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)
  - Focus and objectives of tasks will be adjusted
- Overall PACE work plan discussed in ACE 138

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* One-time funding for hardware purchase

Barriers
- U.S. DRIVE Advanced Combustion and Emission Control Roadmap
  - Understand and improve dilute combustion strategies during cold-start and cold operation to reduce emissions.
  - Understanding and robust modeling tools 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 (ACE 138)
  - 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: Providing validation data to PACE modeling teams; SwRI, ORNL Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) and Neutron Sciences Directorate
  - Jatana: Providing validation data to PACE modeling teams
  - Edwards: Receiving data and submodels from PACE teams; Convergent Science
  - Additional details on later slides...
PACE objective for improving cold-start simulations

PACE consortium objectives are to…

• Develop improved predictive simulation capabilities for key physics
  o Spray, wall-film, ignition, kinetics, soot formation, etc.

• Apply those improvement to key barriers to improved engine efficiency, emissions, and performance
  o Cold-start, knock, cyclic variability, dilute operation, etc.

This presentation focuses on *application* of experimental learnings and new submodels to improve accuracy of cold-start simulations

• PACE Major Objective 8
  o *Deeper understanding of cold-start physics & chemistry to enable faster, numerically-aided design & calibration*

• Why cold-start?
  o Majority of EPA Federal Test Plan (FTP) emissions occur during cold-start
  o Development of operating strategies that accelerate catalyst heating would benefit from accurate simulation
  o But simulation of cold-start is very challenging with conventional methods
Timeline for selected PACE cold-start efforts

**Approach**

**FY 2019**
- Hardware development
- Ignition and flame kernel
- Surrogate evaluation

**FY 2020**
- Free spray
- Wall film
- Fuel-in-oil wall impingement
- Detailed HC and soot
- Experimental and DNS inputs
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**FY 2021**
- Wall film
- Soot
- Transition to PACE engine
- Ignition and kernel growth model development
- Exp and DNS inputs

**FY 2022**
- Soot
- Transition to PACE engine
- Experimental and DNS inputs
- PAH mechanism development
- Sectional soot model

**FY 2023**
- MCE cold-start experimental campaign
- Delivery and commissioning
- Experimental campaigns

**SNL spray**
- SNL Corrected Distortion spray model

**SNL optical**
- ANL spray-wall model

**ORNL MCE**
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**ORNL Neut.**
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**LLNL Kinet.**
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**Spray Team**
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**Ign Team**
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**Soot Team**
- Experimental and DNS inputs

**Conventional baseline defined**
- Sensitivity studies

**Conjugate heat transfer (CHT)**
- SNL Corrected Distortion spray model

**CHT with exhaust**
- ANL spray-wall model

**Transition to PACE engine**
- Comparisons w/ detailed emissions

**Cyclic variability**
- Ignition model

**Cyclic variability**
- Soot model

**Demonstration of PACE MO8 objective**

**Conventional baseline for cold-start CFD engine simulations**
- PACE-1 Surrogate
- PACE-20 Surrogate

**PAH mechanism studies**
- PAH mechanism development

**Exp and DNS inputs**
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**PAH mechanism studies**
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**Sectional soot model**
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It’s all connected!

**Approach**

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**Teams:**
- Ign Team
- Soot Team
- Sprays Team

**Models and Mechanisms:**
- SNL Corrected Distortion spray model
- ANL spray-wall model
- Exp and DNS inputs
- PAH mechanism development
- Sectional soot model
- PAH mechanism studies
- Ignition model

**CFD:**
- Conjugate heat transfer (CHT)
- CHT with exhaust
- Transition to PACE engine
- Cyclic variability

**Sensitivities:**
- Conventional baseline defined
- Sensitivity studies
- Transition to PACE engine
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**Surrogates:**
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- PACE-20 Surrogate
- Comparisons w/ detailed emissions
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  - Demonstration of PACE MO8 objective

**Key Components**

- Hardware design, development, and fabrication
- Delivery and commissioning
- Experimental campaigns
- Conventional baseline for cold-start CFD engine simulations
### Milestones

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<td>Commission neutronic engine ahead of contributing to MO3 and MO8 milestones.</td>
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Neutronic engine (PI: Wissink, ORNL)

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

Approach
• Neutron diffraction at ORNL’s Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)
  o Directly measures lattice strain inside bulk materials
  o 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
Spatial mapping locations
Cylinder head
Novel Al alloy

Proof-of-concept was performed with small engine pre-PACE
Neutronic Engine Design Addresses Unique Challenges
(PI: Wissink, ORNL)

• Southwest Research Institute to design and build
  o Subcontract issued Sept 2019
  o Midpoint design review completed Feb 2020
  o Final design review completed Sept 2020
  o Engine delivery expected July 2021

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

• Assembly packaging
  o Engine and close-coupled dyno mounted horizontally in rigging frame with rotational mounts
  o Fits within sample space at VULCAN instrument
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)

Objective

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

Approach

- Engine experiments with production hardware converted for single-cylinder operation
  - Detailed spatial exhaust measurements and speciation
  - Intake air, outlet coolant and oil maintained at 20°C
  - ACEC Cold-Start Protocol
    - Steady-state operation
    - 1300 rpm, 2-bar NMEP
    - Sweep exhaust enthalpy
  - RD5-87 fuel

Specifications

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

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

**Engine Conditions**
- **ACEC Steady-State Cold-Start Protocol**
  - 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

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

**Technical Accomplishments**
Cold-Start Soot Measurements (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

- Engine-out Soot measurements to provide model validation data
  - Engine-out soot emissions increase with spark retard
  - Exhaust cam retard also increases soot emissions
  - Significant increase in soot emissions for very advanced injection timings
    - Likely due to piston wetting
  - *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 combustion stability

### Technical Accomplishments

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**Engine Conditions**

- *Spark Timing*
- *Injection Pressure*
- *Lambda*
- *Cam Timings*

**RD5-87 Engine Conditions**

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**Lambda [-]**

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**Cam Timings [°retard]**

- Intake: 0
- Exhaust: 0, 25, 50

**Exhaust Cam Opening Retard Sweep**

- SOI Sweep

- Spark = 5 dATDCf

**Exhaust Cam Opening Retard Sweep**

- SOI Sweep

- Spark = 5 dATDCf

**Exhaust Cam Opening Retard Sweep**

- SOI Sweep

- Spark = 5 dATDCf

**Spark Sweep**

- **Spark=0 dATDCf**
- **Spark=-10 dATDCf**
- **Spark=+10 dATDCf**

**Exhaust Cam Opening Retard Sweep**

- SOI Sweep

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

- **Spark Sweep**
- **Exhaust Cam Opening Retard Sweep**
- **SOI Sweep**
Next steps (PI: Jatana, ORNL)

FY21 planned work

• Complete analysis of results from recent campaign
  o 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 laser-induced-fluorescence (LIF) measurement system
• Quantification and speciation of hydrocarbons and soot evolution in exhaust
  o Cannister samples at multiple locations for HC speciation
  o Filter samples for organic/solid carbon fraction
  o PM particle size distribution with EEPS or SMPS
  o Results will be shared with PACE soot working group
• 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)

Objective

• Improved predictive simulation of cold-start engine operation
  o Demonstration of PACE cold-start objective
  o Evaluate improvements to modeling of charge preparation, combustion performance, and emissions production over conventional methods

Approach

• Apply experimental learnings and new, physics-based submodels
  o Targeting improvements to charge preparation, ignition and combustion, and emissions generation
  o Comparison to conventional, baseline model performance
  o Validation against experimental data

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

**Defined conventional baseline model and completed sensitivity studies for key submodels**
- Large portion of fuel in wall film
- Highly sensitive to thermal BCs, especially evap & film
- $T_{w}=100^\circ C$ removes charge prep effects, matches well with premixed simulations
- G-equation can be tuned to match reasonably well, but not robust to changes

*Results reported at 2020 Fall AEC Program Review meeting*

**Corrected Distortion spray model and flash boiling added**
- Better evaporation of lighter components, but deeper penetration of heavier components
- Flash boiling of lighter components above $20^\circ C$ at ACEC protocol conditions
- Notable changes in film formation and evolution

*Results reported at 2021 Winter AEC Program Review meeting*

**Initial CHT cylinder runs complete**
- Results show average cylinder $T_{w}=\sim 60^\circ C$ for steady-state ACEC cold-start protocol cases

*Results incorporated into future simulations*

**Conventional baseline for cold-start CFD engine simulations**

**PACE-20 surrogate added**
- Included in CD spray runs
- Fired runs with CD spray and Zero-RK are in progress
- Requiring retuning of G-eq parameters

*Will provide new benchmark for future efforts*

**Spray-wall interaction model received**
- Runs will begin once model retuned for PACE-20 surrogate

**Comparison to detailed emissions**
- Runs will begin once model retuned for PACE-20 surrogate

**CHT runs with exhaust underway on Eagle**
- 3-D CHT in exhaust pipe matching ORNL SCE LNF platform
- Kinetics being solved in exhaust
- Exploring sensitivity to back-side BCs

**ANL spray-wall model**
- Runs will begin once model retuned for PACE-20 surrogate

**Transition to PACE engine**
- Cyclic variability

**Demonstration of PACE MO8 objective**

FY 2020: Conjugate heat transfer (CHT), SNL Corrected Distortion spray model, Zero-RK, PACE-1 Surrogate

FY 2021: CHT with exhaust, ANL spray-wall model, PACE-20 Surrogate, Comparisons w/ detailed emissions, PAH mechanism studies

FY 2022: Transition to PACE engine, Soot model

FY 2023: Cyclic variability
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
  - 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
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
  - Spatial variation of ~50°C along length

- More detailed analysis pending completion of runs

CAD = 920 dATDC

38-in exhaust pipe used for detailed exhaust sampling on ORNL’s modified single-cylinder GM Ecotec 2.0-L LNF engine
Next steps (PI: Edwards, ORNL)

FY21 planned work

• Complete CHT runs with exhaust system for BCs and emissions
  o Results will be shared with modeling teams

• Comparison to detailed emissions and soot measurements (PI: Jatana, ORNL)
  o 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)
  o Coupling with Sandia Corrected Dispersion spray model already established
  o 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)

Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels.
Overall challenges and barriers for PACE program are covered in ACE 138

- **Neutronic engine (PI: Wissink, ORNL)**
  - 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
  - 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?”
  o ORNL response: 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.”
  o Engine experiment response (SNL + ORNL + ANL): 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.”
  o ORNL response: 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?”
  o 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.”
  o 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.
Collaborations and Acknowledgements

**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
  - 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 **ACE 138**

- **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 full-engine 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
  - Detailed exhaust and soot measurements at multiple locations in exhaust system
  - 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 \( \theta \) 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.

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\begin{align*}
\text{Bragg’s Law:} & \quad 2d \sin \theta = n\lambda \\
\text{Lattice strain:} & \quad \varepsilon = \frac{d - d_0}{d_0}
\end{align*}
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ACEC Protocol

**Approach:**

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**Targets**

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*Table from Chauhy AEC presentation Feb 2020*
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

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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.
  - Emissions reduction observed

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