

## **Cold-start Modeling and Experiments for Emissions Reduction (ACE 145)**

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## **Overview**

### Timeline

- PACE started FY2019 Q3
- Proposed as 5-yr project under DOE lab call (~45% complete)
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Focus and objectives of tasks will be adjusted
- Overall PACE work plan discussed in <u>ACE 138</u>

FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023

### Budget

PI	Task	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Wissink (ORNL)	O.E.06.01 Neutronic engine	\$1009k*	\$100k	\$100k
Jatana (ORNL)	O.E.07 Multi-cylinder Cold-start testing	\$125k	\$350k	\$350k
Edwards (ORNL)	O.M.06 Cold-start simulation efforts	\$200k	\$350k	\$350k

\* One-time funding for hardware purchase

### Barriers

- U.S. DRIVE Advanced Combustion and Emission Control Roadmap
  - Understand and improve dilute combustion strategies during <u>cold-start and cold operation to reduce emissions</u>.
  - <u>Understanding and robust modeling tools</u> for rapidly screening proposed designs based on sound metrics are lacking.
- PACE Major Outcome 8
  - Deeper understanding of *cold-start physics and chemistry* to enable *faster, numerically aided design and calibration*.

### **Partners**

- PACE is a DOE-funded consortium of 5 National Labs working toward common objectives (<u>ACE 138</u>)
  - Goals and work plan developed with input from stakeholders including DOE, ACEC Tech Team, commercial CFD vendors, et al.
- Specific partners on the work shown here...
  - Wissink: <u>Providing validation data</u> to PACE modeling teams; SwRI, ORNL Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) and Neutron Sciences Directorate
  - Jatana: *Providing validation data* to PACE modeling teams
  - Edwards: <u>Receiving data and submodels</u> from PACE teams; Convergent Science
  - o Additional details on later slides...



### PACE consortium objectives are to...

- Develop improved predictive simulation capabilities for key physics
  - Spray, wall-film, ignition, kinetics, soot formation, etc.
- Apply those improvement to key barriers to improved engine efficiency, emissions, and performance
  - Cold-start, knock, cyclic variability, dilute operation, etc.



# This presentation focuses on *application* of experimental learnings and new submodels to improve accuracy of <u>cold-start simulations</u>

- PACE Major Objective 8
  - Deeper understanding of cold-start physics & chemistry to enable faster, numerically-aided design & calibration
- Why cold-start?
  - Majority of EPA Federal Test Plan (FTP) emissions occur during cold-start
  - Development of operating strategies that accelerate catalyst heating would benefit from accurate simulation
  - But simulation of cold-start is very challenging with conventional methods





## **Timeline for selected PACE cold-start efforts**



## It's all connected!



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Date	PI	Milestone	Status
FY2020 Q3	Wissink, ORNL	Finalize design elements for engine and support systems.	MET
FY2020 Q4	Edwards, ORNL	Perform assessment of state-of-the-art cold-start modeling approaches to identify key gaps and needs.	MET
FY2021 Q1	Edwards, ORNL	Evaluate Sandia spray and evaporation model at cold-start conditions.	MET
FY2021 Q2	Jatana, ORNL	Quantification of fuel mass loss to the oil during the ACEC cold start protocol over a range of exhaust heat flux.	MET
FY2021 Q3	Edwards, ORNL	Use full-engine CFD with coupled CHT to evaluate thermal boundary conditions in engine and exhaust.	On Track
FY2021 Q4	Jatana, ORNL	Quantification of exhaust hydrocarbon species, temperature, and soot evolution over a range of exhaust heat flux.	On Track
FY2021 Q4	Wissink, ORNL	Commission neutronic engine ahead of contributing to MO3 and MO8 milestones.	On Track



## **Neutronic engine** (PI: Wissink, ORNL)



### **Objective**

Obtain in situ measurements of combustion chamber thermal boundary conditions in a firing engine.

### **Approach**

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- Neutron diffraction at ORNL's Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)
  - o Directly measures lattice strain inside bulk materials
  - With known material properties, provides temperature and stress throughout entire volume of part
  - o Can be done under dynamic conditions, and even in moving parts
- Developing purpose-built "neutronic engine" to enable time-resolved neutron diffraction measurements of combustion chamber thermal boundary conditions



Real components or devices





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Y [mm]



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Time [min]

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Time-resolved mapping



Wissink et al. (2020) Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 117(52).



85 mm

Neutron diffraction measurements made in small volume of part. Composite measurements made over full volume and through time by moving part within neutron beam.

## **Neutronic Engine Design Addresses Unique Challenges**

## (PI: Wissink, ORNL)

## • Southwest Research Institute to design and build

- Subcontract issued Sept 2019
- Midpoint design review completed Feb 2020
- Final design review completed Sept 2020
- Engine delivery expected July 2021

## Engine

- Single-cylinder based on production GM LHU cylinder head and SwRI bottom end
- $\circ$  86-mm bore x 86-mm stroke, 4-valve, side-mount DI
- Representative of modern SI engine, retains stock combustion chamber geometry
- Aligns well with existing engine platforms and models at ORNL (GM LNF)
- Fluorocarbon-based coolant and lubricant for improved neutron visibility

### Assembly packaging

- Engine and close-coupled dyno mounted horizontally in rigging frame with rotational mounts
- $\circ~\mbox{Fits}$  within sample space at VULCAN instrument





Technical Accomplishments

## **Development of facilities and support systems**

## (PI: Wissink, ORNL)

- Highly specialized support system requirements compared to traditional single-cylinder research engines
  - Fluorinated coolant and lubricant in certain sections of the engine
  - Multiple lubrication systems
  - Data and controls integration into a particle accelerator facility
- Detailed Statements of Work (SoWs) prepared for coolant and lubricant conditioning system and data acquisition and controls system
  - Conditioning system has been delivered and is undergoing commissioning
  - Subcontract has been issued for controls system with delivery expected Q3 2021
- Facilities upgrades in progress at VULCAN
  - Chilled glycol/water for engine cooling
  - Upgraded exhaust system to handle engine exhaust flowrate and temperature



### Next steps

- Commission engine and perform first diffraction measurements
- Align target operating conditions for volumetrically-resolved thermal boundary condition measurements with CHT modeling tasks

Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels.



## Multi-cylinder cold-start testing (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

**Specifications** 

**Base engine** 

Bore x stroke:

Firing cylinder

SCE Displacement

**Detailed HC and soot** 

Injection

Base CR

(-)

9.2:1

500 cc

**FY 2021** 

### **Objective**

- Develop comprehensive validation engine data during • cold-start (and warm restart) operation
  - Exhaust heat flux, emissions, thermal boundary conditions 0

### Approach

- Engine experiments with production hardware converted ۲ for single-cylinder operation
  - Detailed spatial exhaust measurements and speciation 0
  - Intake air, outlet coolant and oil maintained at 20°C 0

**FY 2020** 

Fuel-in-oil wall impingement

- ACEC Cold-Start Protocol 0
  - Steady-state operation
  - 1300 rpm, 2-bar NMEP
  - Sweep exhaust enthalpy
- RD5-87 fuel 0

**FY 2019** 

Surrogate evaluation



## Cold-start Fuel-Loss-to-Oil Quantification (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

Technical Accomplishments

RD5-87

	ND3-01
Engine Conditions	ACEC Steady-State Cold-Start Protocol
Injection Pressure [bar]	120
Spark Timing [°ATDC]	-15, -10, -5, 0, 5 and 10
Injection Timing [°ATDC]	Base: -280 Sweep: -290 to -230
Lambda [-]	1
Cam Timings [°retard]	Intake: 0 Exhaust: 0, 25, 50

### Fuel-loss-to-oil trends provide info on wall wetting for modeling

- Higher fuel loss at retarded spark timings trends with increase in required fuel
  - Increase in cylinder pressure due to increased air flow also a likely factor
- Exhaust cam retard has negligible effect on fuel loss
  - Fuel loss not trending with the higher fuel flow required at retarded exhaust cam timings
- Start of injection (SOI) sweep

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- Likely interplay between piston and cylinder wall wetting
- Data is being fed into wall-wetting simulations



### 1300 rpm and 2-bar NIMEP stoichiometric operation



## Cold-Start Soot Measurements (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

Engine-out Soot measurements to provide model validation data

Significant increase in soot emissions for very advanced injection timings

Data is being fed into wall-wetting simulations and to soot modeling team

2-8kW/L exhaust heat flux range achieved with exhaust cam phasing

Retarded SOI requires lower fuel flow to maintain load due to improved

Engine-out soot emissions increase with spark retard

Exhaust cam retard also increases soot emissions

Likely due to piston wetting

combustion stability

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## FY21 planned work

- Complete analysis of results from recent campaign
  - Results will be shared with modeling teams
- Split injection strategies
- PACE-20 surrogate fuel
- Advanced fuel-in-oil characterization at select conditions using ORNL's laserinduced-fluorescence (LIF) measurement system
- Quantification and speciation of hydrocarbons and soot evolution in exhaust
  - Cannister samples at multiple locations for HC speciation
  - o Filter samples for organic/solid carbon fraction
  - PM particle size distribution with EEPS or SMPS
  - o <u>Results will be shared with PACE soot working group</u>
- Transition efforts to PACE common engine platform (Ford 2.3-L EcoBoost)
  - o Multi-cylinder production engine converted to single-cylinder operation
  - o Installation underway in ORNL engine cell

## FY22 planned work

- High-speed measurements of temperature and gas species evolution in the exhaust stream
- Quantification of species and temperature from engine cranking to ACEC Tech Team cold-start protocol point
  - Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels.











## Cold-start simulation efforts (PI: Edwards, ORNL)

Evaluate improvements to modeling of charge preparation, combustion

Targeting improvements to charge preparation, ignition and combustion,

performance, and emissions production over conventional methods

Apply experimental learnings and new, physics-based submodels

Comparison to conventional, baseline model performance

Improved predictive simulation of cold-start engine operation

Demonstration of PACE cold-start objective

and emissions generation

Validation against experimental data



#### **FY 2023 FY 2019 FY 2020 FY 2022** FY 2021 **Conventional baseline defined** Conjugate heat transfer (CHT) **Transition to PACE engine Cyclic variability CHT** with exhaust **ANL spray-wall model Sensitivity studies** Ignition model **SNL Corrected Distortion spray model** Comparisons w/ detailed emissions Soot model **PACE-1** Surrogate **PACE-20 Surrogate Zero-RK PAH mechanism studies Conventional baseline for cold-start Demonstration of PACE MO8 objective CFD** engine simulations

## PACINE PARTNERSHIP

**Objective** 

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## Summary of progress and accomplishments (PI: Edwards, ORNL)





## CD spray model and flash boiling added (PI: Edwards, ORNL)

# Flash boiling (CONVERGE v3.0) and the Sandia Corrected Distortion spray models were added to the baseline cold-start engine model

- Free-spray and engine (GM LNF) simulations with PACE-20 surrogate
- Free spray (ECN Spray G) compared to experiment and baseline model
  - CD + Flash boiling predicts better evaporation of lighter components, but deeper penetration of heavier components than baseline model
- Flash boiling of lighter species observed at conditions above 20°C
  - Very relevant for simulation of experiments following ACEC Tech Team cold-start protocols with steady-state operation
- For engine, vapor composition at spark gap closer to PACE-20 definition
  - Predicting better evaporation of most components (tetralin at 73% of PACE-20 level)
- Notable changes in cylinder wall film with CD + Flash boiling
  - o Less initial film formation, especially on piston
  - But lower evaporation rate resulting in more film at time of spark
  - Suspected to be due to combination of...
    - changes in spray pattern due to flash boiling
    - Higher concentration of heavier species in film

## Further analysis underway for future publication



n-pentane vapor concentration @ 30mm, 0.82 ms after SOI\*





## **CHT simulations for improved thermal BC**

# Coupled conjugate heat transfer (CHT) model for ORNL's modified single-cylinder GM Ecotec 2.0-L LNF engine

- 3-D CHT on piston, head, exhaust pipe; 1-D on liner
  - GruMo-UniMORE law-of-the-wall gas-side heat transfer
  - Simulations currently being performed on Eagle
- Predicted spatio-temporal average cylinder wall temperature ~60°C
  - Significant spatial variability (~40°C) in head temperatures for steady-state operation under ACEC cold-start protocol
  - Temporal variability is limited with minor increases during combustion
- Examining sensitivity to back-side BCs
  - Initial results converging suggesting limited sensitivity
- Exhaust geometry used on SCE for exhaust sampling

550

600

650 7.0e+02

Spatial variation of ~50°C along length

2.7e+02

More detailed analysis pending completion of runs

CAD = 920 dATDC



CHT surface temperature predictions during combustion

38-in exhaust pipe used for detailed exhaust sampling on ORNL's modified single-cylinder GM Ecotec 2.0-L LNF engine



## FY21 planned work

- Complete CHT runs with exhaust system for BCs and emissions
  - o <u>Results will be shared with modeling teams</u>
- Comparison to detailed emissions and soot measurements (PI: Jatana, ORNL)
  - Comparisons for CHT runs w/exhaust (PACE-1/8 surrogate) and cyl model (PACE-20)
- Add Argonne NL Spray-Wall Interaction model (PI: Torelli, ANL)
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Coupling with Sandia Corrected Dispersion spray model already established  $\,$
  - $\circ$   $\:$  Has already shown significant improvement in film predictions for SNL optical engine
  - o Model has been delivered, awaiting retuning of model with PACE-20 surrogate
- Begin transition to modeling PACE common engine (Ford 2.3-L EcoBoost)
  - o Geometry model being reconstructed from CT and laser scans of production hardware
    - Collaboration with LaserDesign and Convergent Science
  - o Injector characterization in planning

## FY22 planned work

- Commission and validate PACE engine model with experimental data
- Add ignition and quenching models (PI: Scarcelli, ANL)
- PAH mechanism studies (PI: Kukkadapu, LLNL)





Future Work



Geometry reconstruction of common PACE engine platform production hardware (Ford 2.3-L EcoBoost) from CT and laser scans by LaserDesign, Inc.

Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels.

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## **Remaining challenges and barriers**

## **Overall challenges and barriers for PACE program are covered in <u>ACE 138</u>**

### • Neutronic engine (PI: Wissink, ORNL)

- $\circ~$  Management of neutronic engine design, build, and commissioning
- Integration of neutronic engine and specialized support systems into the VULCAN beamline
- Development of techniques for spatiotemporal alignment and binning of engine and diffractometer data to enable time-resolved measurements in moving parts

### • Multi-cylinder cold-start testing (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

- Provide critical data sets for model validation including quantification of exhaust hydrocarbon species, temperature, and soot evolution over a range of exhaust heat flux
- $_{\odot}$   $\,$  Transition approach to PACE engine from current work on GM LNF  $\,$
- Cold-start simulation efforts (PI: Edwards, ORNL)
  - Integration of various submodels into CONVERGE and evaluating any potential unintended interactions
  - Accurate prediction of emissions is challenging even under normal operation



## **Responses to previous reviewer comments**

### Neutronic engine (PI: Wissink, ORNL)

- "How much can be acquired. Is it an ensemble averaging process in both x, y, z and time? How many unique conditions can be measured considering the complexity?"
  - <u>ORNL response</u>: The diffraction data is ensemble averaged over position (x,y,z), and time. The number of conditions possible would depend on the size of the volumetric region that needs to be resolved as well as the temporal resolution (cycle average vs. crank angle resolved). Mapping the full combustion chamber at high time resolution for a single condition could take several days but measuring a single location's cycle-average could be done in minutes.

### Multi-cylinder cold-start testing (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

- "Consider adding a higher speed/load condition to the work."
  - <u>Engine experiment response (SNL + ORNL + ANL)</u>: This is very helpful feedback. Adding a higher load point for an engine thermal state that corresponds to 20 s into the cold-start is something that we would be interesting in pursuing if time and resources allow. The future work plan includes investigating transient aspects of cold-start.
- "... it is not certain if soot modeling can be accurate for a wide range of cold-start operation as the current surrogate fuel showed a big difference with the reference fuel RD5-87 in higher exhaust heat flux range."
  - <u>ORNL response</u>: The initial experiments gave valuable feedback on surrogate performance, an important part of the collaborative nature of PACE. A new surrogate (PACE-20) has now been developed which includes tetralin to better match the high end of the boiling curve.
- "Can this engine be used to study the effect of injection and spark parameters on engine performance during the ACEC Cold start test?"
  - ORNL response: The future workplan includes investigation of multiple injections and spark parameters including heat range of the spark plugs.

### Cold-start simulation efforts (PI: Edwards, ORNL)

- "[Need to] understand where the discrepancies in modeling are arising from... every aspect of the model should be introspected and compared with fundamental experiments with cold walls."
  - ORNL response: This is the approach being taken under PACE with teams looking at each aspect of charge preparation, ignition and combustion, and emissions both experimentally and in models. This task takes those learnings and applies them to evaluate resulting impact on cold-start prediction.



### PACE is a DOE-funded consortium of 5 National Labs collaboratively working toward common objectives

Overall PACE objectives and work plan were developed with input from key stakeholders including DOE, U.S. DRIVE ACEC Tech Team, and Advanced Engine Combustion (AEC) MOU members including CFD software vendors.

- Neutronic Engine (PI: Wissink, ORNL)
  - Subcontract with SwRI to design and build neutronic engine
  - Internal collaboration with ORNL Neutron Sciences Directorate to develop facilities, sample environment, and data reduction approaches
- Multi-cylinder cold-start testing (PI: Jatana, ORNL)
  - Validation data provided to modeling teams

- Cold-start simulation efforts (PI: Edwards, ORNL)
  - Convergent Science: Licenses, support and assistance with development of CHT and PACE engine models
  - ORNL: Experimental validation data from LNF engine
  - LLNL: PACE RD5-87 surrogate kinetic mechanism and flame-speed tables
  - o LLNL: Zero-RK
  - PACE Spray Team:
    - Free-spray experimental data (Pickett, SNL)
    - Corrected Distortion spray model (Nguyen, SNL)
    - Spray-Wall Interaction model (Torelli, ANL)
  - PACE Ignition Team: Ignition model (Scarcelli, ANL)
  - PACE Soot Modeling Team: Data exchange, PAH mechanism testing

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## Summary

### Overall summary of PACE consortium objectives and work plan provided in <u>ACE 138</u>

- Relevance
  - Addresses need for improved simulation of cold-start operation identified in U.S. DRIVE Roadmap and PACE objectives
- Approach
  - Experiments to provide understanding and validation data that feeds development of improved submodels and fullengine CFD
- Technical Accomplishments
  - Completed final design review for neutronic engine with delivery expected summer 2021
  - Completed fuel-loss-to-oil quantification and exhaust and soot measurements from single-cylinder GM LNF engine
    - Achieved 2-8 kW/L exhaust enthalpy with retarded spark timing and EV phasing
  - Added Corrected Distortion spray model, flash boiling model, and PACE-20 surrogate chemistry to baseline model
    - Provides next performance benchmark toward demonstration of PACE cold-start objective
- Collaborations
  - Strong collaboration between multiple NLs with guidance and support from industry
- Future Work (Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels)
  - Commission neutronic engine and perform initial experiments
  - o Detailed exhaust and soot measurements at multiple locations in exhaust system
  - o Continue to add new PACE submodels including spray-wall interaction and ignition models
  - Transition efforts to the PACE common engine platform (Ford 2.3-L EcoBoost)



## **Technical Backup Slides**





## **Measuring strain with neutron diffraction**

- Bragg's Law defines the condition for constructive interference when a wave is diffracted by a repeating crystal lattice
- The angle θ at which we measure the intensity of the diffracted neutrons is defined by the geometry and orientation of the detectors and collimators
- The wavelength  $\lambda$  of the diffracted neutrons is calculated by measuring the time of flight of the pulsed neutrons
- With the  $\theta$  and  $\lambda$  we can correlate intensity peaks in the diffraction signal to interplanar spacing *d*
- Spatial or temporal variations in d-spacing provide a direct measure of lattice strain within a given gauge volume at resolution <100 microstrain</li>



Bragg's Law:

$$2d\sin\theta = n\lambda$$

Lattice strain:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{d - d_0}{d_0}$$



### ACEC Protocol ANL/ORNL/SNL\*

Approach:	TWC	
Mode:	catalyst heating	
Engine speed	1300 rpm	_
NMEP	200 kPa	Feed
Coolant temperature (coolant out of engine)	20 °C	
Intake air temperature (ambient)		
<sup>1,2</sup> Heat flux	sweep from 3 to 10 kW/L	<sup>1</sup> Exh
Lambda	1.00	<sup>2</sup> Co
Table from Chauhy AEC presentation	Feb 2020	

### **Targets**

	Approach:	LDV/LDT TWC	(-)
	Mode:	catalyst heating	
	Feedgas NMHC+NOx	<17 (4.8)	g/hr/liter (mg/s/liter)
	Feedgas CO	<350 (97)	g/hr/liter (mg/s/liter)
	РМ	<1.0 (0.3)	g/hr/liter (mg/s/liter)
-	<sup>1</sup> Exhaust temperature	> 450	°C
	<sup>2</sup> Combustion stability	<0.45	bar
	COV IMEP	<20	percent



## **ORNL Experiments conducted in stock LNF engine configuration**

- Stock engine configuration for SCE.
- Fuels are compared under catalyst heating mode defined by USDRIVE ACEC Tech Team.
- Spark timing is swept from -15°ATDCf to +10°ATDCf to cover exhaust enthalpy space.
- Exhaust cam timing phasing
  - 0, 25, and 50 CAD retard
  - 0 = maximum NVO
- Injection timing sweep
  - -290 to -230 dATDCf

GM LNF	Value
Bore x Stroke [mm]	86 x 86
Conrod Length [mm]	145.5
Wrist pin offset [mm]	0.8
Compression Ratio [-]	Stock (9.2)
Fuel Injection System	Direct Injection, side-mounted, production injector

	RD5-87
Engine Speed [rpm]	1300
Coolant, Oil and Air Intake Temperature [°C]	20
Load [NIMEP]	2
Injection Pressure [bar]	120
Spark Timing [°ATDCf]	15, 10, 5, 0, -5 and -10
Injection Timing [°ATDCf]	Base: -280 Sweep: -290 to -230
Lambda [-]	1
Cam Timings [°retard]	Intake: 0 Exhaust: 0, 25, 50



## Exhaust Cam Phasing (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

- Exhaust cam opening retard significantly impacts cold start performance
  - Sharp increase in COV at highly retarded phasing
  - Increase in exhaust temperature, exhaust heat rate, and % of fuel energy present in the exhaust stream.
  - $\circ~$  Emissions reduction observed

# Able to achieve exhaust enthalpy up to 8 kW/L by varying both spark timing and EVO





