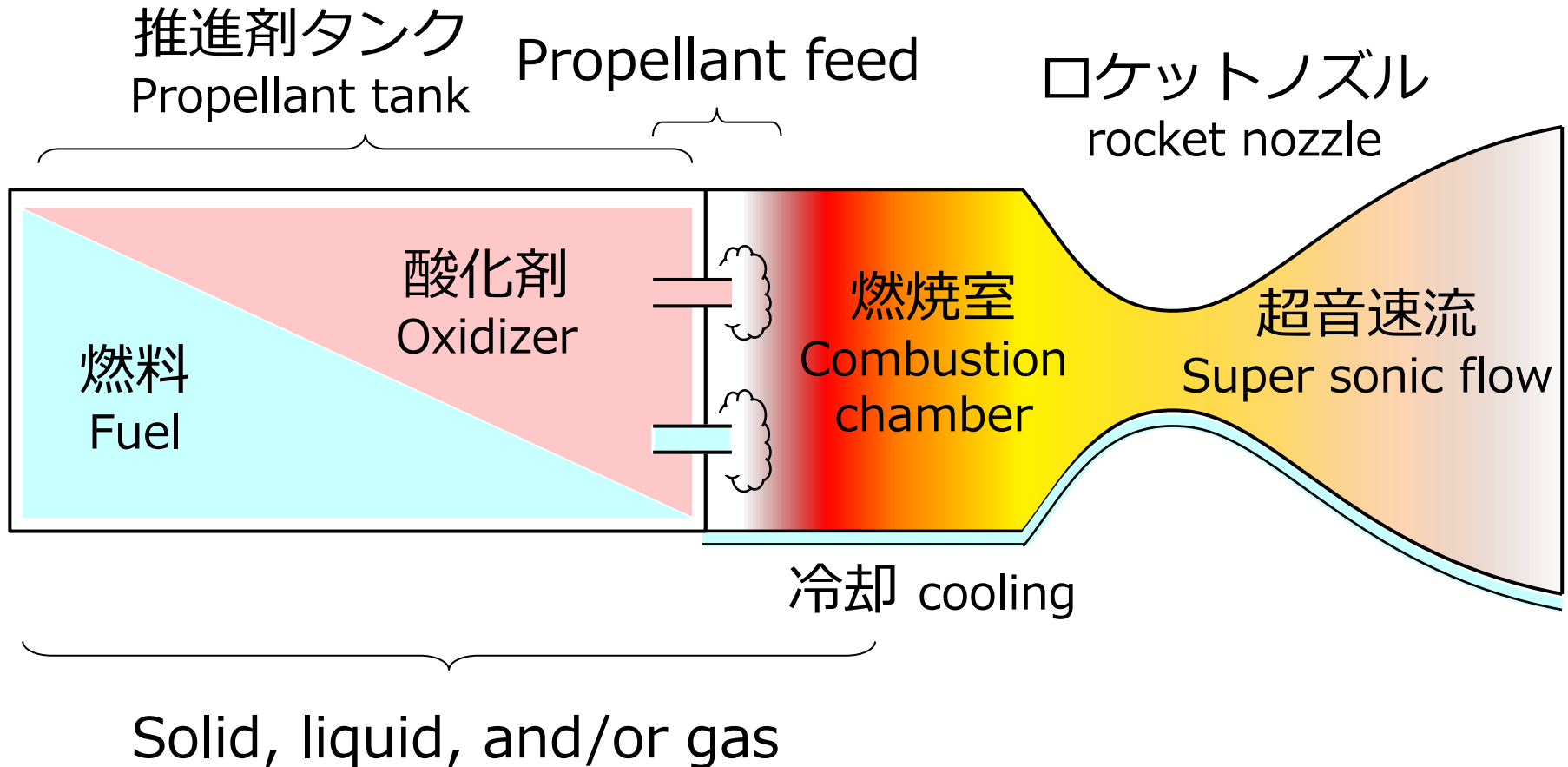
 By combustion

Thermal energy Nozzle theory

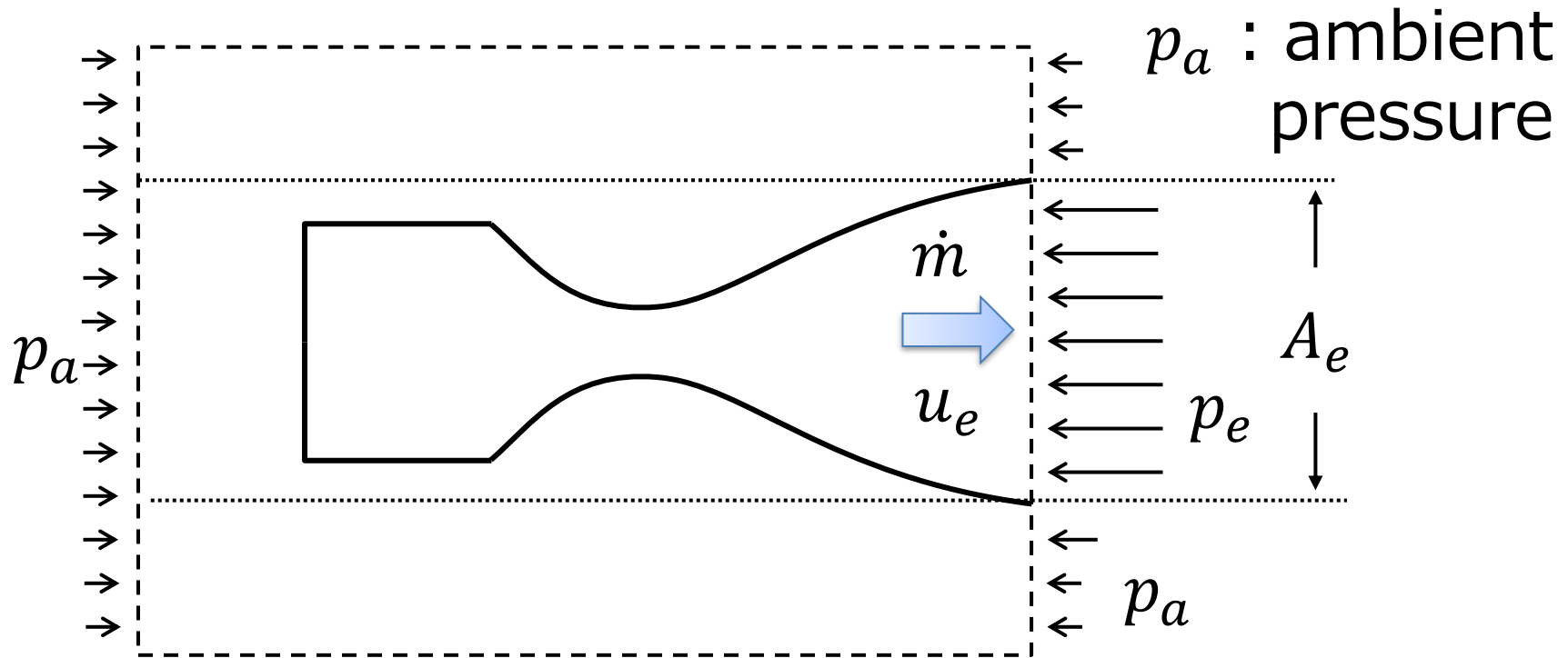
 By a rocket-nozzle

Kinetic energy

Chemical Propulsion; Overview



Pressure thrust



Pressure difference of the front and back sides applies another thrust:

$$F = \dot{m}u_e + (p_e - p_a)A_e$$

Effective Exhaust Velocity

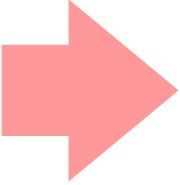
$$F = \dot{m}u_e + (p_e - p_a)A_e$$

...Actual "exhaust velocity" is not enough

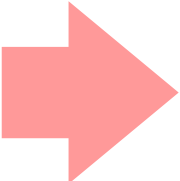
Introducing a new velocity: Effective Exhaust Velocity

$$c \equiv \frac{F}{\dot{m}}$$

Specific Impulse


$$I_{sp} \equiv \frac{F}{\dot{m}g} = \frac{FT}{\dot{m}Tg} = \frac{I}{Mg}$$

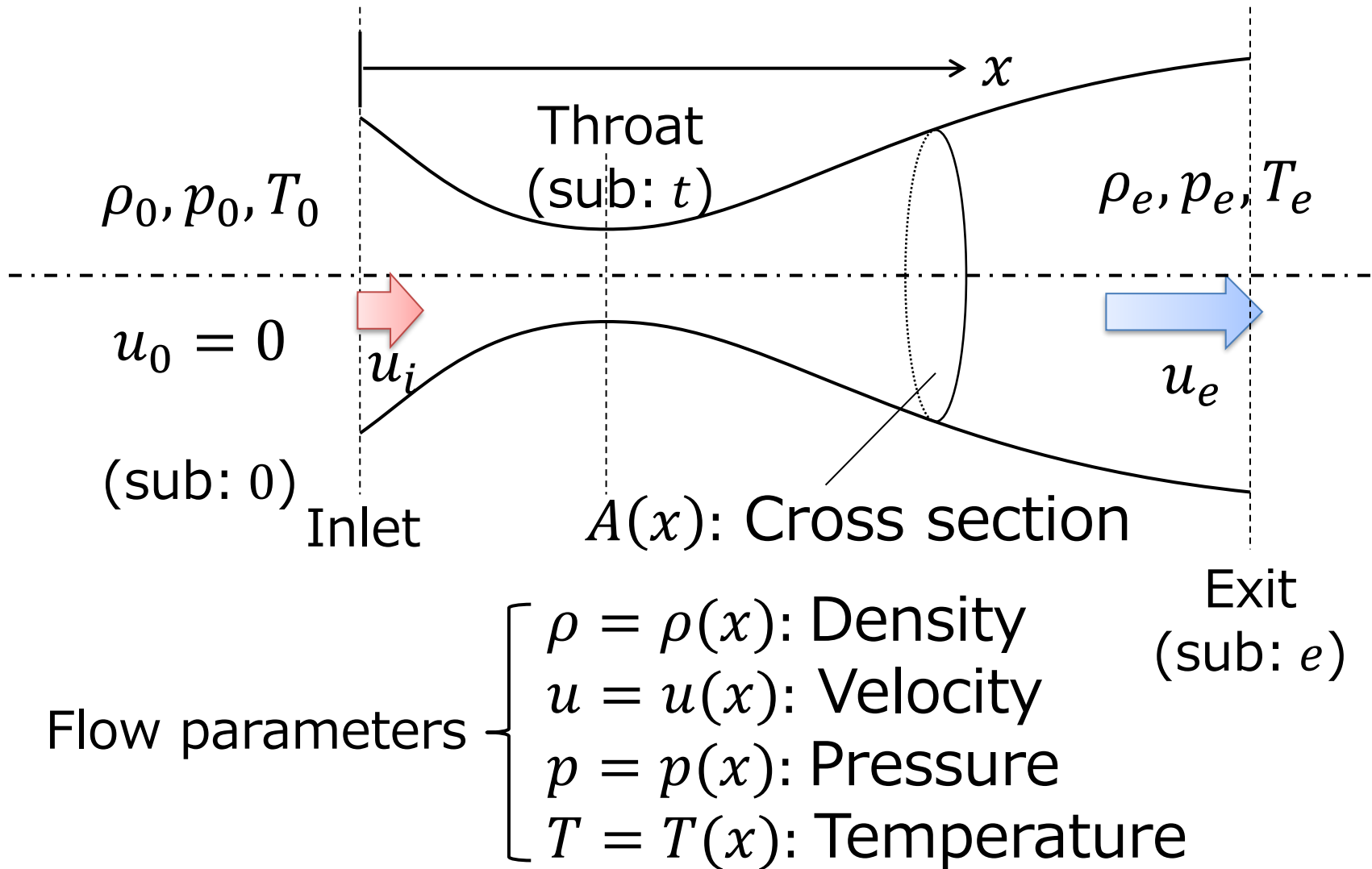
"g" is just by custom.


$$c = gI_{sp} \quad (\text{think about 10 times diff.})$$

e.g. $c = 4000 \text{ m/s} \quad I_{sp} = 408 \text{ s}$

$$c = 30000 \text{ m/s} \quad I_{sp} = 3060 \text{ s}$$

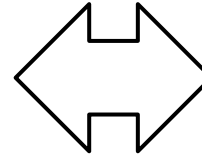
Rocket Nozzle; Quasi-1D & Isotropic



Government Equations

Mass conservation

$$d(\rho u A) = 0 \quad \dots \text{Eq. (1)}$$



Unknowns

$$u = u(x)$$

$$\rho = \rho(x)$$

$$p = p(x)$$

$$T = T(x)$$

Momentum conservation

$$d(\rho u^2 A) = -A dp \quad \dots \text{Eq. (2)}$$

Energy conservation

$$c_v dT + p d\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) = 0 \quad \dots \text{Eq. (3)}$$

Equation of state

$$p = R\rho T \quad \dots \text{Eq. (4)}$$

Rocket-nozzle thrust

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \dot{m}u_e + (p_e - p_a)A_e \\ &= A_t p_0 \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma^2}{\gamma-1} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{p_e}{p_0}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}} + (p_e - p_a)A_e \\ &= A_t p_0 C_F \end{aligned}$$

$$C_F = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma^2}{\gamma-1} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{p_e}{p_0}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}} + \left(\frac{p_e}{p_0} - \frac{p_a}{p_0}\right) \frac{A_e}{A_t}$$

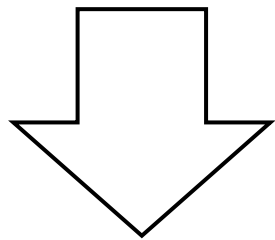
C_F : Thrust coefficient, 推力係数

Depending on the aperture ratio and gas type
Expressing the acceleration of the gas by the nozzle

Exit Pressure & Aperture Ratio

Mass conservation between throat and exit

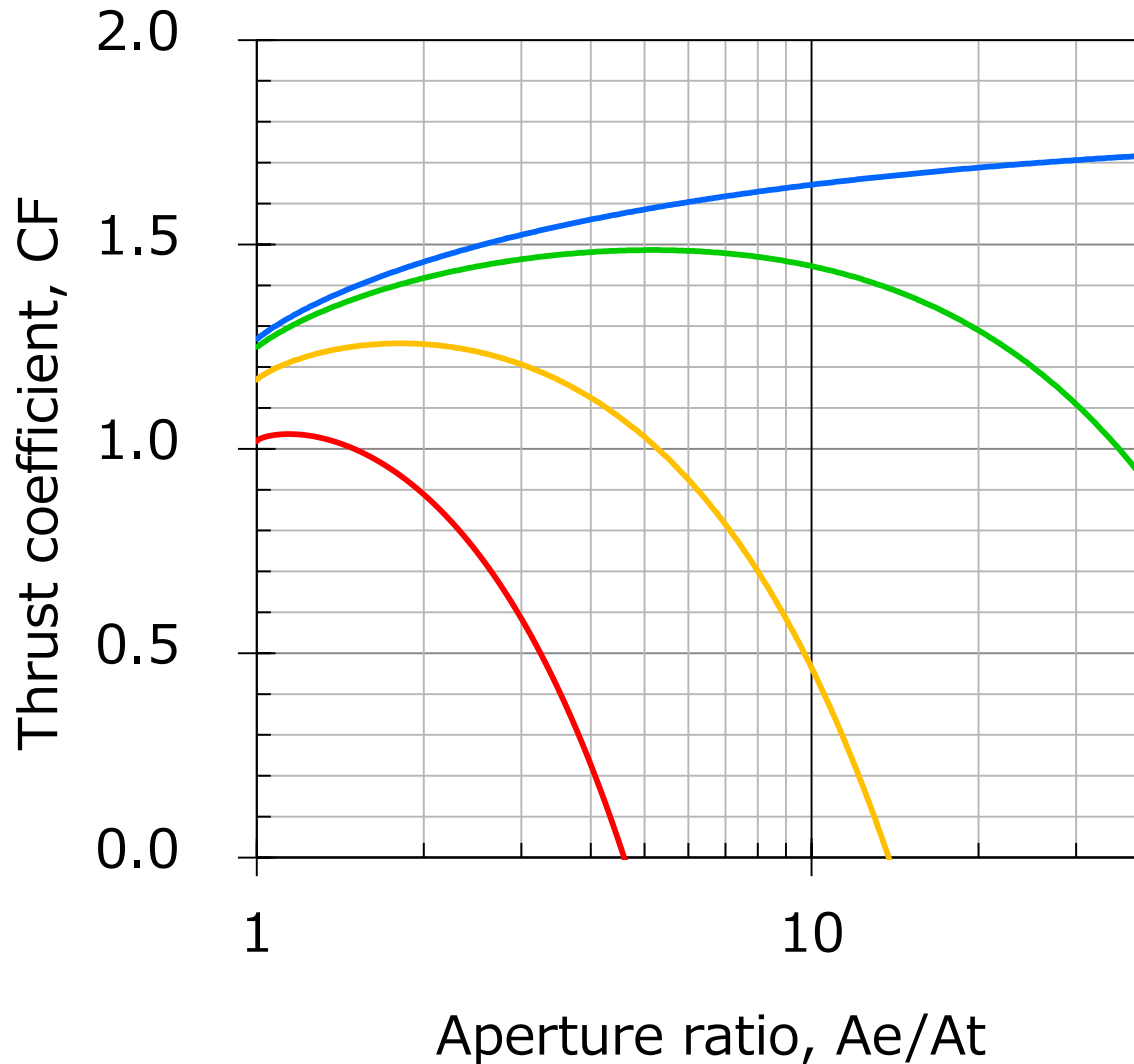
$$A_t p_0 \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{RT_0} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}} = \rho_e u_e A_e$$



$$u_e = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1} RT_0 \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{p_e}{p_0}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}}$$

$$\frac{A_t}{A_e} = \left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} \left(\frac{p_e}{p_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{p_e}{p_0}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}}$$

Thrust Coefficient



$$\gamma = 1.40$$

(H₂, O₂)

Combustion P
/ambient P

- $p_0/p_a = 4$
- $p_0/p_a = 10$
- $p_0/p_a = 50$
- $p_0/p_a = 10000$

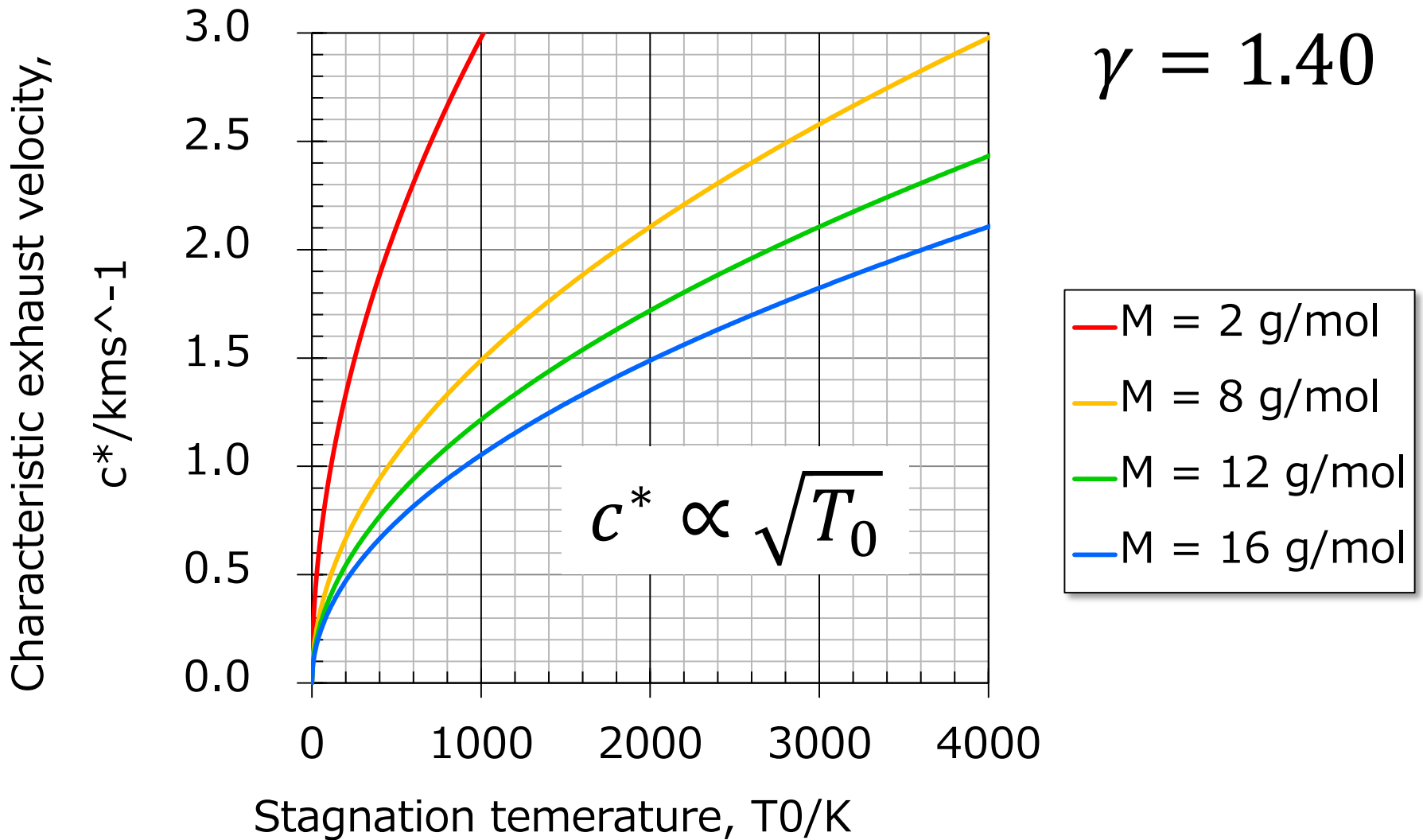
Rocket Thrust

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \dot{m}u_e + (p_e - p_a)A_e \\ &= A_t p_0 C_F \\ &= \dot{m}c^* C_F \end{aligned}$$

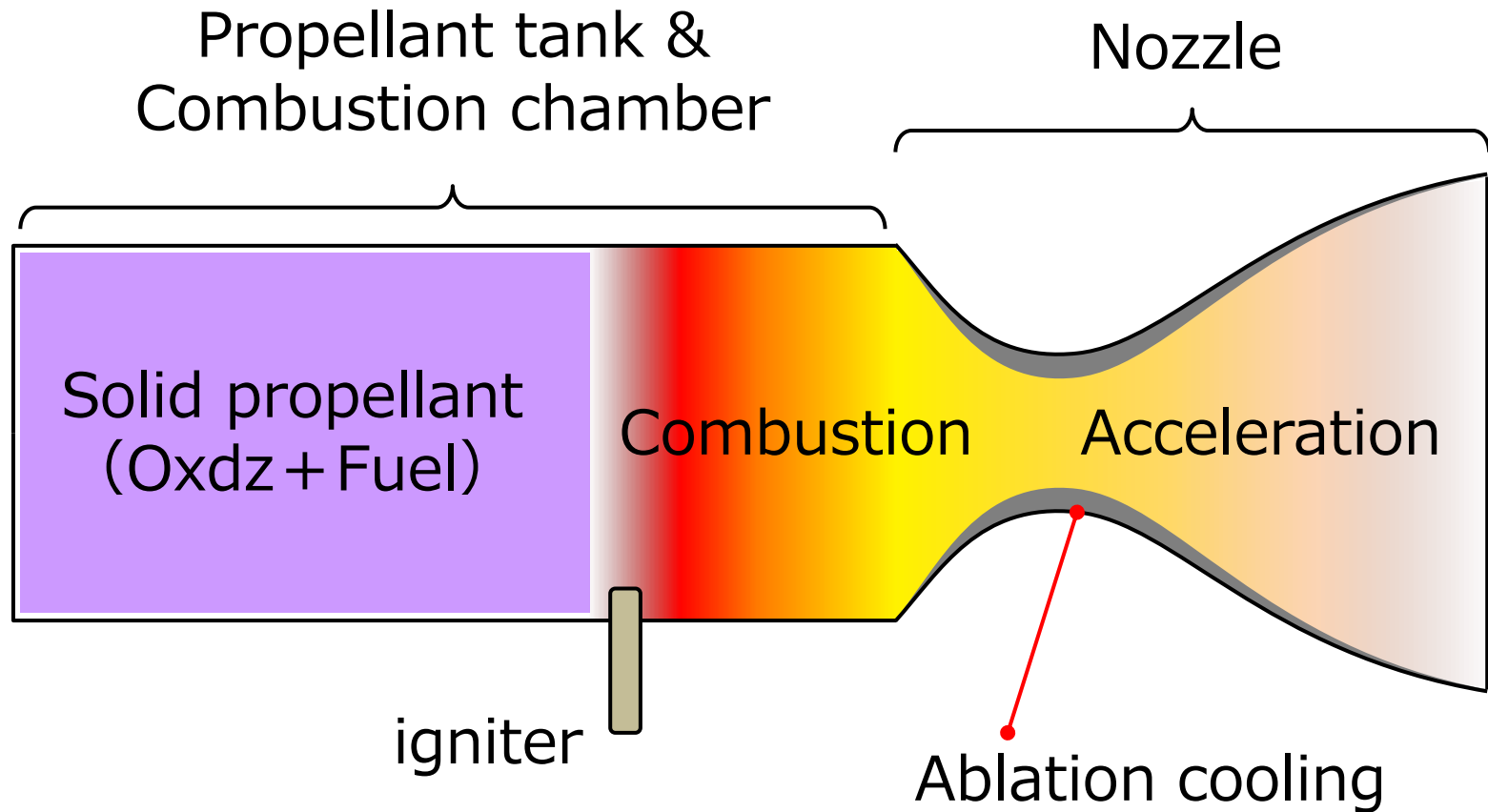
$$c^* \equiv \frac{A_t p_0}{\dot{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{RT_0}{\gamma} \left(\frac{\gamma + 1}{2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}$$

c^* : Characteristic velocity (c star), 特性速度
Depending on the temperature and gas type
Expressing the performance of combustion chamber

Characteristic Velocity



Solid motor; Structure



Double-based propellant

Nitroglycerin (NG, $C_3H_5(ONO_2)_3$) : Fuel&Oxidizer

→Liquid, Plasticizer, High reactivity, O rich

Nitrocellulose (NC, $C_{12}H_{14}(ONO_2)_6O_4$) : Fuel&Oxidizer

→Solide, Binder, Stable, F rich

Composite



Double-based

Composite Propellant

Oxidizer : Ammonium perchlorate (AP) , etc

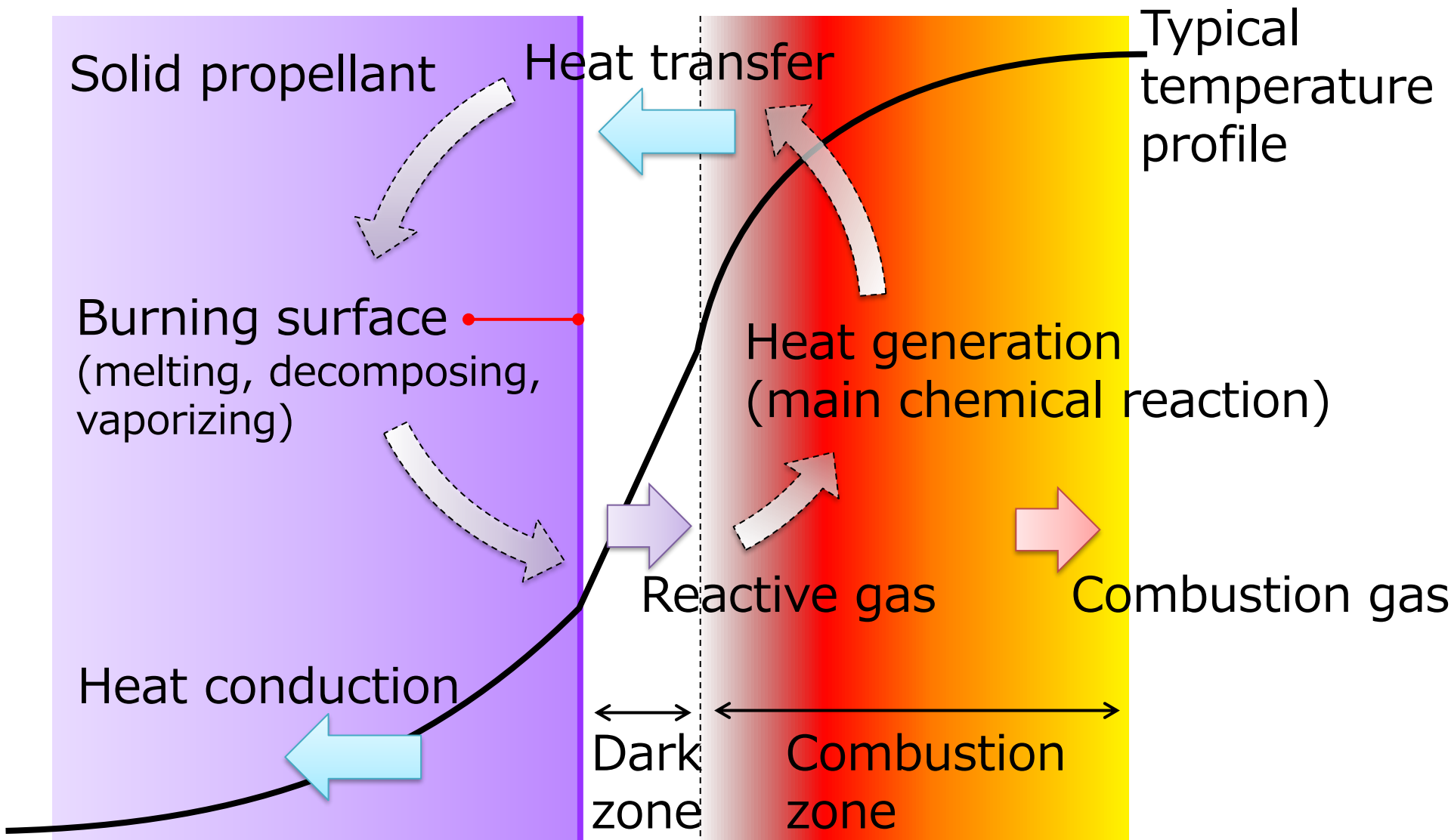
Fuel : Polymer, Binder, Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) ,
Hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (HTPB) ,
Powdered metal (Al)

Composite



Double-based

Combustion structure (DB)



Burning Rate and Burning Area

Gas exhausted from the nozzle

$$\dot{m}_t = \frac{A_t P_c}{c^*}$$

Gas generated by combustion

$$\dot{m}_b = \rho_b A_b r$$

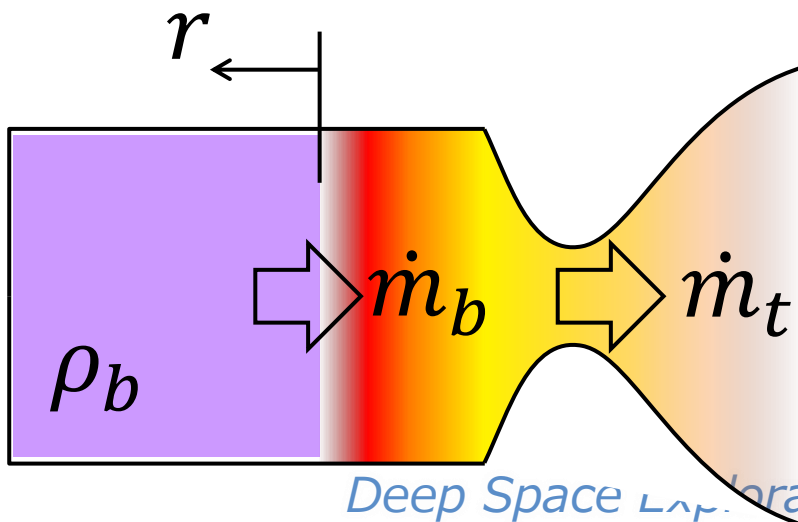
Balance



$$\dot{m}_t = \dot{m}_b$$



$$P_c = \rho_b r c^* \frac{A_b}{A_t}$$



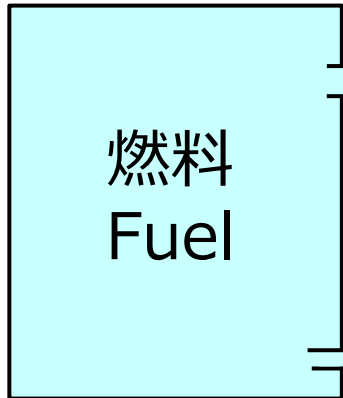
r : Burning rate (e.g. cm/s)

A_b : Burning area

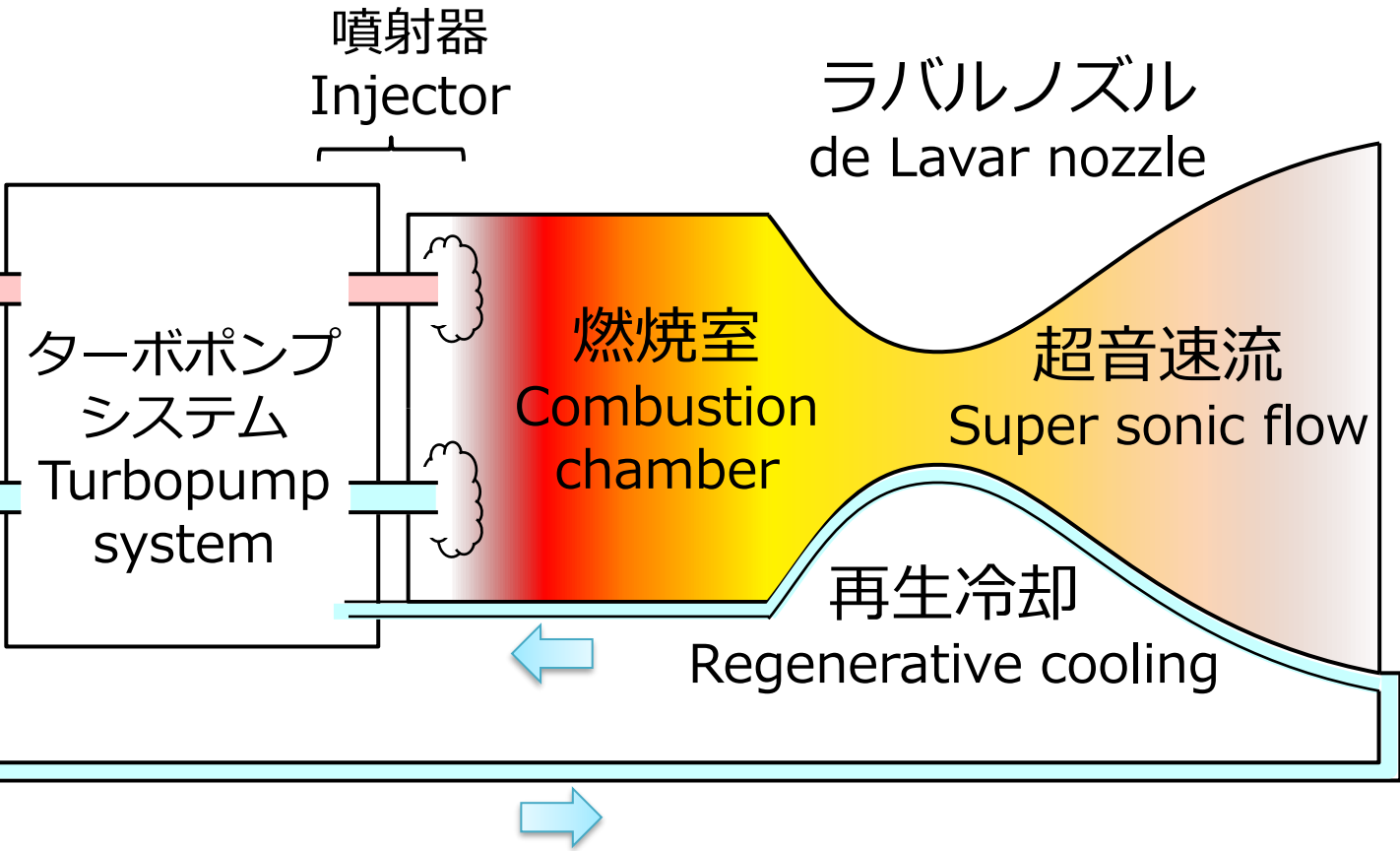
ρ_b : Solid propellant density

Liquid Engine; Structure

酸化剤タンク
Oxidizer tank



燃料タンク
Propellant tank



Oxidizer

Oxygen (O₂)

Boiling point 90 K → specific gravity 1.14

LOX: Liquid Oxygen

The most popular as oxidizer

Nitrogen tetroxide, NTO (N₂O₄) ≅ MON

Boiling point 294 K → specific gravity 1.45

Popular by good storability

Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂)

Can be reacted using a catalyst

Red fuming nitric acid (RFNA: HNO₃+NO₂(5-20%))

Higher E than HNO₃. High toxicity

Hydrogen (H₂)

Boiling point 20 K → Specific G 0.07 (low density)

Flammable in air

Low molecular mass, and high Isp

Hydrocarbon-based fuel (Kerosene, RP-1)

RP-1: highly refined for rocket engine

Boiling point 500 K, SG 0.81 (289K)

Good availability and good handling ability

Hydrazine (N₂H₄: CH_{1.97}) , MMH, UDMH

Boiling point 387 K, SG 1.02 (293K)

Toxic, spontaneous combustion in air

Reaction using a catalyst (mono-propellant)

MMH:
Monomethylhydrazine

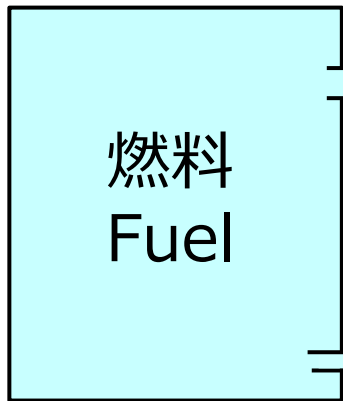
UDMH: unsymmetrical
dimethylhydrazine

C. Propulsion of Space Probes

	Fuel	Oxd.	#	Thrust/N
Bepicolombo (MPO)	MMH	N2O4	8	5 & 22
Hayabusa1/2	Hydrazine	N2O4	8	20
Mars Global Surveyor	Hydrazine	N2O4	13	4.4 & 600
Galileo	MMH	N2O4	13	10 & 400
Shuttle RCS	MMH	N2O4	44	110 & 3870
Viking Orbiter	MMH	N2O4	1	1330

Liquid Engine; Structure

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Oxidizer tank



燃料タンク
Propellant tank

噴射器
Injector

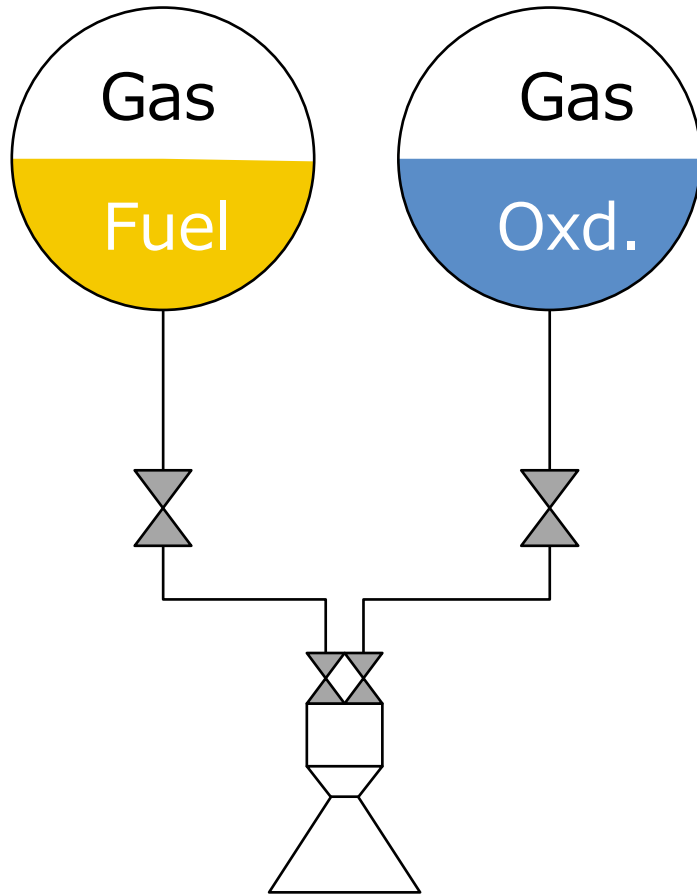
燃烧室
Combustion chamber

ラバルノズル
de Lavar nozzle

超音速流
Super sonic flow

再生冷却
Regenerative cooling

Blow Down Feed System



High pressure gas
Inside the tanks

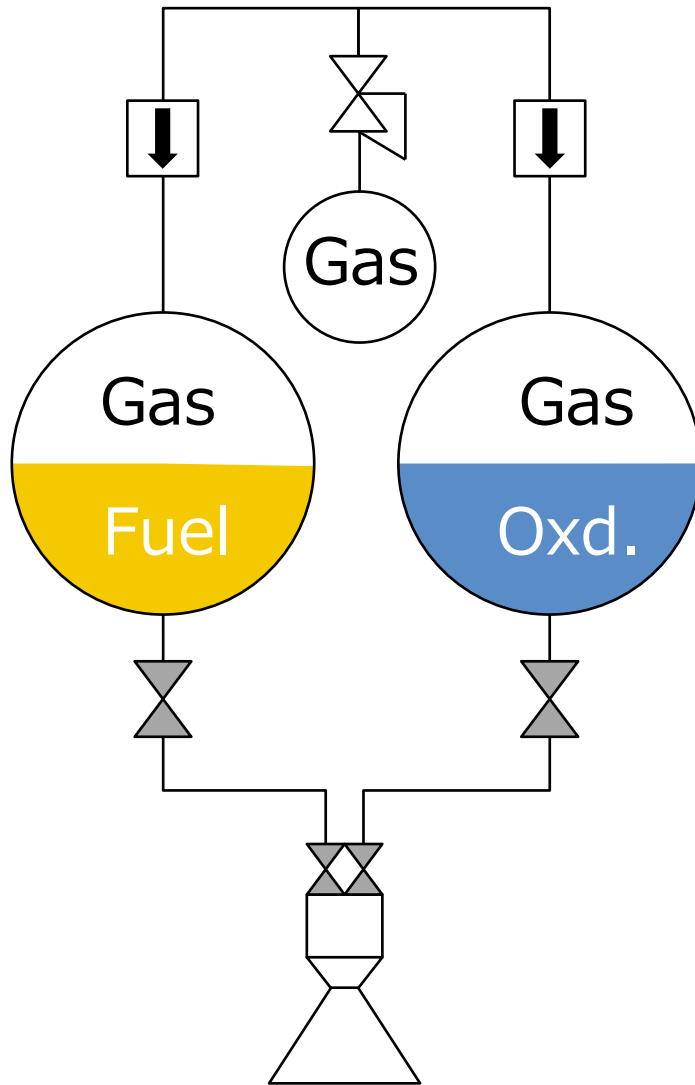


Pressure change
By the gas usage



Change of the flow rate

Gas Pressure Regulator System

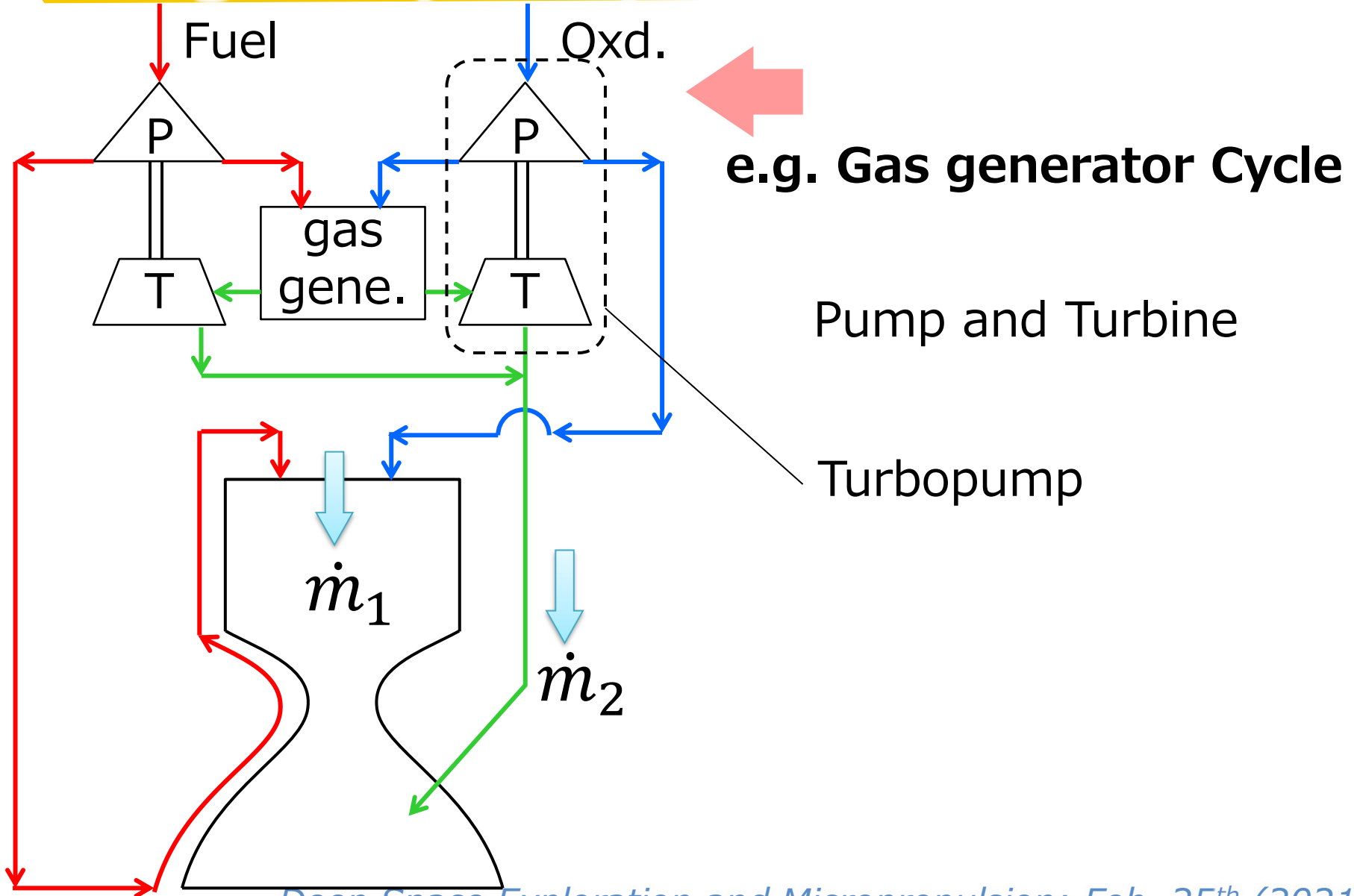


Pressure regulator

Reducing the input pressure of a fluid to a desired value at its output.



Engine Cycle System



e.g. Gas generator Cycle

Pump and Turbine

Turbopump

Turbopump

High P liquid
to a combustor

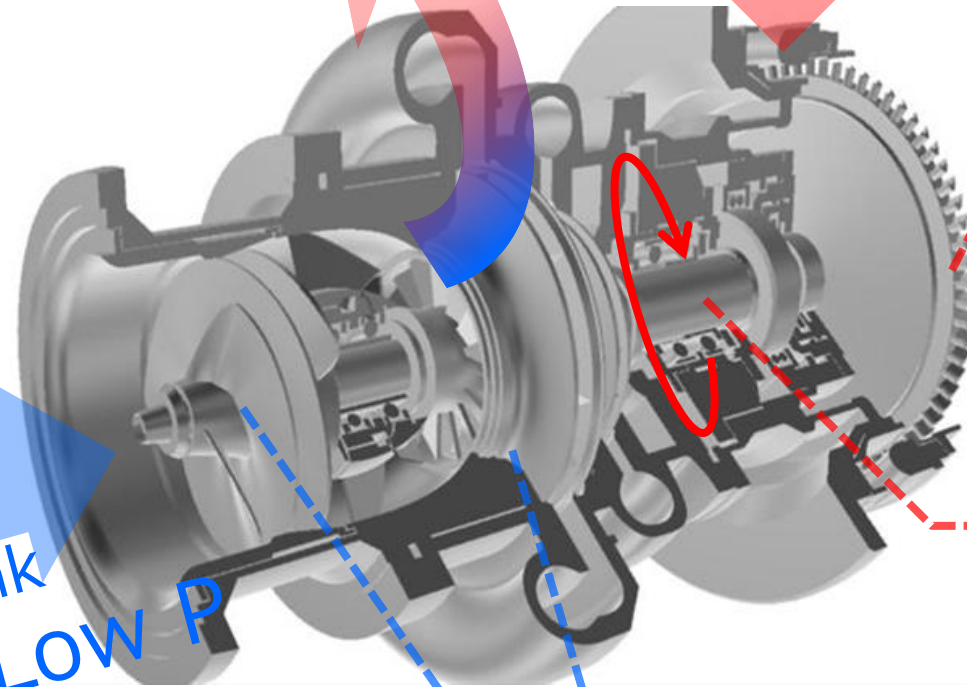
High T, High P gas
rotates the turbine

Turbine

Turbine rotates
the shaft

From a tank
Low T, Low P
liquid

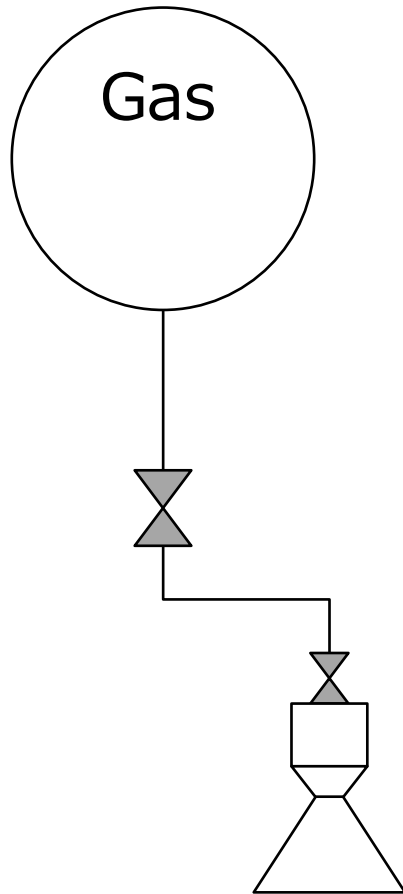
Pump



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Cold-gas Jet Thruster



The simplest thruster

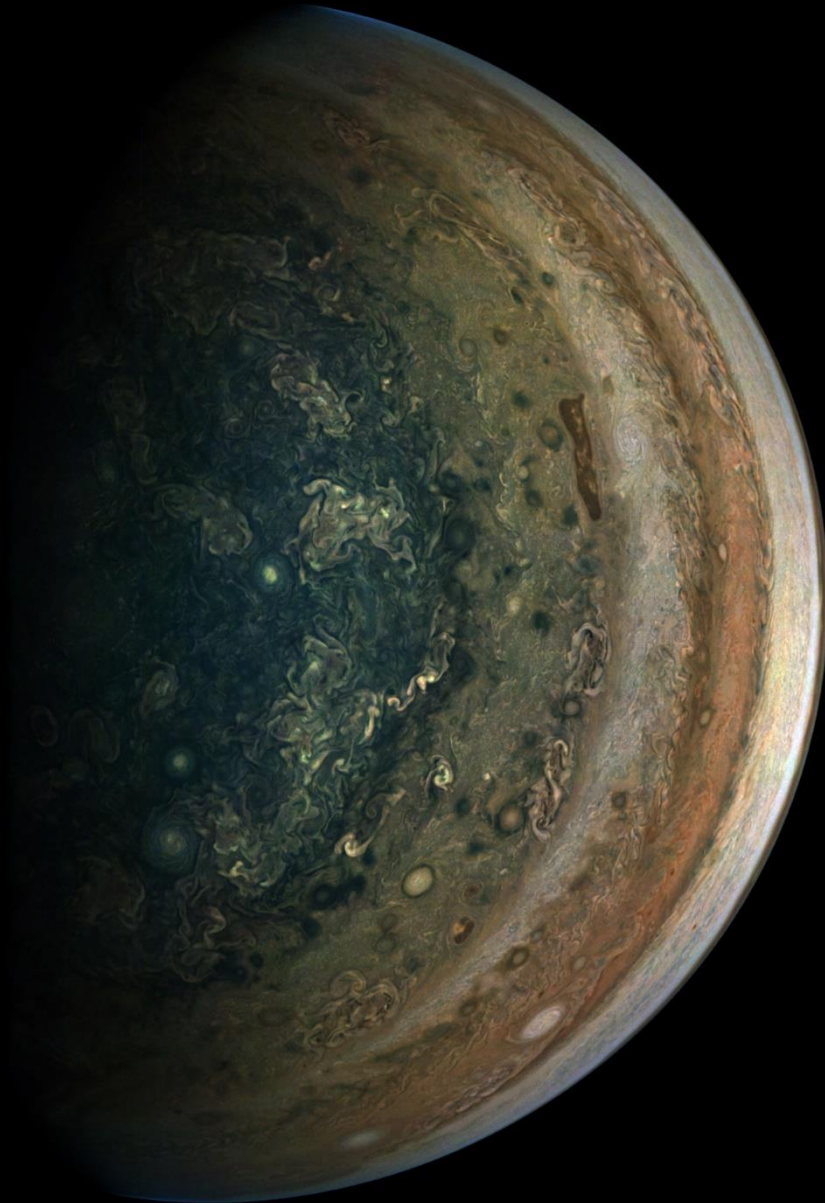
Cold-gas Jet Thruster

Poor performance
 $I_{sp}: 24 \text{ s}$

Reliability
Simplicity

Xenon-cold-gas thruster





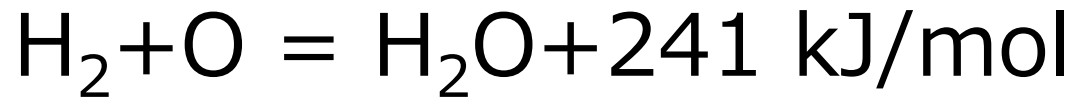
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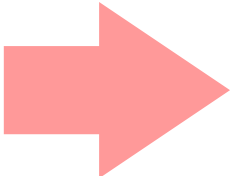
4: Micropropulsion

CP (Chemical E → Kinetic E)



18 g

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u_e^2 = E$$


$$u_e = 5 \text{ km/s}$$

Mass & energy are coupled → Velocity limit
Actual limit: about 4.5 km/s

EP (Electrical E \rightarrow Kinetic E)

Energy



Arbitrarily

Propellant

No velocity limit



Exhaust velocity can be increased
by electric propulsion



Possible:

Over 90% payload for $\Delta V = 10$ km/s
(e.g. 100 km/s propulsion for Jupiter)

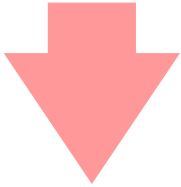
But, it's not an all-rounder



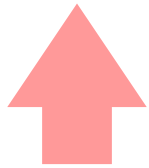
Small thrust (~ 0.1 N)

Long operation time (~ 1 year)

By solar array panel
(limited)



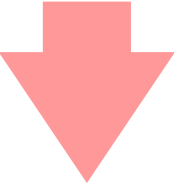
$$\eta P = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u_e^2$$



Energy conversion eff.

Energy conservation

By solar array panel
(limited)


$$\eta P = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} u_e^2 = \frac{1}{2} \underline{F u_e}$$



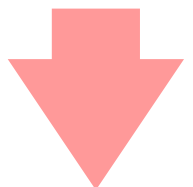
Energy conversion eff.

Constant



High velocity &
Low thrust

By solar array panel
(limited)


$$\eta PT = \frac{1}{2} F u_e T = \frac{1}{2} M_{sc} \Delta V u_e$$



Energy conversion eff.

Operation time

High velocity &
Long time

Q: Higher ex. velocity, better?

A : NO

Why ?

If the available power is limited,
the operation time is too long.

$$\Delta V = 13 \text{ km/s}$$

$$M_{PLD} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{EP} = 10 \text{ kW}$$

$$M_p = M_{PLD} \left\{ \exp \left(\frac{\Delta V}{u} \right) - 1 \right\}$$

$$\Delta V = 13 \text{ km/s}$$

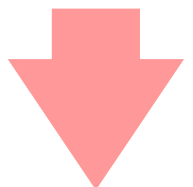
$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ kW}$$

$$U_e = 1000 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{EP}} = 50 \%$$

By solar array panel
(limited)


$$\eta PT = \frac{1}{2} F u_e T = \frac{1}{2} M_{sc} \Delta V u_e$$



Energy conversion eff.



Operation time

High velocity &
Long time

$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ kW}$$

$$U_e = 1000 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{EP}} = 50 \%$$

$$F_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ mN}$$

$$\dot{m}_{\text{EP}} = 10 \mu\text{g/s}$$

$$M_{\text{EP}} = 13 \text{ kg}$$

$$\tau_{\text{EP}} = 41 \text{ year}$$

$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ kW}$$

$$U_e = 30 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{EP}} = 50 \%$$

$$F_{\text{EP}} = 0.3 \text{ N}$$

$$\dot{m}_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ mg/s}$$

$$M_{\text{EP}} = 542 \text{ kg}$$

$$\tau_{\text{EP}} = 1.5 \text{ year}$$

$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{EP}} = 1000 \text{ W}$$

$$U_e = 10 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{EP}} = 50 \%$$

$$F_{\text{EP}} = 1 \text{ N}$$

$$\dot{m}_{\text{EP}} = 0.1 \text{ g/s}$$

$$M_{\text{EP}} = 2670 \text{ kg}$$

$$\tau_{\text{EP}} = 0.8 \text{ year}$$

$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

By CP

$$U_e = 2.5 \text{ km/s}$$


$$M_{\text{EP}} = 180,000 \text{ kg}$$

Operation time: 10 min.

Flying time: 2-6 years

Q: Higher ex. velocity, better?

A : NO

Why ?

Even if you increase the power to shorten the operation time, Solar array mass increases more than the propellant reduction.

$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ kW}$$

$$U_e = 30 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{EP}} = 50 \%$$

$$F_{\text{EP}} = 0.3 \text{ N}$$

$$\dot{m}_{\text{EP}} = 10 \text{ mg/s}$$

$$M_{\text{EP}} = 542 \text{ kg}$$

$$\tau_{\text{EP}} = 1.5 \text{ year}$$

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$$P_{\text{EP}} = 300 \text{ kW}$$

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$$F_{\text{EP}} = 0.3 \text{ N}$$

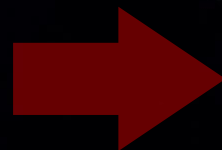
$$\dot{m}_{\text{EP}} = 0.3 \text{ mg/s}$$

$$M_{\text{EP}} = 13 \text{ kg}$$

$$\tau_{\text{EP}} = 1.4 \text{ year}$$



Solar array mass : 30-50 W/kg



100 kW & 3000 kg

$$M_{\text{PLD}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$

$$P_{\text{EP}} = 300 \text{ kW}$$

$$U_e = 1000 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{EP}} = 50 \%$$

$$F_{\text{EP}} = 0.3 \text{ N}$$

$$\dot{m}_{\text{EP}} = 0.3 \text{ mg/s}$$

$$M_{\text{EP}} = 13 \text{ kg}$$

$$\tau_{\text{EP}} = 1.4 \text{ year}$$

$$M_{\text{SAP}} = 9,900 \text{ kg}$$

Optimum exhaust velocity

Thrust Efficiency $\eta_{th} = \frac{\dot{m}_{prop} V_e^2}{2P_s}$ P_s : Available Power

Specific power of solar cell panels

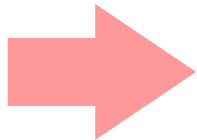
$$a = P_s / m_{panel} \text{ (W/kg)}$$

$$\beta = m_{panel} / P_s \text{ (kg/W)}$$

Typical $\beta = 0.05$ kg/W

Propellant consumption rate

$$\dot{m}_{prop} = m_{prop} / \tau \quad \tau: \text{Transfer Time}$$



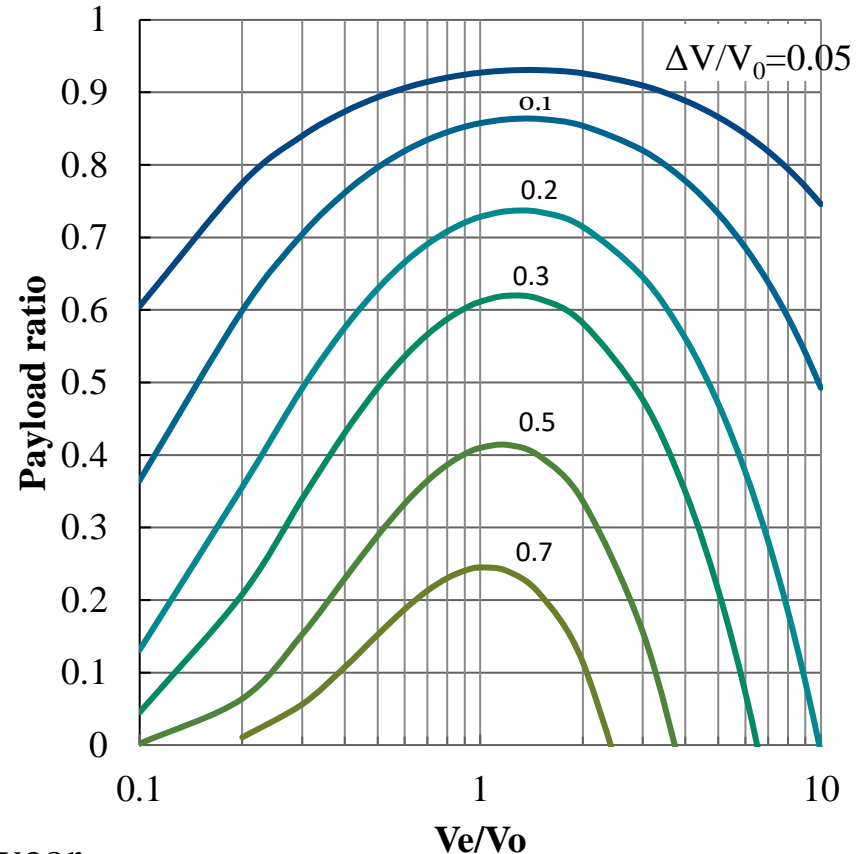
$$m_i = m_{pay} + \beta P_s + m_{prop}$$

Optimum exhaust velocity

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m_{\text{pay}}}{m_i} &= 1 - \frac{\beta P_s}{m_i} - \frac{m_{\text{prop}}}{m_i} \\ &= 1 - \frac{m_{\text{prop}}}{m_i} \left(\frac{\beta P_s}{\dot{m}_{\text{prop}} \tau} + 1 \right) \\ &= 1 - \left(1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta V}{V_e}\right) \right) \left(\frac{\beta V_e^2}{2\eta_{\text{th}} \tau} + 1 \right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta V}{V_e}\right) - \frac{\beta V_e^2}{2\eta_{\text{th}} \tau} \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta V}{V_e}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

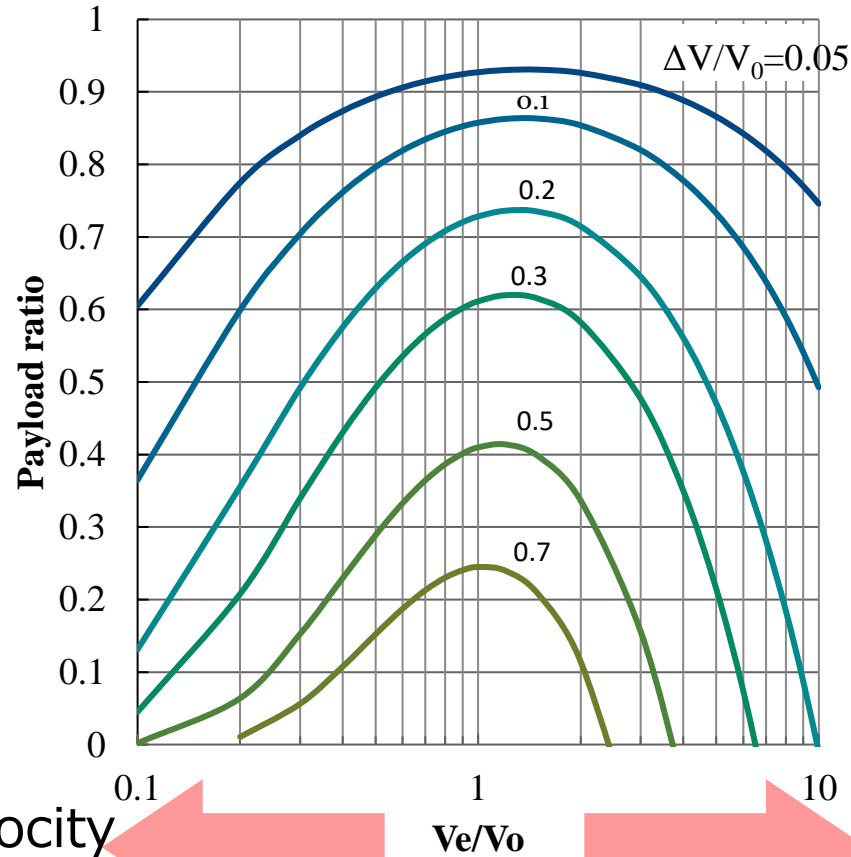
$$V_{e,\text{opt}} \approx V_0 = \sqrt{\eta_{\text{th}} \tau / \beta}$$

$V_{e,\text{opt}} \approx 10\text{km/s}$ for 30 days, 33km/s for 1 year.



Payload ratio and exhaust velocity

Optimum exhaust velocity



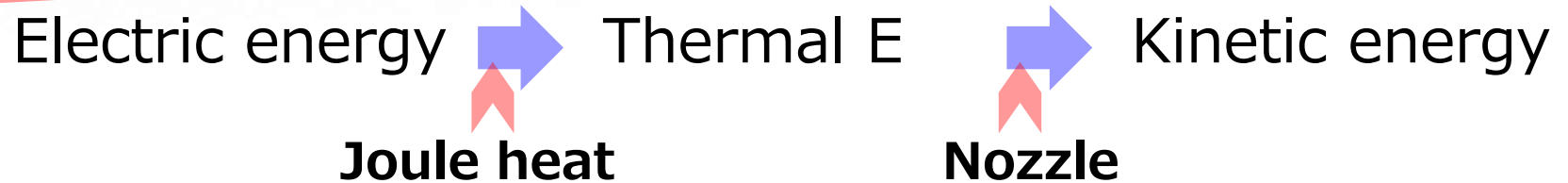
Propellant is too heavy due to too low velocity

Power sources are too heavy due to too high velocity

Payload ratio and exhaust velocity

Category of EP

ETA: Electrothermal Acceleration



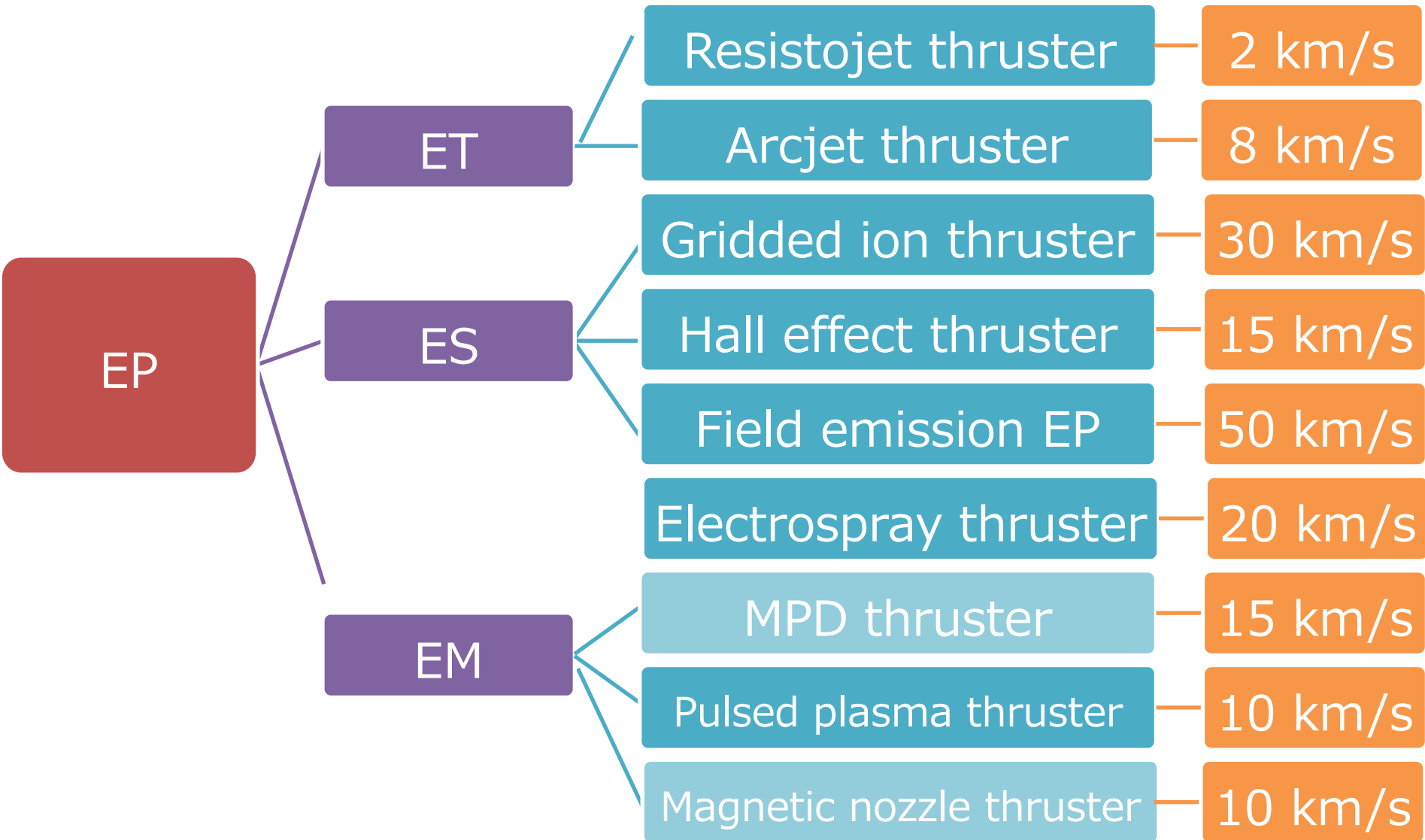
ESA: Electrostatic Acceleration



EMA: Electromagnetic Acceleration



EP Thrusters



Resistojet thruster

Application: **many**

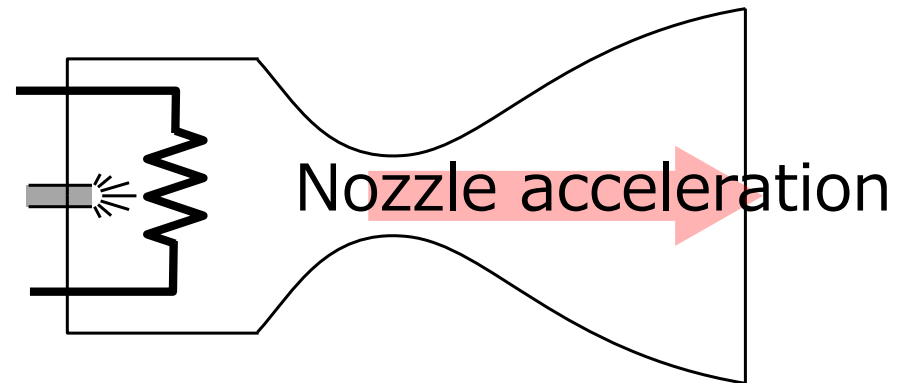
Working fluid: **hot gas**

W.F. generation: **resistive heating**

Acceleration: **nozzle**

Exhaust velocity (typical): **1 – 5 km/s**

Power (typical): **10 W – 2 kW**



Arcjet thruster

Application: **many**

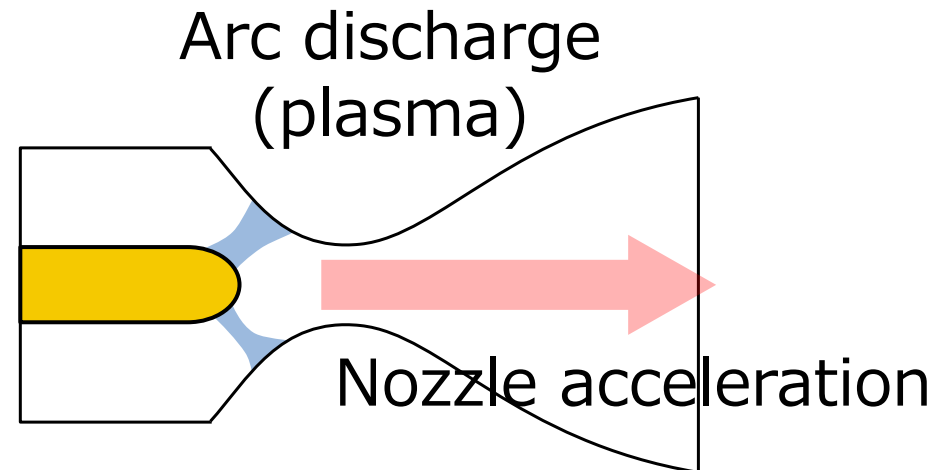
Working fluid: **plasma**

W.F. generation: **arc discharge**

Acceleration: **nozzle**

Exhaust velocity (typical): **5 – 10 km/s**

Power (typical): **1 – 2 kW**



Gridded ion thruster

Application: **many**

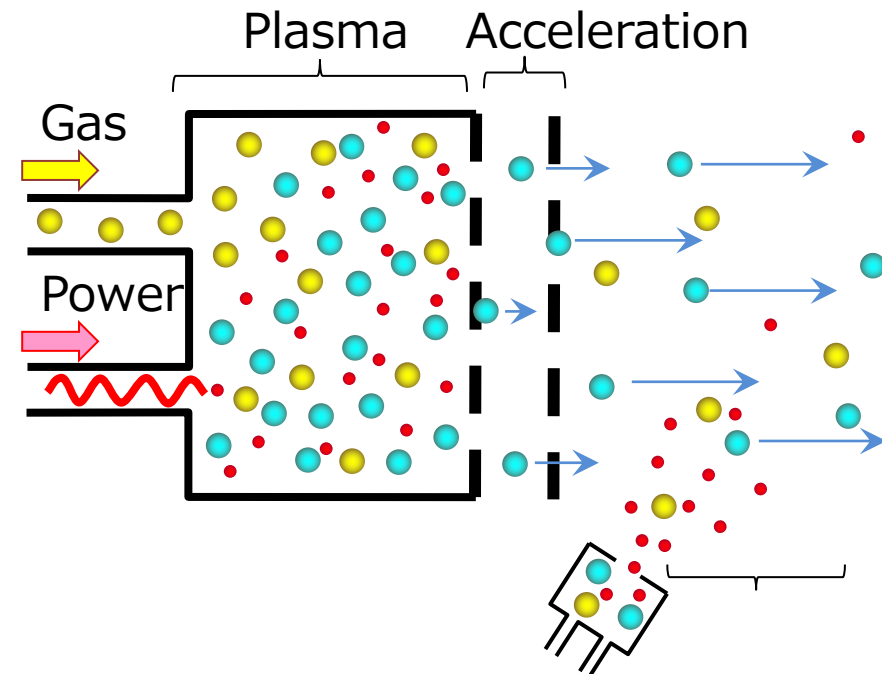
Working fluid: **plasma**

W.F. generation: **DC-discharge, RF, microwave**

Acceleration: **Electrostatic, 1 kV**

Exhaust velocity (typical): **30 km/s**

Power (typical): **0.5 – 2.0 kW**



Hall effect thruster

Application: **many**

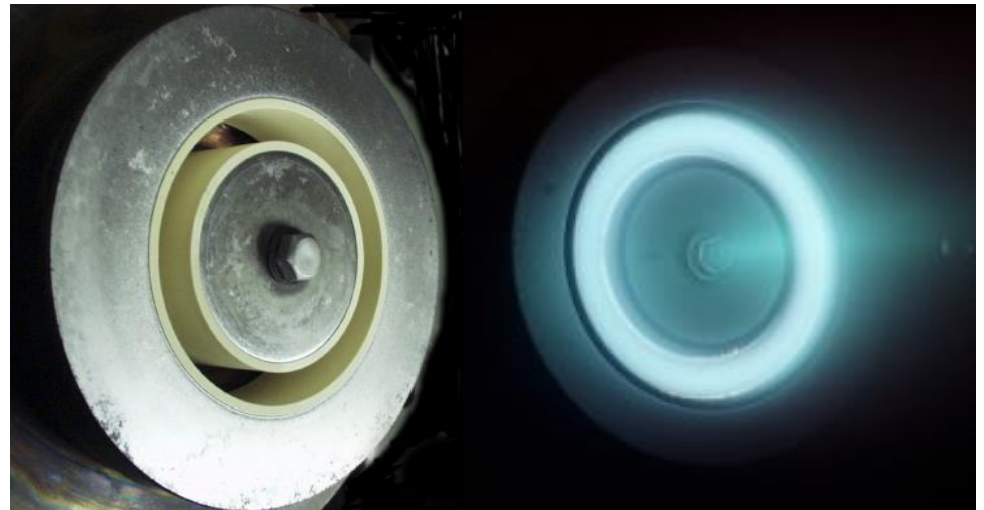
Working fluid: **plasma**

W.F. generation: **DC-discharge**

Acceleration: **Electrostatic, 300 V**

Exhaust velocity (typical): **15 km/s**

Power (typical): **0.5 – 2.0 kW**



Field emission electric propulsion

Application: 20 in space

Working fluid: ionized liquid metal

W.F. generation: field emission

Acceleration: Electrostatic, 10 kV

Exhaust velocity (typical): 50 km/s

Power (typical): 40 W

Electrospray thruster

Application: **a few demonstrations**

Working fluid: **ionized/droplet ionic liquid**

W.F. generation: **field emission/Taylor-cone**

Acceleration: **electrostatic, 1-3 kV**

Exhaust velocity (typical): **10-20 km/s**

Power (typical): **5 W**

Pulsed plasma thruster

Application: **several demonstrations**

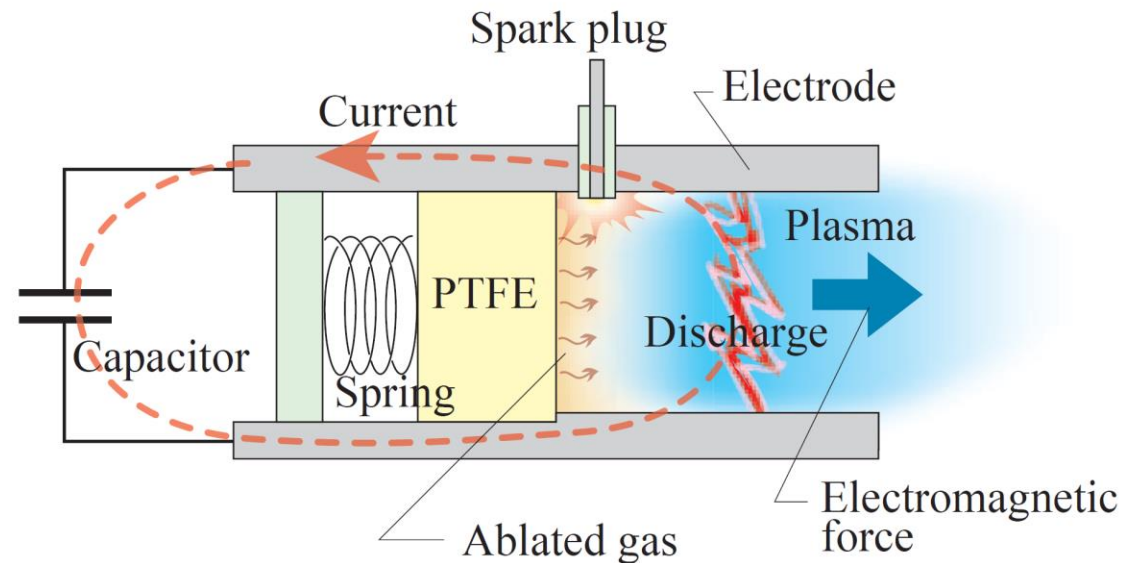
Working fluid: **plasma**

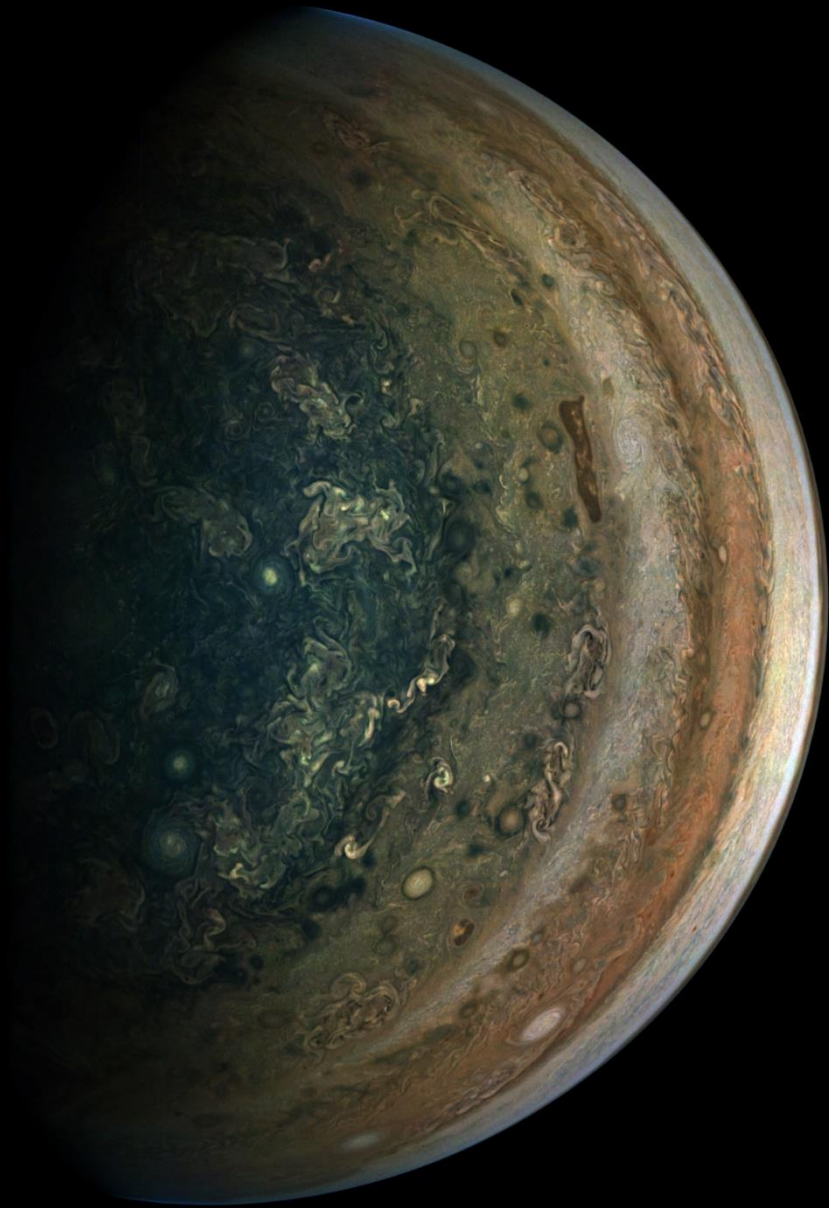
W.F. generation: **pulsed arc discharge**

Acceleration: **electromagnetic/electrothermal, 1-3 kV**

Exhaust velocity (typical): **5-20 km/s**

Power (typical): **10 W**





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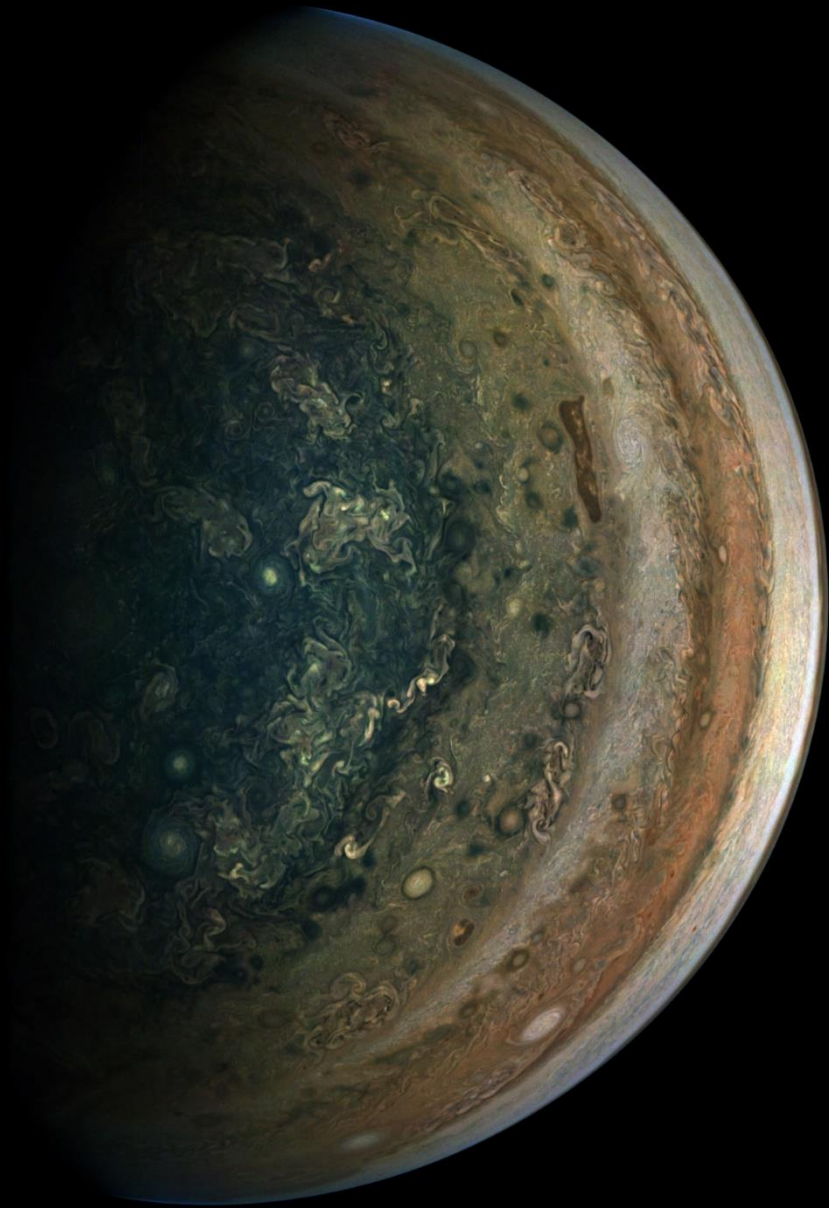
4: Micropropulsion

What is micropropulsion?



Just Small

There are difficulties in miniaturization of technology. The performance becomes lower (it's nature, unavoidable). If you are a developer, it's a big challenge, but if you are a user, what you do is to select the suitable one.



1: Fundamentals

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4.A: Key words

4.B: How to choose?

4.C: Recent trend

4.D: Pickup

1. Different roles

I. High specific impulse

Orbit transfer

Drag compensation

II. Multiaxis thrust

Unloading

Rendezvous

III. High thrust

Insertion
Escaping

Landing

Emergency

Miniaturization as system

Still small-satellites have little resource

2. Unified propulsion

PROCYON:

Ion thruster

+

Cold-gas thruster

By gas-sharing

ArgoMoon:

Green-mono

+

Cold-gas thruster

By plenum-gas usage

3. Safety

vs. Regulation



vs. Safety review



Xenon
2.3 kg

High-pressure
gas system (dry)

4.5 kg



Are there many choices?

Yes, too many

Some are really good thrusters.
Some are different from the data sheet.
Some may not work at all...



Which should you choose?

Enough information?

- ✓ NOT only performance, but principle, photo, dimensions, etc. are important.
- ✓ Is that principle feasible?
- ✓ Was it measured? How?
- ✓ Do they publish it at conferences/journals?

What is getting attention ?

The best place to check the trend of small satellites:
Small Satellite Conference

- ✓ More industry side rather than academic
- ✓ Single-session presentation & huge exhibition
 - ✓ ⇨ Severe selection ⇨ good index
- ✓ SSC2020 was online

Propulsion topics at SSC-2019/2020

Green mono-
propellant thruster

x2

Electric
propulsion

x3

Hybrid
thruster

x2

Cold-gas
thruster

x2

Propulsion topics at SSC-2019/2020

- ✓ High thrust
- ✓ Safety

Green mono-propellant thruster

x2

- ✓ High ΔV
- ✓ Safety

Electric propulsion

x3

- ✓ High thrust
- ✓ Safety

Hybrid thruster

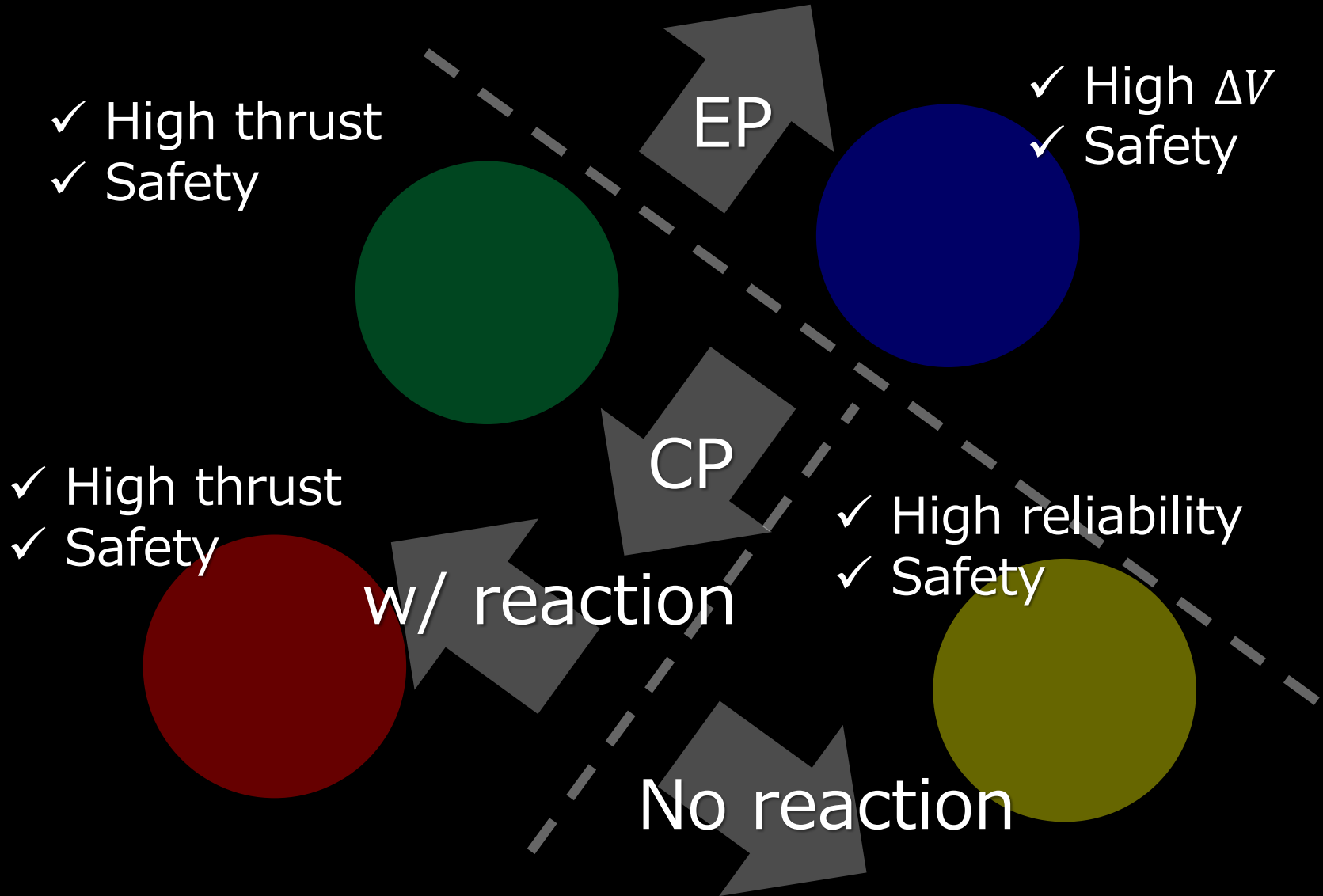
x2

- ✓ High reliability
- ✓ Safety

Cold-gas thruster

x2

Different ability by different type



“Safety” is the KEY

- ✓ High thrust
- ✓ Safety

Green mono-propellant thruster

- ✓ High ΔV
- ✓ Safety

Electric propulsion

- ✓ High thrust
- ✓ Safety

Hybrid thruster

- ✓ High reliability
- ✓ Safety

Cold-gas thruster

Degree of "Safety" is different

- AF-M315E = NH_3OHNO_3 , etc
- LMP-103S = $\text{NH}_4(\text{NO}_2)_2\text{N}$, etc
- ✓ Safety

Green mono-propellant thruster

Electric propulsion

✓ Safety

- Water
- Teflon
- Indium

✓ Safety

Hybrid thruster

- ABS + Gas O_2
- ABS + $\text{O}_2/\text{N}_2\text{O}$

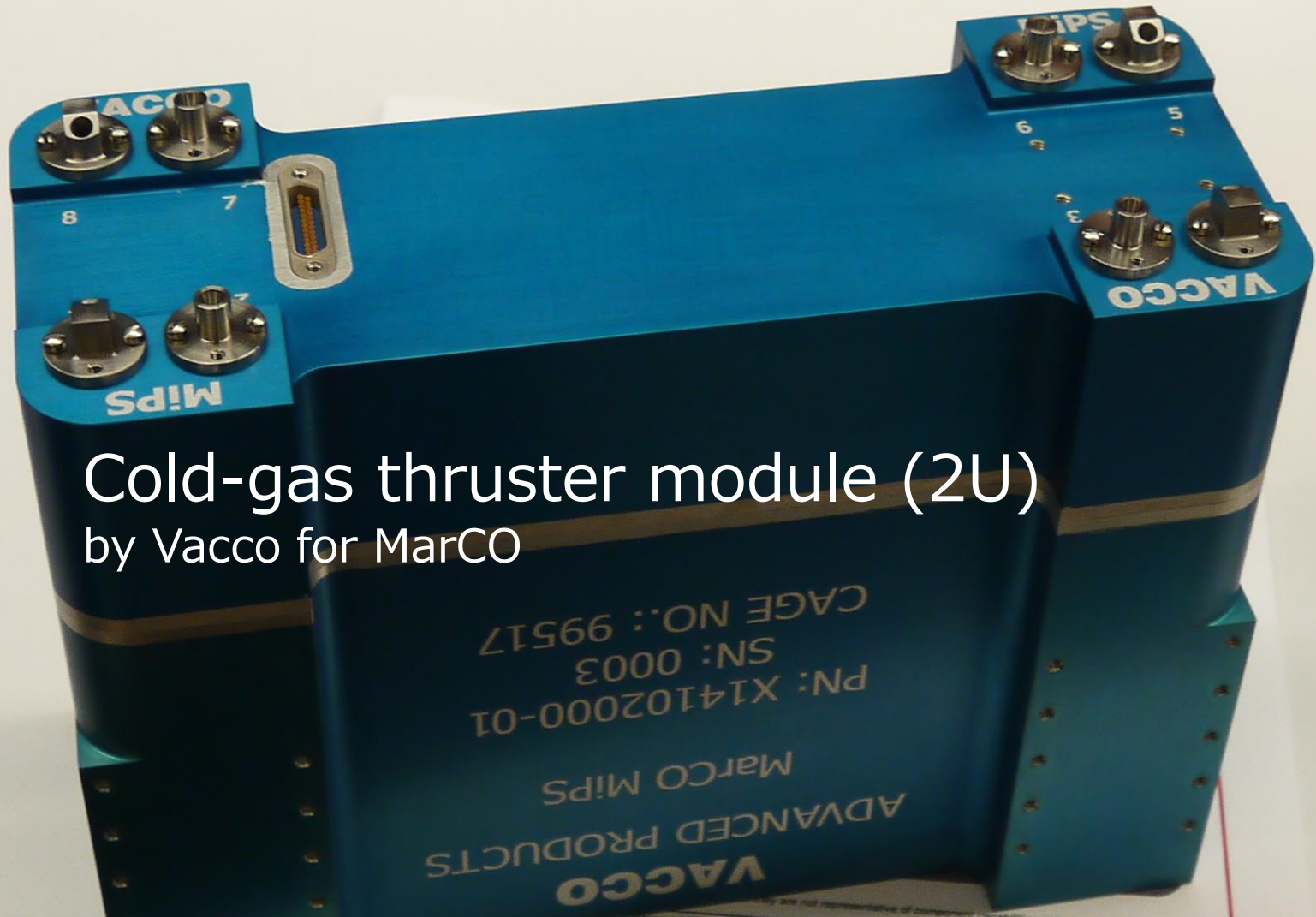
✓ Safety

Cold-gas thruster

- Indium
- Pressurized gas

MarCO

has a multiaxis-thruster system using cold-gas (R134a).



Cold-gas thruster module (2U)
by Vacco for MarCO

FEEP

By ENPULSION

- Indium
- 0.9 kg, 40 W, 5000 Ns, 0.35 mN, 2000 s
- Operation in 2018 April !!



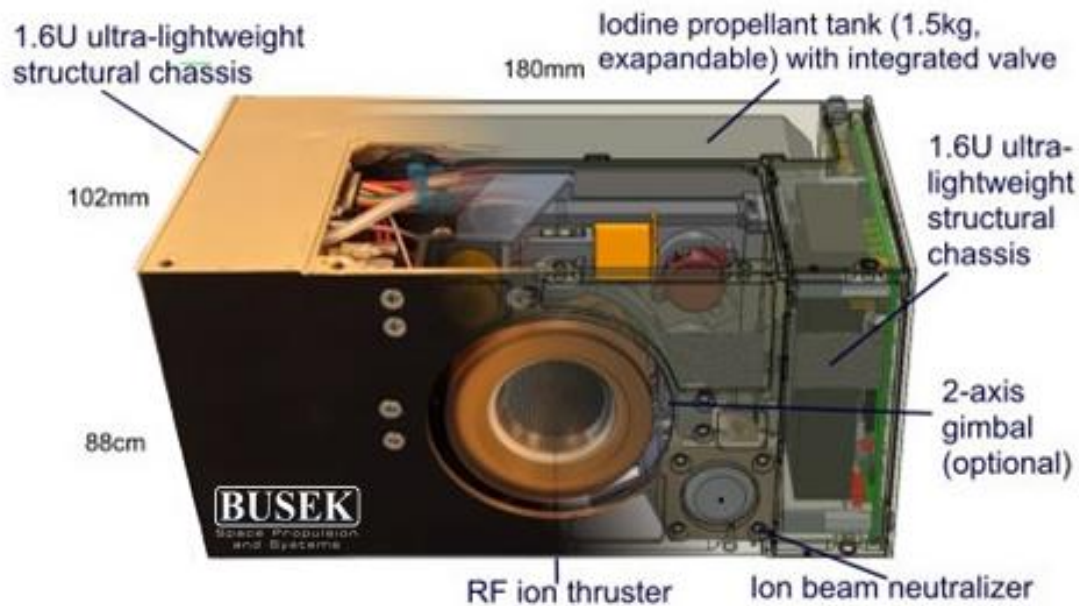
ENPULSION NANO

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Iodine ion thruster; BIT-3

By Busek Co. Inc.

- iodine
- 3.0 kg, 80 W, 40000 Ns, 1.24 mN, 2600 s
- Planned in 2019 by SLS-EM1

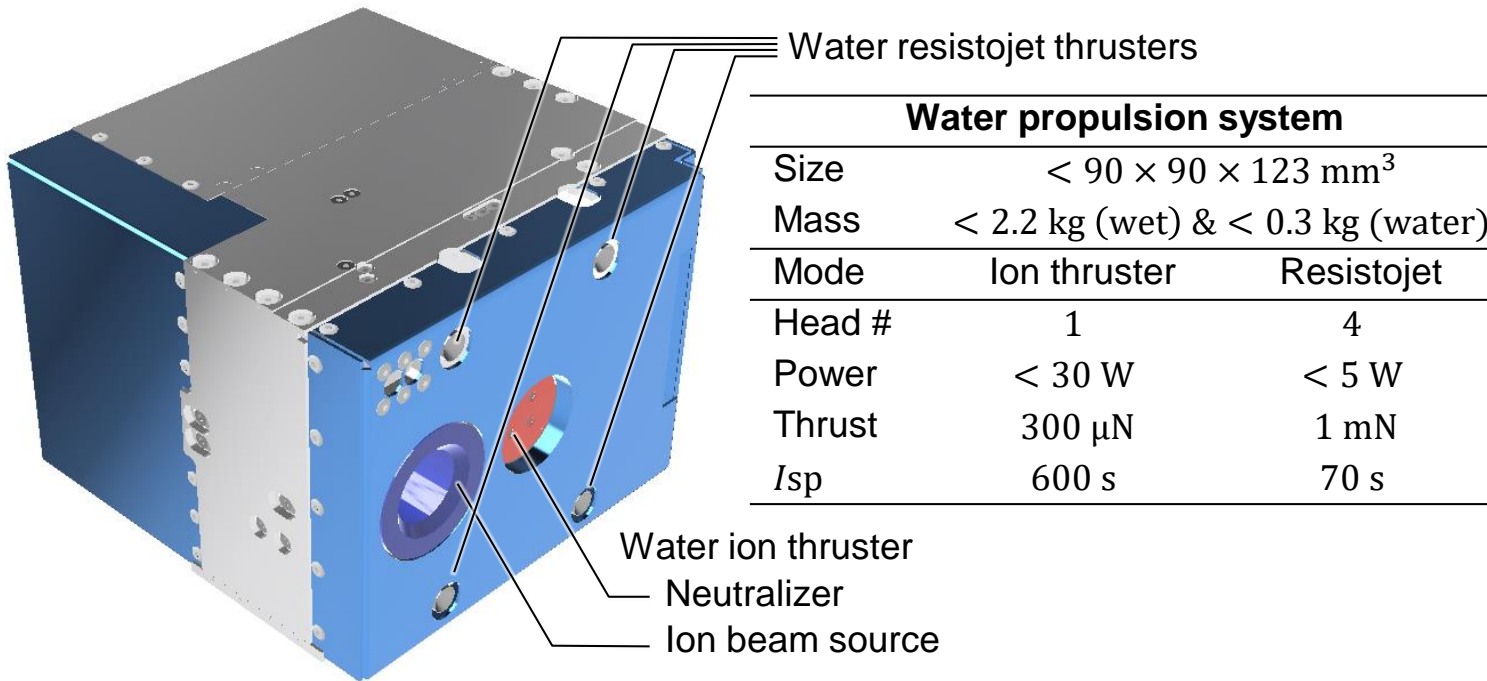


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Water Unified Propulsion

By Pale Blue Inc.

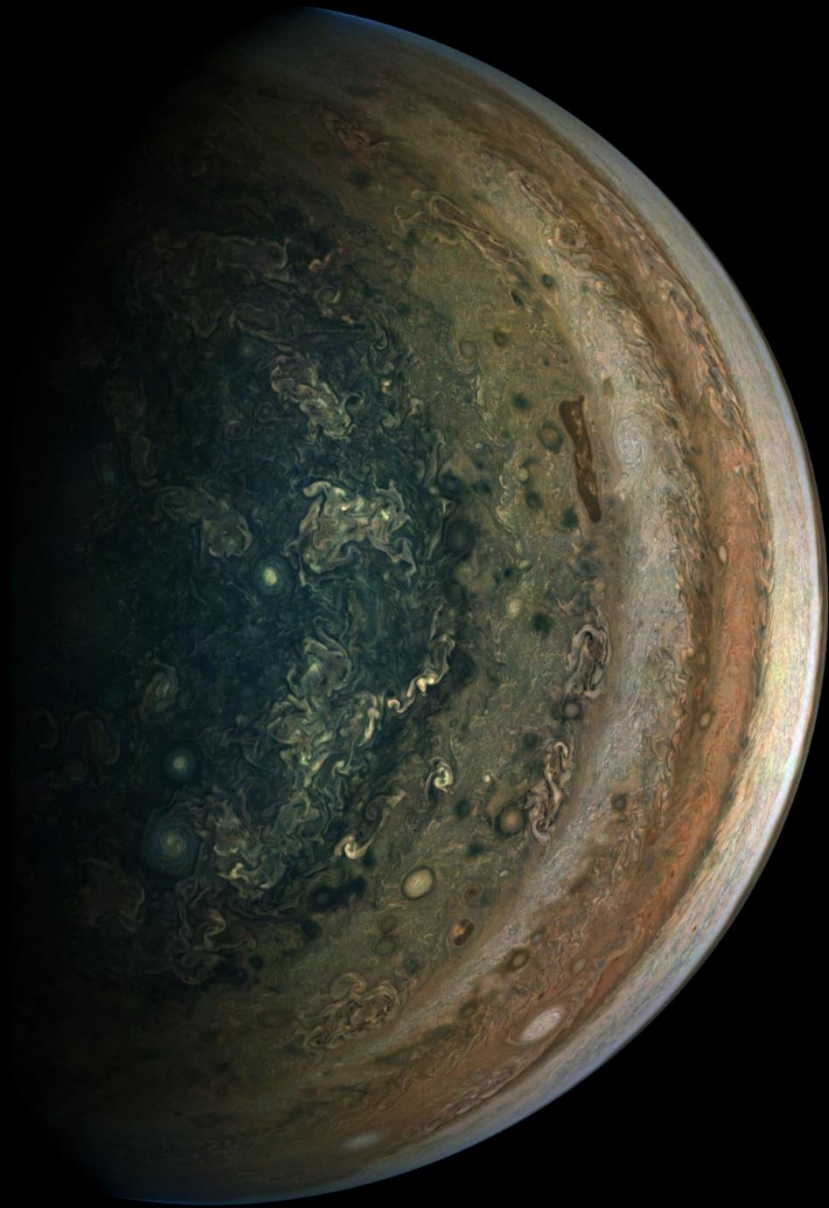
- Water ion thruster & Water Resistojet thruster
- Size $90 \times 90 \times 123 \text{ mm}^3$, $< 2.2 \text{ kg}$, Water $< 0.3 \text{ kg}$
- IT: $300 \mu\text{N}$, 600 s , T: 1 mN , $70 \text{ s} \times 4$
- Planned in 2022 by JAXA Innovative Program-3



Thruster name		Size	N	Total Impulse	Power
		U	-	Ns	W
Aerospace	MEMS	0.18	5	7	NA
U of Texas	Custom	0.40	1	56	2
SFL	CNAPS	1.58	4	106	4
MIT	SiEPS	0.20	1	116	2
Busek	BET-100	0.40	1	175	6
Busek	μ -resistojet	4.00	4	8	6
Busek	μ PPT	0.50	1	240	15
Busek	μ PPT	0.50	1	252	2
GWU	μ CAT	0.20	4	570	10
Vacco	MarCO prop.	1.50	8	755	15
CUA/Vacco	CHIPS	1.60	1	814	30
CUA/Vacco	CHIPS	1.60	4	511	NA
Hyperion	PM 200	1.00	1	920	6
Aerojet RD	MPS-130	1.00	4	1200	17
Tethers U	HYDROS-C	2.00	1	2150	20
Phase Four	RFT	1.00	1	2200	100
Enpulsion	IFM Nano T	1.00	1	5000	40
U of Tokyo	Unified	3.00	1	5100	47
U of Tokyo	Water	3.00	4	870	19
Busek	BIT-3	1.60	1	20600	56

Thruster name		Size	N	Propellant	Thrust
		U	-	-	m N
Aerospace	MEMS	0.18	5	HFC236fa	100.0
U of Texas	Custom	0.40	1	HFC236fa	110.0
SFL	CNAPS	1.58	4	SF ₆	50.0
MIT	SiEPS	0.20	1	EM I-BF ₄	0.1
Busek	BET-100	0.40	1	EM I-Im	0.1
Busek	μ -resistojet	4.00	4	Ammonia	0.5
			1		10.0
Busek	μ PPT	0.50	1	PTFE	0.5
GWU	μ CAT	0.20	4	Nickel	0.0
Vacco	MarCO prop.	1.50	8	HFC236fa	25.0
CUA/Vacco	CHIPS	1.60	1	R134a	30.0
			4		18.0
Hyperion	PM 200	1.00	1	Propane/N ₂ O	500.0
Aerojet RD	MPS-130	1.00	4	AF-M 315E	1.3
Tethers U	HYDROS-C	2.00	1	Water	1.2
Phase Four	RFT	1.00	1	Xenon	5.2
Expulsion	IFM Nano T	1.00	1	Indium	0.4
U of Tokyo	Unified	3.00	1	Water	0.3
	Water		4		3.9
Busek	BIT-3	1.60	1	Iodine	0.7

Thruster name		Size	N	Propellant	GHS	NFPA		
		U	-	-	#	B	R	Y
Aerospace	MEMS	0.18	5	HFC236fa	4, 7	1	0	1
U of Texas	Custom	0.40	1	HFC236fa	4, 7	1	0	1
SFL	CNAPS	1.58	4	SF ₆	4	2	0	0
MIT	SiEPS	0.20	1	EM I-BF ₄	7	3	1	0
Busek	BET-100	0.40	1	EM I-Im	6	2	1	0
Busek	μ -resistojet	4.00	4 1	Ammonia	4, 5, 7, 9	3	0	0
Busek	μ PPT	0.50	1	PTFE	NC	1	0	0
GWU	μ CAT	0.20	4	Nickel	2, 7, 8	2	1	0
Vacco	MarCO prop.	1.50	8	HFC236fa	4, 7	1	0	1
CUA/Vacco	CHIPS	1.60	1 4	R134a	4	2	1	0
Hyperion	PM 200	1.00	1	Propane/N ₂ O	2, 3, 4	2	4	0
Aerojet RD	MPS-130	1.00	4	AF-M 315E	1, 6, 7, 8	3	0	0
Tethers U	HYDROS-C	2.00	1	Water	NC	0	0	0
Phase Four	RFT	1.00	1	Xenon	4	0	0	0
Expulsion	IFM Nano T	1.00	1	Indium	8	2	0	0
U of Tokyo	Unified Water	3.00	1 4	Water	NC	0	0	0
Busek	BIT-3	1.60	1	Iodine	5, 6, 7, 9	3	0	0



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