

Internal Combustion Engine Simulations: From Desktop - Cluster - Super-Computing



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The Energy Outlook Courtesy: International Energy Association 2013



- The transportation sector relies heavily on Oil and Gas now
 - Forecasts for 2030 and 2050 show that more than 50% of the world's total energy will still come from Fossil Fuels

Let us burn these fossils more efficiently and cleanly!!

Internal Combustion Engines



Challenges: In-nozzle and spray physics, Cyclic variability (need for high-fidelity turbulence models), details of combustion chemistry for different fuels, moving boundaries, grid convergence is challenging, influence on emission predictions, soot modeling, after-treatment, material issues (Conjugate Heat Transfer)...

Dream

Full *in silico* Engine and Fuel Co-Design with quantified uncertainties that dramatically reduces the need for physical prototyping, allows rapid characterization and testing of novel engine and fuel designs, and reduces design costs and time-tomarket of new concepts



Reality

We can perform simplified simulations on engine and fuel components. The uncertainties are poorly understood.



Transformation

Exploit emerging computational capabilities through the development of automated, highly parallelized CFD and combustion chemistry codes with fully integrated uncertainty quantification



DREAM: REVOLUTIONIZE THE CO-DESIGN OF ENGINES AND FUELS Software for Automated Exascale Simulations with **Quantified Uncertainties**

According to John Deur, *Director of Engine Research at Cummins Inc.*, the following levels of speedup are needed to significantly impact today's engine development*



•[10x] 360 degree cylinder geometry •[10x] multiple cycle variations •[10x] more accurate turbulence model (LES)

TOTAL Speedup needs are 500,000 times TODAY'S standard

•[10x] accurate spray dynamics

•[50x] detailed chemical kinetics for real transportation fuels



OUR PROBLEM IS EXASCALE => 30 million cores for 24 hour turnaround!

* DOE Engine Simulation Roadmap Workshop - August 18, 2014

Reality: Computational Resources

Clusters

- **Fusion Cluster**
- 320 compute nodes
- 2560 compute processors
- 12.5 terabytes memory
- 500 terabytes disk
- 25.9 teraflops peak
- **Blues Cluster**
- 310 compute nodes
- 4960 compute processors
- 107.8 teraflops peak



Super-Computer

PETAFLOPS POWER

48 racks

- 1,024 nodes per rack
- 1.6 GHz 16-way core processor
- 16 GB RAM per node
- 384 I/O nodes
- 240 GB/s, 35 PB storage

That's a total of 768K cores, 768 terabytes of RAM,

and a peak performance of **10 petaflops**.



In 2012, engine codes did not run efficiently on even 100 processors!

In general Engine simulations involve:

- Unresolved Nozzle flow
- Simplified combustion models
- Coarse mesh => grid-dependence
- Simplified turbulence models
- Poor load-balancing algorithms

Reality: Extensive tuning to match experimental data

Transformational Approach:

- Detailed chemistry based combustion models
- Fine mesh => grid-convergence
- High-fidelity turbulence models: LES based
- Two-phase physics based fuel spray model
- In-nozzle-flow models



Towards Predictive Simulation of the Internal Combustion Engine

CONVERGE is our Current tool since it is preferred by the industry...

Modeling Tool	CONVERGE , almost full source-code access for HPC development		
Dimensionality and type of grid	3D, structured with Adaptive Mesh Resolution		
Spatial discretization approach	2 nd order finite volume		
Smallest and largest characteristic grid	Finest grid size simulations:		
size(s)	2.5 μm for nozzle flow (31 million peak cell count)		
	32.5 μm for Spray (22 million peak cell count)		
	87.5 μm for engine (35 million peak cell count)		
Total grid number	50 millions is the highest cell count run		
Parallelizability	Good scalability on up to 4000 processors		
Turbulence model(s)	RANS: RNG k-ε: LES: Smagorinsky. Dynamic Structure		

Spray models Eulerian-Eulerian Near Nozzle Model

Lagrangian Models:

In-nozzle Flow Homogeneous Relaxation Model (HRM)

Time step Variable based on spray, evaporation, combustion processes

Turbulence-chemistry interactions modelDirect Integration of detailed chemistry: well-mixed modelMulti-Flamelet Representative Interactive Flamelet (RIF)

All this work is published in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings (<u>http://verifi.anl.gov/publications/</u>)

Governing Equations

 $\partial \rho / \partial t + \partial \rho u \downarrow i / \partial x \downarrow i = s$

Where ρ is the density of the mixture, ρ_m is the density of species *m*, σ_{ii} denotes the stress tensor, *k* stands for the conductivity, Y_m is the mass fraction of species m, D is the mass diffusion coefficient, h_m denotes the species $\partial \rho u \downarrow i / \partial t + \partial \rho u \downarrow i u \downarrow j / \partial x \downarrow j$ enthalp $\partial \rho p$ stands for the specific internal energy, and s is the respective source.

 $\partial x \downarrow i + \partial \sigma \downarrow i j / \partial x \downarrow j + s \downarrow i$ $\partial \rho e/\partial t + \partial \rho u \downarrow i e/\partial x \downarrow i = -P \partial u \downarrow i /\partial x \downarrow i + \sigma \downarrow i j \partial u \downarrow i /\partial x \downarrow j +$ $\partial/\partial x \downarrow i (k \partial T / \partial x \downarrow i) + \partial / \partial x \downarrow i (\rho \Sigma m^{\uparrow} D h \downarrow m \partial Y \downarrow m / \partial x \downarrow i)$

 $\frac{+S}{\partial\rho} \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial t}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial\rho}{m} \frac{u}{u} \frac{i}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{i}$ $\partial x \downarrow i \ (\rho D \partial Y \downarrow m \ / \partial x \downarrow i \) + s \downarrow m$

Adaptive Meshing: **Boon: Engine Simulations** Bane: High Performance Computing

- AMR enables to provide mesh anywhere in the flow-field as desired
- Load-distribution is extremely challenging with embedding levels higher than 4, especially with moving boundaries (piston, valves, needle, etc.)



HPC Enabling Simulations that could not be performed in the past ...

- Scale-up a single engine simulation to 1000s of processors (Capability ۲ Computing)
 - 30-50 million CFD cells
 - Advanced load-balancing algorithm
 - Resolved I/O issues
 - 2-3 weeks wall-clock time on 1000-5000 cores
- Use 1000s of cores for multiple number (10s) of smaller simulations (Capacity ۲ Computing)
 - 1-5 million cells per simulation project
 - 1-3 days wall-clock time on 10-100 cores
 - **Optimization** of engine operating parameter, e.g., GA optimization
 - **Constants** Uncertainty Quantification of engine operating parameters and model constants
 - Global Sensitivity Analysis to identify engine relevant chemical kinetics (with BES)
 - Multiple LES realizations to obtain enough statistics
 - LES of Fuel Sprays
 - Nozzle flow simulations with LES









Enabling Engine Simulations to Use HPC Resources



Scientific Achievements

- High-performance computing enabled due to the implementation of advanced load-balancing algorithms
- Use of High-spatial and temporal resolution resulting in "grid-convergent" engine results
- Use of detailed chemistry based combustion models
- Largest diesel engine simulation performed



Diesel Engine Simulations using HPC Resources



Minimum cell size (mm)	Peak Cell-count	Wall clock time
0.5	2.5 million	14 hours on 64 cores
0.25	9 million	3.5 days on 64 cores
0.125	34 million	13 days on 256 cores
0.1	50 million	14 days on 512 cores



- Many parameters such as pressure, heat release rate, grid converge at coarse resolutions of 0.5 mm
- NOx emissions grid converge below 0.125mm
- Without HPC, 0.25 mm and lower resolutions would not be possible



Typical engine simulation in industry done on 48-96 processors

Scaling Engine CFD on Supercomputing Resources

Gasoline Compression Ignition Engine from S. Ciatti at Argonne

- About 10 million cells @ TDC
- Fixed mesh, no AMR or embedding
- Moving boundaries and DI fuel spray

Optimized to run on MIRA:

- Speed-up restart (>20x)
- Write restart file (500x)
- Speed-up output and post file writes (1000x)
- Load balancing of cells with METIS (resolved memory constraints)
- Load balancing the chemical kinetic calculations (>3x)





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Scaling improvements on MIRA will also benefit smaller jobs run by the industry (24-256 processors)



In-Nozzle Flows



Project Impact

- In-nozzle flow simulations can predict cavitation inception
- Needle lift and off-axis motion is accounted for in the simulations
- Influence of nozzle geometry on fuel spray development can now be predicted!

Full 3D 9-hole Production Injector Simulations

- First –ever simulations of a production injector with full needle dynamics (wobble)
 - Min. cell size = 5 μm
 - Max. cell count = 30 40 million
- P_{inj} = 2400 bar, P_{back} = 4 bar: Diesel Fuel
- Experimental data for needle lift and wobble obtained from Advanced Photon Source. The plots shown here are for average of 60 shots
- Cummins using our approach for simulating different injector nozzle designs (K-factors and budro grindings)



1200

End of injection



Wobble from Shot-to-Shot => Cyclic Variability



- Significant shot-to-shot variation in the APS data for needle off-axis motion (wobble) imposed as boundary condition for each simulation
- Appreciable differences in streamlines and cavitation patterns at many lift profiles
- Simulation of each shot takes about 1 month on 256 processors. HPC allows us to simulate multiple shots
- Demonstrated an approach to capture shot-to-shot variation in simulations
- Cummins using this approach for their in-house next generation engine design





Hole-to-Hole Variation Especially @ low-lifts



Fuel Dribble During End-of-Injection







- Dribbled fuel increases emissions as the injected fuel does not burn efficiently
- Extremely difficult to measure the fuel dribbled mass
- Demonstrated an high-fidelity Large Eddy Simulation (LES) turbulence modeling approach to capture the dribbled mass (includes needle wobble) from a single hole injector
- The approach predicts correct sensitivity to injection and back pressure on dribbled mass



Plume-to-Plume Variations can now be Captured Due to HPC...



Turbulence Modeling: Large Eddy Simulations

Simulation Set-up

- Dynamic structure based LES model developed for engine simulations
- High-temporal and spatial resolutions results in less modeling





Experimental data : Sandia National Laboratory

Project Impact

- LES model can capture flow structures which RANS approach cannot predict
- LES can also capture cycle-to-cycle variations.

Simplified (RANS) vs. High-fidelity (LES) Turbulence Models



- RANS results though grid-convergent cannot capture the experimental data well
- LES (Dynamic structure model) results can capture the experimental data well
- This is due to the fact that LES resolves more flow structures and hence can predict the fuel-air mixing better
- LES is about 100x more expensive than RANS ...

Spray and Combustion Modeling with LES

- Integrating our LES spray modeling approach with the combustion solver in CONVERGE
- ✓ Extensive validation against experimental data from the Engine Combustion Network
- ✓ Multi-cycle engine simulations with LES will follow soon!





- High-temporal and spatial resolutions with LES results in less modeling
- LES model can capture flow structures which RANS approach cannot predict
- LES captures the phenomenon of volumetric auto-ignition
- LES can also capture cycle-to-cycle variations

Mesh Resolution and Need for Multiple Realizations

with LES

R [mm]

Temperature contours for different min. mesh sizes





Question from Industry: How many LES realizations are necessary to obtain statistically converged results?

- Temperature: 2
- Mixture fraction (Z): 5

• Soot: 8



"i" any realization "b" total number of realizations



- Grid convergence close to 62.5 μm resolution

• Each realization takes about 3 weeks on 200 processors with about 25 million CFD cells

Introduction: Sensitivity Analysis



- Uncertainty arising from different sources— e.g., errors in the:
 - Input data
 - Parameter estimation procedure
 - Alternative model structures
- Propagate through the model and result in discrepancies
- Their relative importance is quantified via sensitivity analysis
 - Design the experiments
 - Obtain more accurate predictions
 - Test model robustness in the presence of uncertainty



- results to produce a physical/operational parameter list ordered by effect on engine performance uncertainties
- 3 Experimental/theoretical studies to further characterize physical/operational parameters for re-insertion, with reduced uncertainties, into simulations

Uncertainty in Reaction Rate Parameters in a Kinetic Mechanism

- Brute Force Sensitivity Analysis on some reactions:
 - 1) $nC_7H_{16} + HO_2 = C_7H_{15}$ (isomers) + H_2O_2 2) $HO_2 + HO_2 = O_2 + H_2O_2$
 - 3) OH + OH = O + H_2O
- Based on inputs from ANL-Chemistry group (*funded by BES*), uncertainty / perturbation factors assigned for each of these reactions
- The simulations were perturbed based on the new reaction rates

Reaction Mechanism: W. Liu, R. Sivaramakrishnan, M.J. Davis, S. Som, D.E. Longman, T. Lu, "Development of a reduced biodiesel surrogate model for compression ignition engine modeling," 34th Proceedings of the Combustion Institute



Perturbations significant to cause engine misfire!

ALCC award for 60 million core hours for 1 year. Plan to run ~10k simulations on Mira per day to understand kinetic vs. non-kinetic uncertainties

Uncertainty Analysis on Engine Parameters



- GSA demonstrated to be a more effective tool compared to brute force sensitivity analysis (perturbing one variable at a time)
 - ✓ Non-linear interactions between variables and their influence on targets can be captured
 - ✓ Computationally efficient
- Closed-cycle simulations of the CAT single cylinder engine. 32 uncertain variables (both experimental and modeling) identified which may influence engine simulation results
 - ✓ 100 simulations per speed-load condition using a sparse method rather than OLS
- GSA applied to understand the influence of each uncertain parameter (model or engine parameters) towards a target of interest (such as NO_x, soot, ignition delay, etc.)

Variable	Description	Baseline	Min.	Max.
T _{piston}	piston wall temperature [K]	553	538	568
T _{cylinder}	cylinder wall temperature [K]	433	423	443
T _{head}	Cylinder head temperature [K]	523	508	538
RPM	engine speed [RPM]	1500	1495	1505
SR	Swirl Ratio	0.98	0.95	1.00
Schmidt	Schmidt number	0.78	0.70	0.90
Prandtl	Prandtl number	0.9	0.8	1.0
I _{tke}	initial turbulence intensity [m ² /s ²]	1.6	1.0	2.0
Li	initial length scale [mm]	11.2	5.0	15.0
M _{trap}	residual mass [mg]	0.05	0.02	0.10
T _(f,crit)	fuel critical temperature [K]	657	645	659
ρf	Normalized fuel density	1.00	0.95	1.05
HOVf	Normalized fuel heat of vaporization	1.0	0.9	1.1
VPf	Normalized fuel vapor	1.0	0.9	1.1



Dual - Fuel Combustion with Chrysler LLC.

Project Impact

- Development of a combustion strategy to smoothly transition between SI, DASI, and DMP combustion concepts for Chrysler LLC.
- Dual Fuel strategy: Diesel as a ignition source, gasoline directly injected early for bulk heat release





Scientific Achievements

- Genetic Algorithm based optimization performed to gain simultaneous performance and emission benefits
- Simultaneous reduction of both NOx and soot emissions
- Simulations aided experimental studies on finding optimum operating conditions

CFD based Optimization before Hardware Testing

50 generations (8 simulations each generation): Total 400 cases simulated 40-50 hours for each case simulation on 48 cores

Peak cell count: 3 million



Parameters	Baseline	Optimized
EGR ratio (%)	35.3	\downarrow
ICL (° CA ATDC)	461.8	\checkmark
DMP ratio (%)	13.4	\checkmark
Diesel SOI (° CA BTDC)	19.5	\uparrow



Optimization suggests:

- Higher intake pressure
- Earlier and less DMP injection mass And leads to:
- Retarded combustion phasing
- Longer combustion duration



HPC Enabler for Simulation based Engine Design

Use of High-spatial and temporal resolution

Robust turbulence models

Use of detailed chemistry based combustion models



Solving "one-of-a-kind" problem



Super-Computer



Benefits

Unprecedented insights into the combustion process Grid-convergent results => Increased predictive capability Modify "best practices" in industry Enable the use of next-generation computational architectures

LEAPFROG YOUR COMPETITION: Shrink Your Combustion Engine Development Cycle!

From new fuels to fuel injection to combustion to power to emissions...



VERIFI's World-Class Chemists Quantify the Effects of Combustion

VERIFI's Supercomputers Do the "Heavy Lifting" of Computation and Visualization

VERIFI's Testing Capabilities Provide Unmatched Experimental Data to Validate Simulation Models

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Core Capabilities & Collaborations

Large variety of engine platforms and fuels

- Light- and heavy-duty engines
- CI SI LTC Dual-fuel
- Gasoline Diesel Biofuels
- Gasoline Compression Ignition

Model Development

- Nozzle internal flow
- Sprays
 - Lagrangian models
 - Eulerian models
- Detailed chemistry
- Mechanism reduction
- RANS and Large Eddy Simulations
- Cyclic variability
- Turbulence chemistry interaction
- Optimization
- Uncertainty Analysis

Computational resources

Clusters and Super-Computer Facility





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Take Home Message

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Research Field

- Improving efficiency and reducing emissions from internal combustion engines (ICEs)
- Expedite the introduction of alternative fuel sources in ICEs

Research Focus

- Develop high-fidelity computational tools to predict engine behavior prior to testing
- Promote the use of high-performance computing to simulate ICEs

Research Impact

- Significant cost saving for the industry since predictive computations are cheaper than experiments
- More efficient and cleaner combustion engines





http://www.transportation.anl.gov/engines/ multi_dim_model_home.html

ALCC Submission on Uncertainty Analysis with HPC



Plan to run ~10K simulations per day

Eulerian Mixture & Cavitation Model

Mixture Model equations (homogeneous multi-phase model)

Continuity: $\partial \rho / \partial t + \nabla \cdot \rho v = 0$ Momentum: $\partial \rho v / \partial t + (\nabla \cdot \rho v) v = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \tau + \rho f$ volume & mass $a \downarrow i \rho \downarrow i = Y = fractions$: Species: $\partial \rho Y \downarrow i / \partial t + (\nabla \cdot \rho Y \downarrow i) v = \nabla \cdot (\rho D \downarrow i \nabla Y \downarrow i) + S \downarrow i$ void fraction: $\alpha \downarrow g = Y \downarrow g$ (plus: Energy, Turbulence) $\rho \downarrow g / d$

Mass transfer: Homogeneous Relaxation Model (HRM) $\frac{12}{10}$

The model accounts for non-equilibrium heat transfer phenomena, using an empirical correlation

Hypothesis: finite rate of relaxation to equilibrium

Exponential relaxation of the vapor quality Y to the equilibrium table value $Y \downarrow v$ over a timescale Θ .

$$dY \downarrow v / dt = Y - Y \downarrow v / \Theta$$

$$Y \downarrow v = h - b \downarrow 0 / b \lor v + b \downarrow b \downarrow sat -$$

Mixture: 1. liquid + 2. vapor + 3. air

- 1. Schmidt, D. P., et al., Int. J. of Multiphase Flow, 2012
- 2. Bilicki and Kestin, Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond. A., 1990

Further Details About Eulerian Mixture Model

- VOF method used to model the internal nozzle two-phase flow with cavitation description closed by the homogeneous relaxation model
- Eulerian single velocity field approach by Vallet et al. (2001) is implemented for nearnozzle spray simulations
 - Large scale flow features dominate rather than the small scale structures under the high Reynolds and Weber number conditions
- This approach considers the liquid and gas phases as a complex mixture with a highly variable density to describe the dense spray region
 - Mean density is obtained from Favre-averaged liquid mass fraction: $\frac{1}{\bar{\varrho}} = \frac{Y}{\varrho_l} + \frac{1-Y}{\bar{\varrho}_a}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \hline \end{array} \text{ The liquid mass fraction is transported with a model for the$ *turbulent liquid diffusion flux into the gas: } \\ \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}\tilde{Y}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}\tilde{u}_i\tilde{Y}}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}\tilde{u}_i'Y'}{\partial x_i} - \bar{\rho}\tilde{Y}_{evap} \end{array}*

Closure for the liquid mass transport is based on a turbulent gradient flux model:

 $\Box \text{ Void fraction } (\alpha) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if the computational cell is filled with pure liquid} \\ 1 & \text{if the computational cell is filled with pure gas} \\ (0,1) & \text{if the computational cell is filled with both liquid and gas} \end{cases} \tilde{\rho u_i' Y'} = \frac{\mu_t}{Sc_t} \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}}{\partial x_i}$

Needle Transient: End-of-Injection



Movie & Images Courtesy: Dr. Chris Powell from



- High-fidelity "first-of-its kind" simulations
- Minimum cell size = 5 μm, More than 20 million cells
- Minimum time step size = 1 E-9
- Simulations explain the physics behind ingested gas in the sac





High Performance Computing: Past, Present, and Future!!

The first CRAY supercomputer



IPAD2







60 million, IPAD2

Methodology for GSA

- Simulations (3D CFD using Converge) varying all variables over uncertainty ranges simultaneously
- Using an in-house GSA code to fit the response (ignition delay, liquid length, etc) to the uncertainties

$$t_{ign}(\{u_i\}) = t_0 + \sum A_i(u_i) + \sum \sum B_{ij}(u_i, u_j) + \dots, u_i 's : \text{uncertainties}$$
$$A_i(u_i) = \sum_{k=1}^2 a_{ik} u_i^k$$

- The fit of the response to the uncertainties leads to a variance associated with each variable (partial variance: V_i)
- Calculate sensitivity coefficients,

 $S_i = V_i/V, \Sigma S_i \cong 1$, (V: total variance)

Only main effect are considered, cross terms are neglected and will be included in future studies

Y. Pei, R. Shan, S. Som, T. Lu, D. Longman, M.J. Davis, SAE Paper 2014-01-1117, 2014. D.Y. Zhou, M.J. Davis, R.T. Skodje, The Journal of Physical Chemistry A, pp. 3569-3584, 2013.

Number of simulations required: OLS vs. Sparse



OLS vs. Sparse for LOL:

(Quadratic)

- 250 runs analyzed initially
- The first 10 ranking are shown, the rest 7 have Si less than 0.01.
- The ordering are essentially the same
- Some differences for Si
- Get converged ordering:
 - 80 for OLS vs. 60 for Sparse
 - 30 for Sparse can also get reasonable ordering
- > OLS vs. Sparse for ambient O_2 :
 - Get converged Si:
 - 90~100 for OLS vs. 60 for Sparse
 - OLS is more accurate
 - Sparse can reduce the computational cost by sacrificing some accuracy

VERIFI's Testing Capabilities Provide Unmatched Experimental Data to Validate Simulation Models

Using Argonne's "big machines" and tools, such as the Advanced Photon Source and Electron Microscopy Center, VERIFI researchers are uniquely able to see what is happening in fuel sprays, combustion and emissions and apply that knowledge to engine simulations. From there, engine researchers can regulate highly configurable test engines at Argonne's Center for Transportation Research facilities to validate simulation results against precise measurements, under a range of well-controlled operating conditions.









