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Computationally Efficient Modeling of High-Efficiency Clean Combustion Engines

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Overview

Timeline

 Ongoing project with yearly direction from DOE

Budget

- FY09 funding: \$1M
- FY10 funding: \$1M

Barriers

- Inadequate understanding of the fundamentals of HECC
- Inadequate understanding of the fundamentals of mixed mode operation
- Computational expense of HECC simulations

Partners

- Sandia, Oak Ridge, Los Alamos
- Ford
- UC Berkeley, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, Lund Institute of Technology, Chalmers University, Tianjin University
- FACE working group, AEC MOU SAE

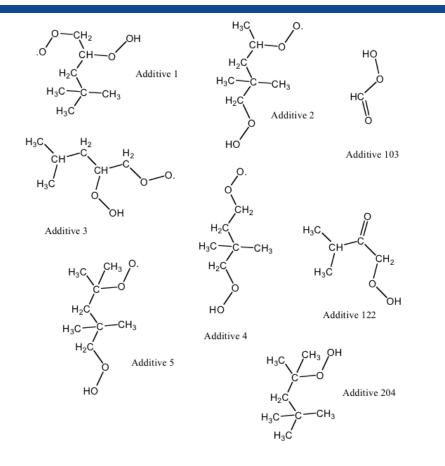
Relevance to DOE objectives

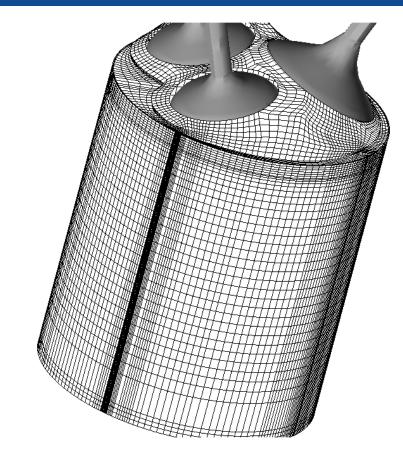
- By 2015, improve the fuel economy of light-duty gasoline vehicles by 25 percent and of light-duty diesel vehicles by 40 percent, compared to the baseline 2009 gasoline vehicle.
 - Light-duty research focuses on reducing fuel consumption through investigating HCCI and PCCI part load, and transition to SI or CIDI for full load operation
- By 2015, improve heavy truck efficiency to 50 percent with demonstration in commercial vehicle platforms. This represents about a 20 percent improvement over current engine efficiency.
 - Heavy-engine research directed towards high efficiency strategies, such as Partially Premixed Combustion and Low-temperature Diesel Combustion
- By 2018, further increase the thermal efficiency of a heavy truck engine to 55 percent which represents about a 30 percent improvement over current engines.
 - We continue to provide the engine research community with insight and simulation tools for advanced combustion concepts



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Objective: Enhance understanding of clean and efficient engine operation through detailed numerical modeling





Chemical kinetics

Fluid mechanics

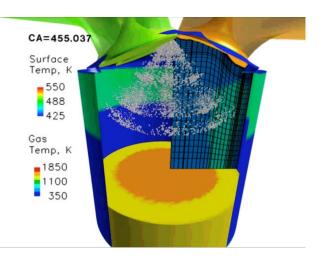


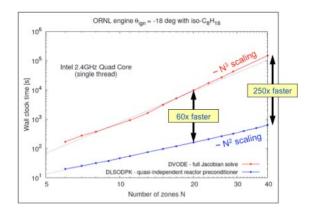
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Milestones: We have developed and experimentally validated detailed engine modeling tools





- Developed computationally efficient numerical methods for chemistry and multi-zone solvers (March 2010)
- Extended Kiva3v-MZ-MPI for better handling of partially stratified combustion (February 2010)
- Expanded analysis of SI-HCCI transition in ORNL experiments (September 2010)
- Analyzed low-load PCCI experiments using Artificial Neural Network (January 2010)



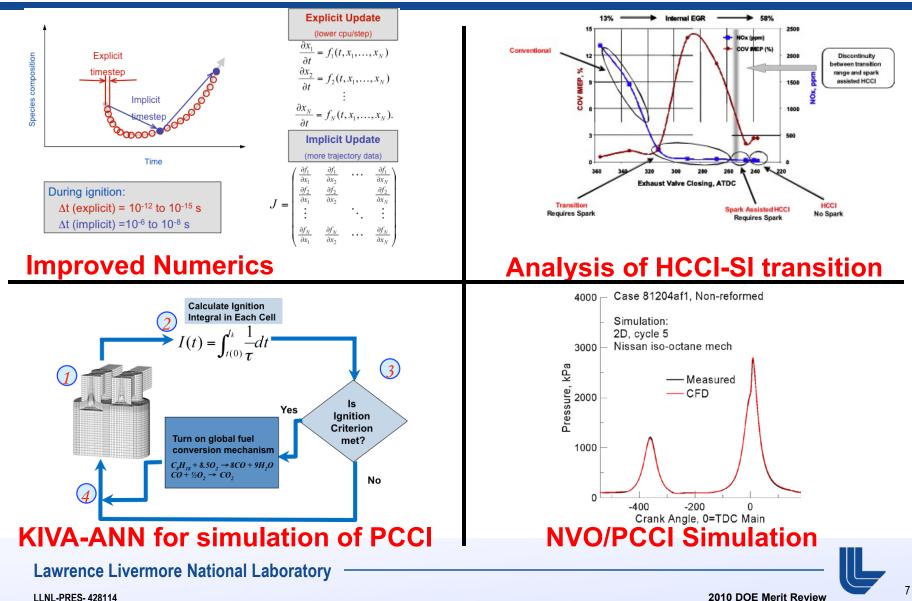
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Approach: Collaborate with industry, academia and national labs in the development of analysis tools leading to clean, efficient engines

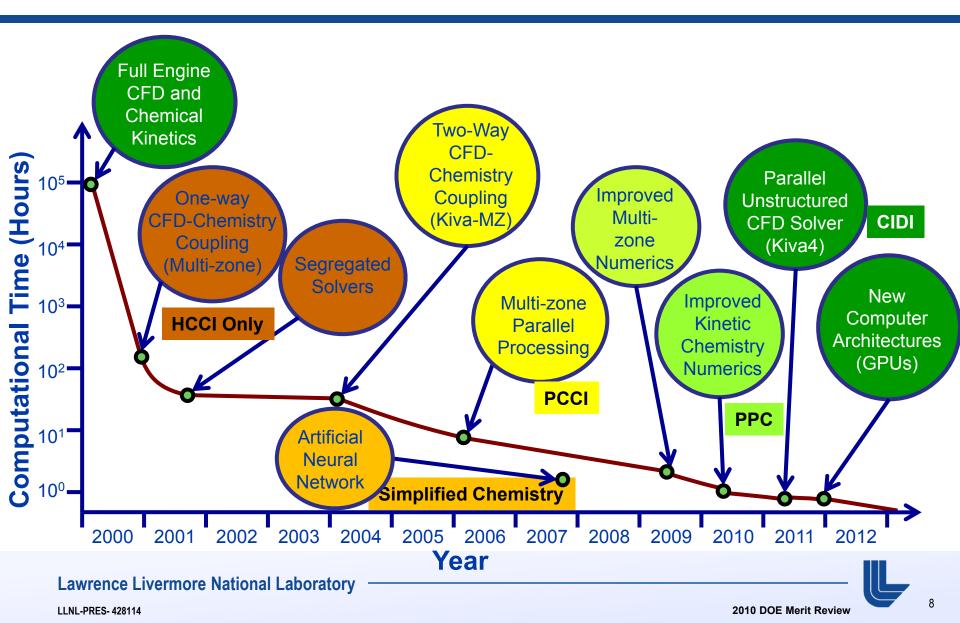
- Gain fundamental and practical insight into HECC regimes through numerical simulations and experiments
- Develop and apply numerical tools to simulate HECC by combining multidimensional fluid mechanics with chemical kinetics
- Reduce computational expense for HECC simulations

Democratize simulation: bring computational tools to the Desktop PC

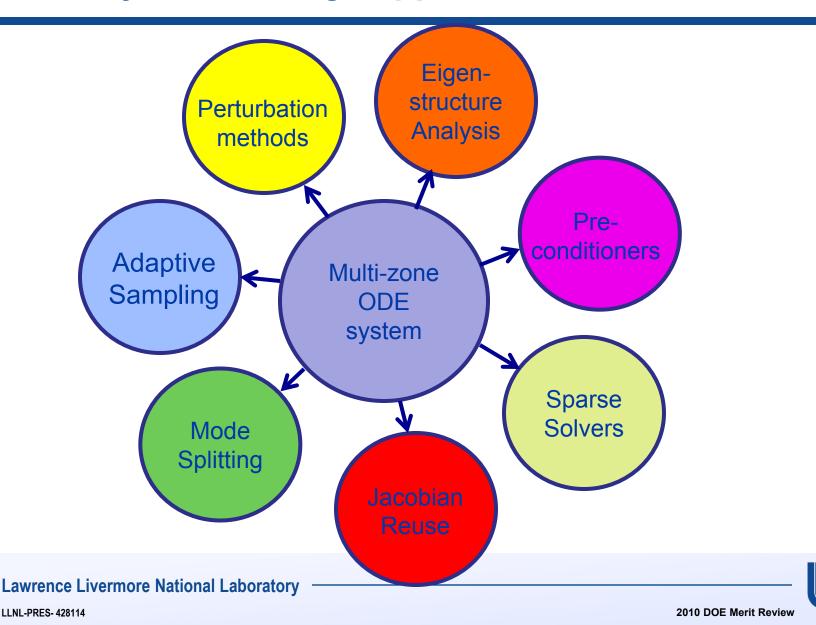
Technical Accomplishments: We have made significant progress in improving and applying our advanced simulation tools to HECC



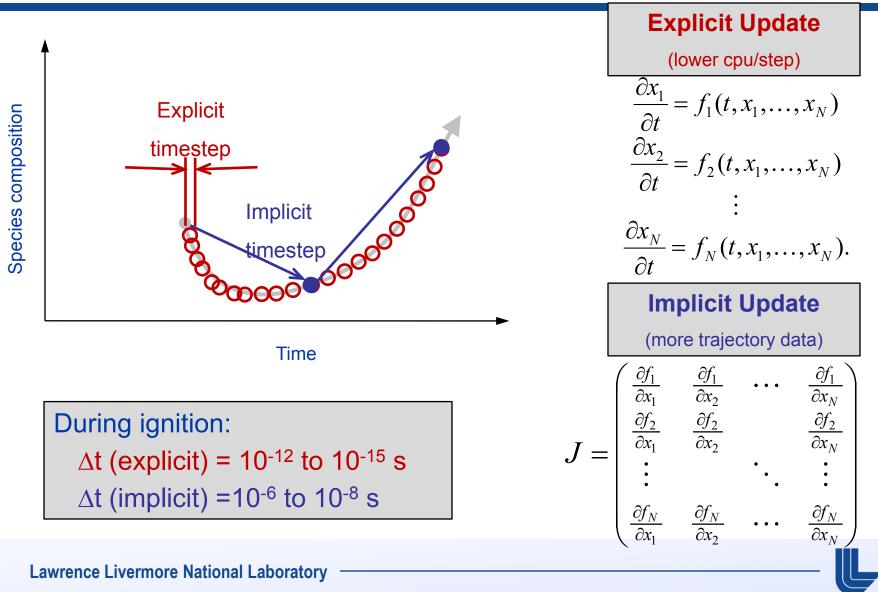
We strive to develop simulation tools that provide the most physics per computation cost



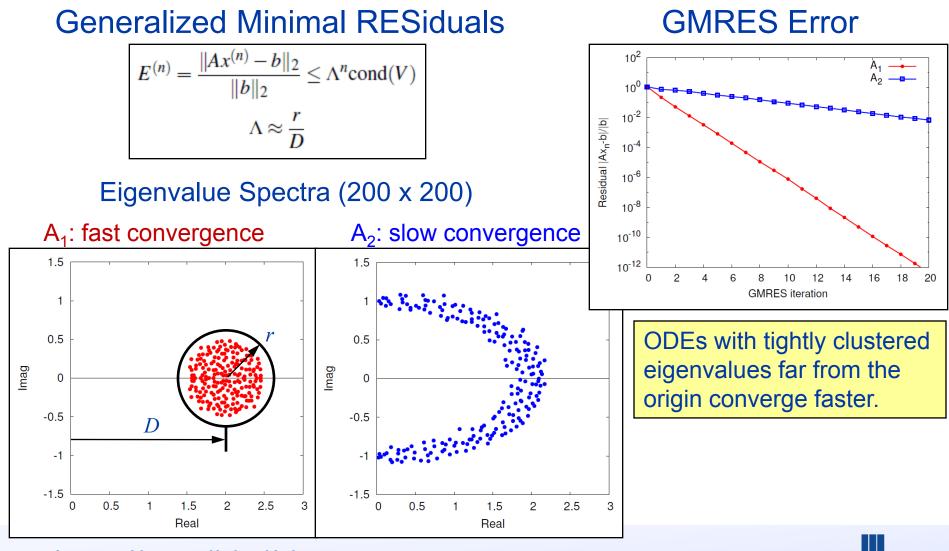
Opportunities for 1000x speedup in computational chemistry cost through applied mathematics



99% of the chemistry solution CPU cost is spent constructing and solving the Jacobian system



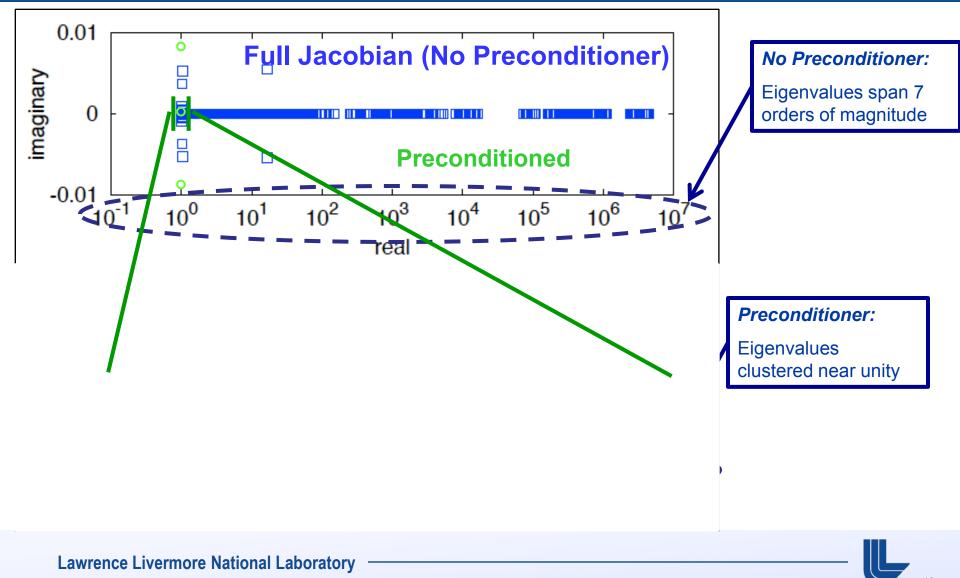
We use applied mathematics techniques to identify opportunities for improved solver conditioning



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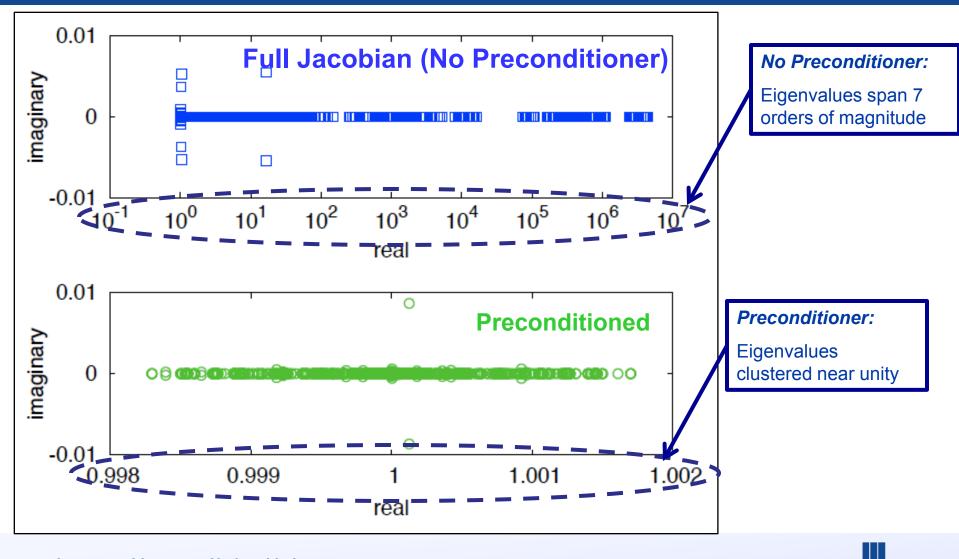
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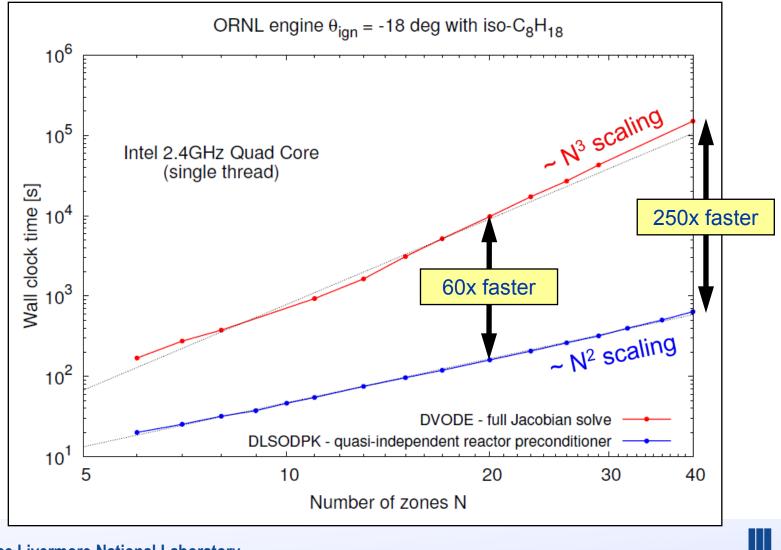
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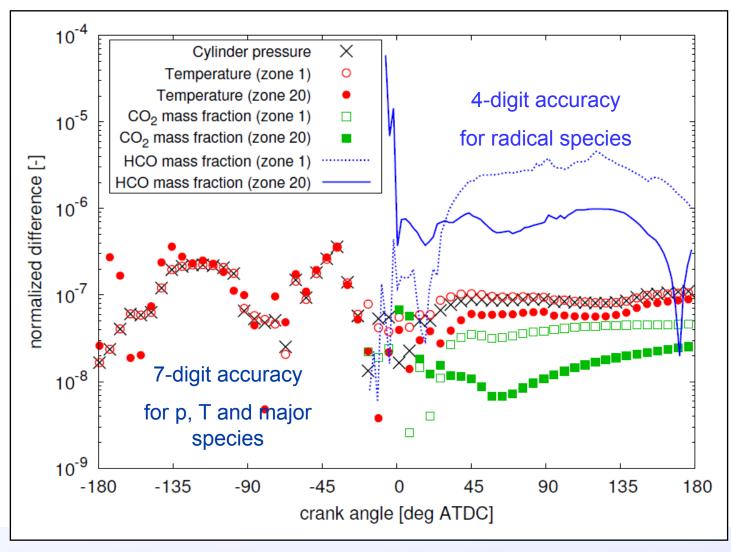
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The preconditioned solver substantially improves CPU cost scaling from cubic to quadratic

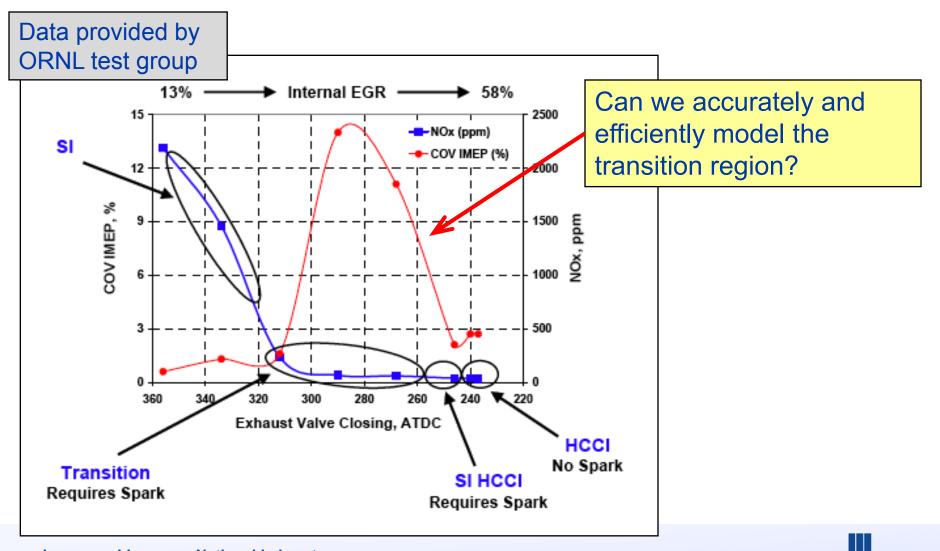


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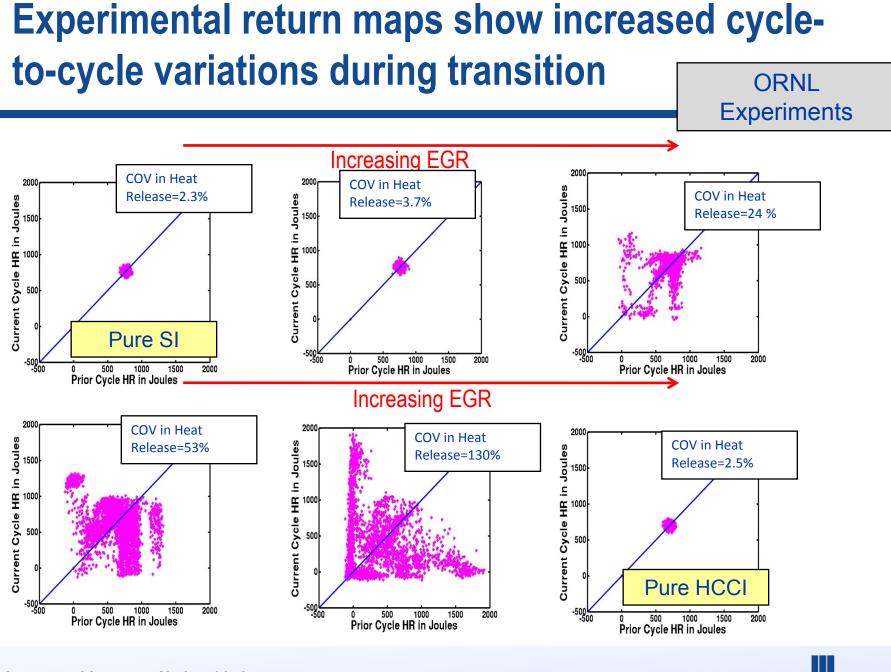
The integration strategies remain under the adaptive error control of the ODE solver – no accuracy loss



We use our multizone model to capture multiple cycles interactions in SI-HCCI transition



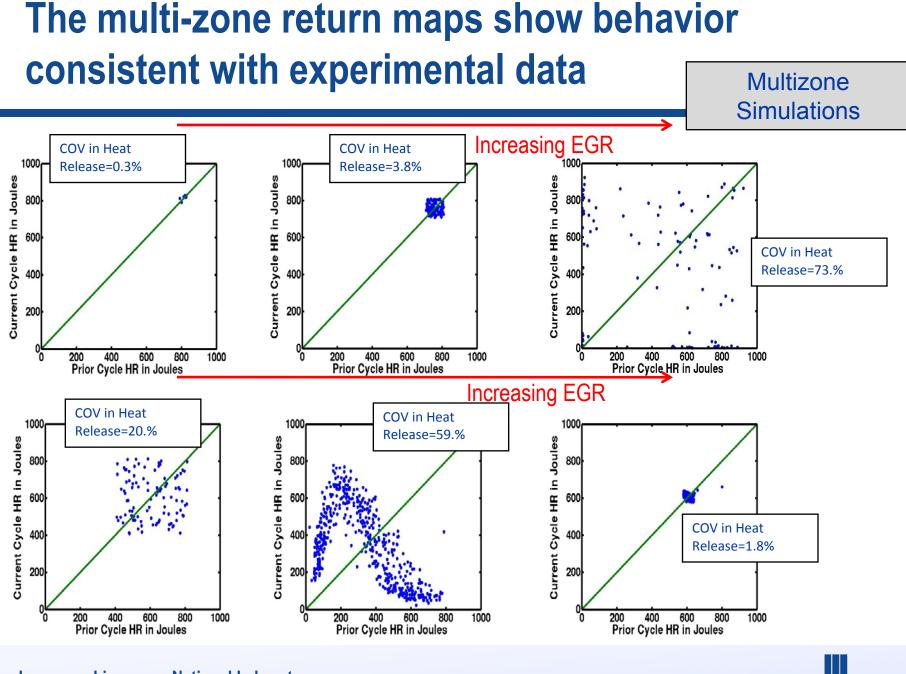
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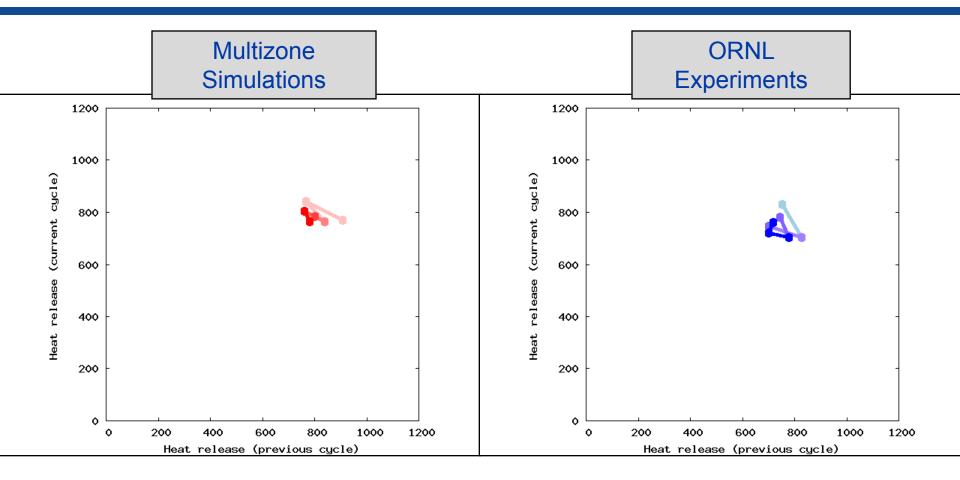


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We observe moderate instability in the early stages of transition

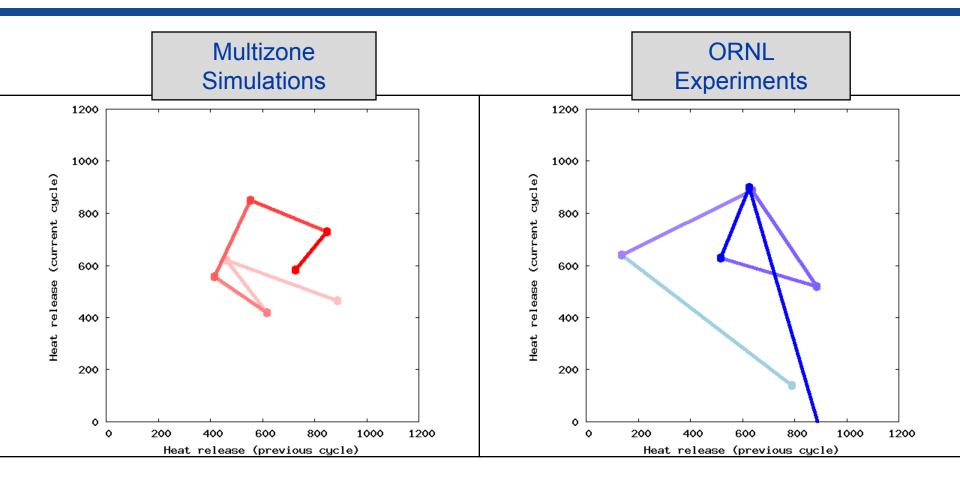


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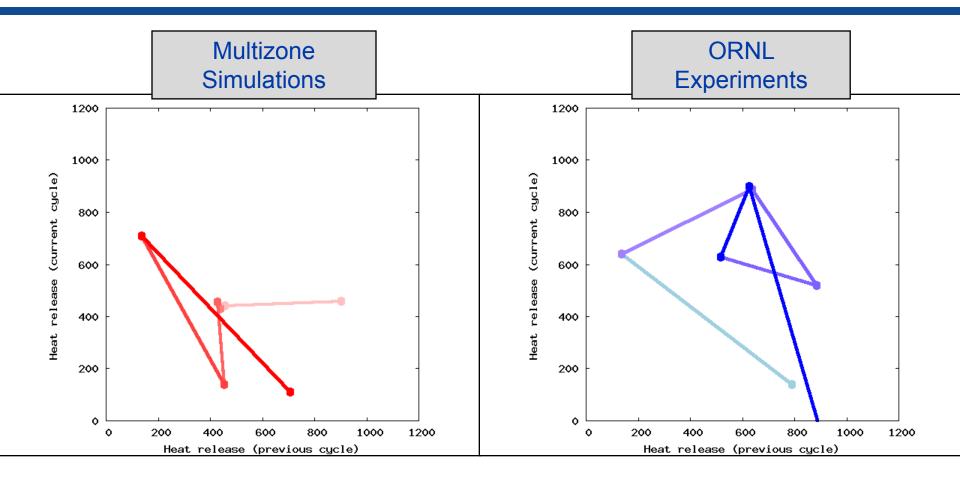
In mid-transition, cycle-to-cycle feedback results in multi-mode instability patterns



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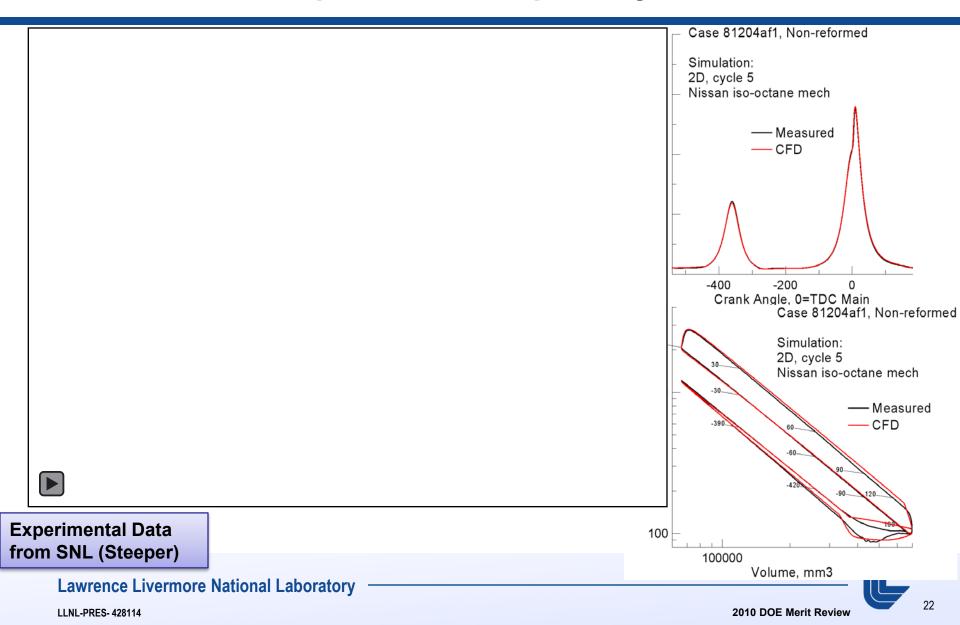
Near the HCCI limit the multi-cycle model starts to show some bi- and tri-modal skip fire behavior



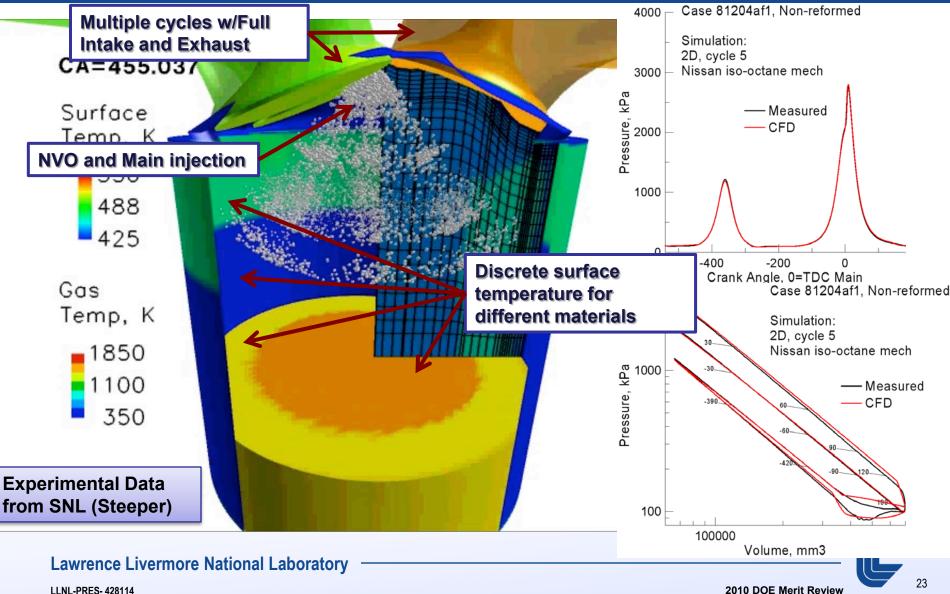
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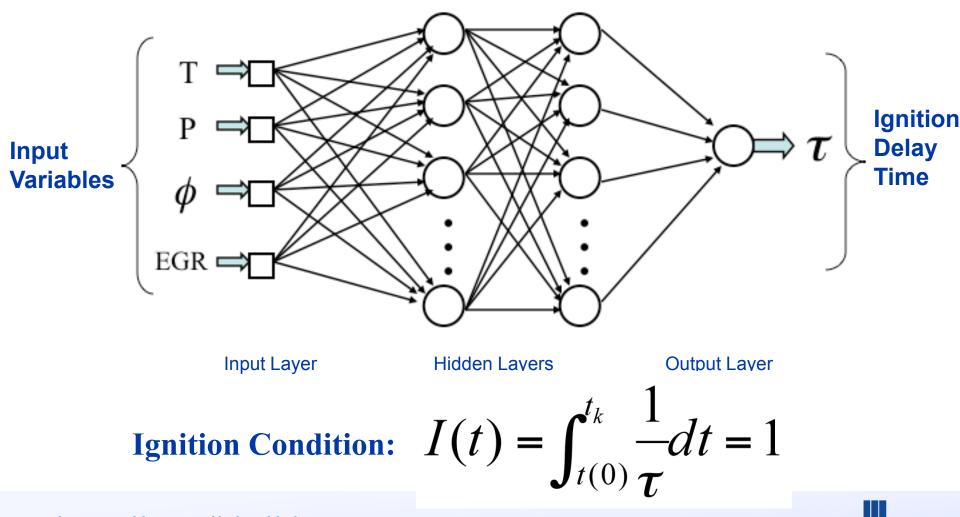
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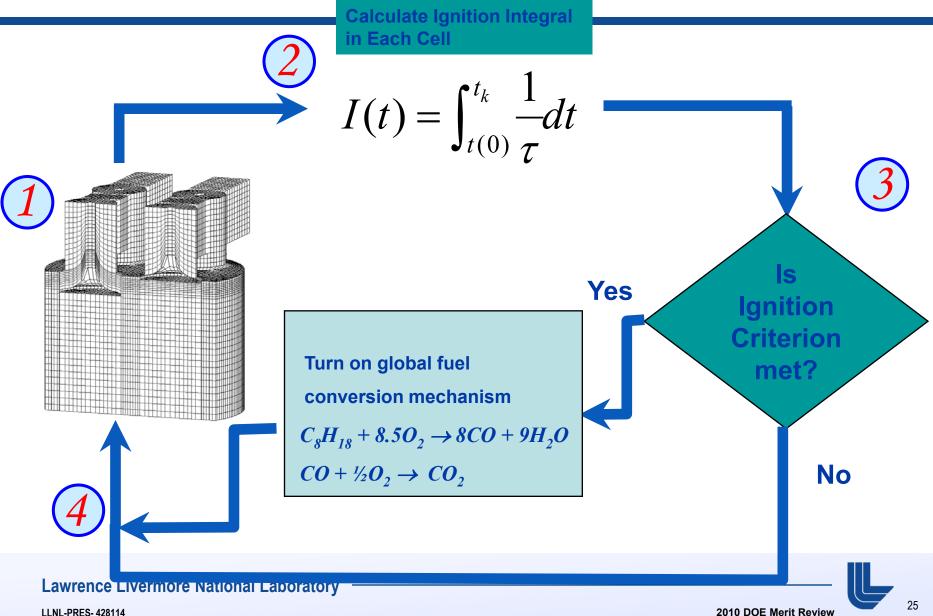


The Artificial Neural Network (ANN) maps detailed chemistry information into a very fast ignition estimator

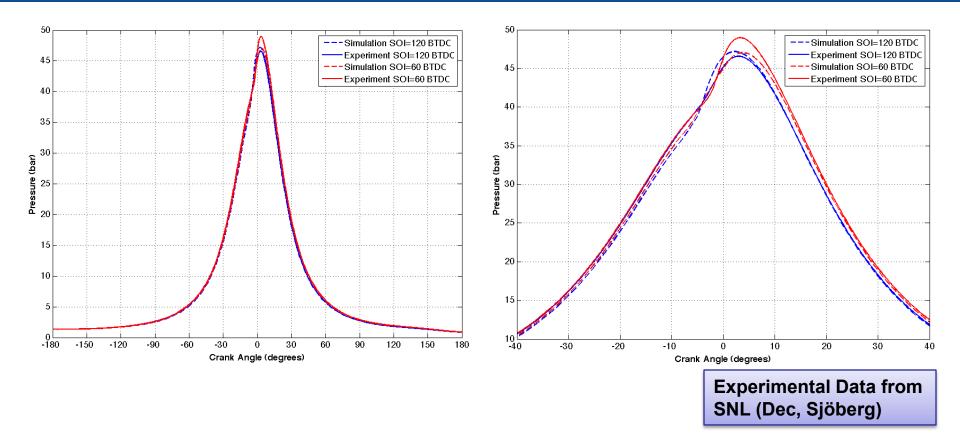


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The ANN ignition model adds only 5-10% additional time relative to a motored Kiva simulation



Kiva3v-ANN is a useful tool for wide ranging PCCI design studies with DI strategies

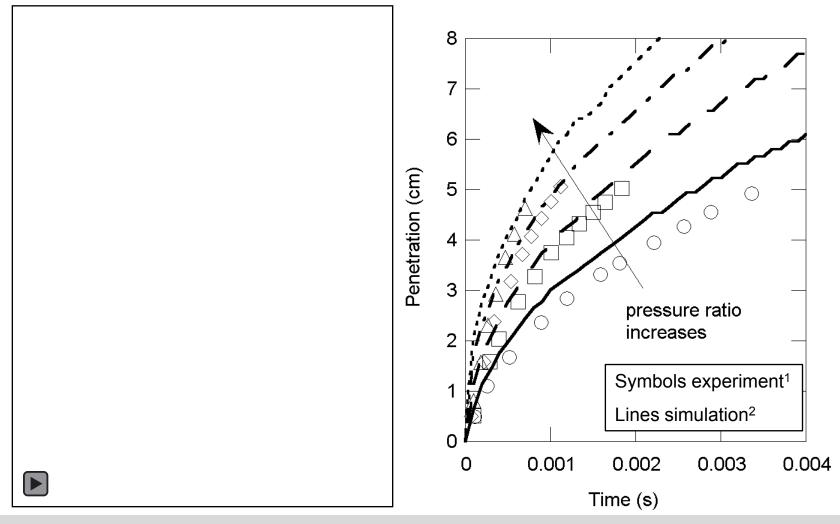


- Two Stratified cases shown with fuel injection at 120 and 60 degrees BTDC
- Neural Network shows best agreement for more advanced injection



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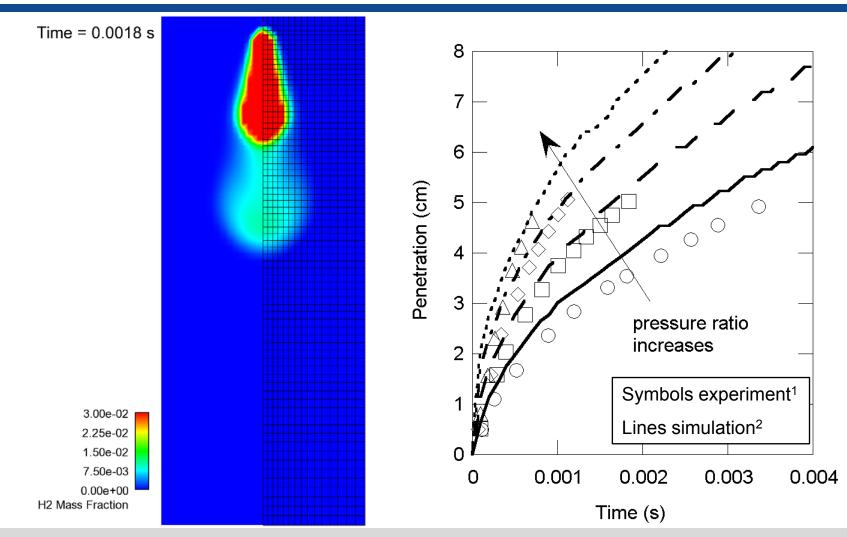
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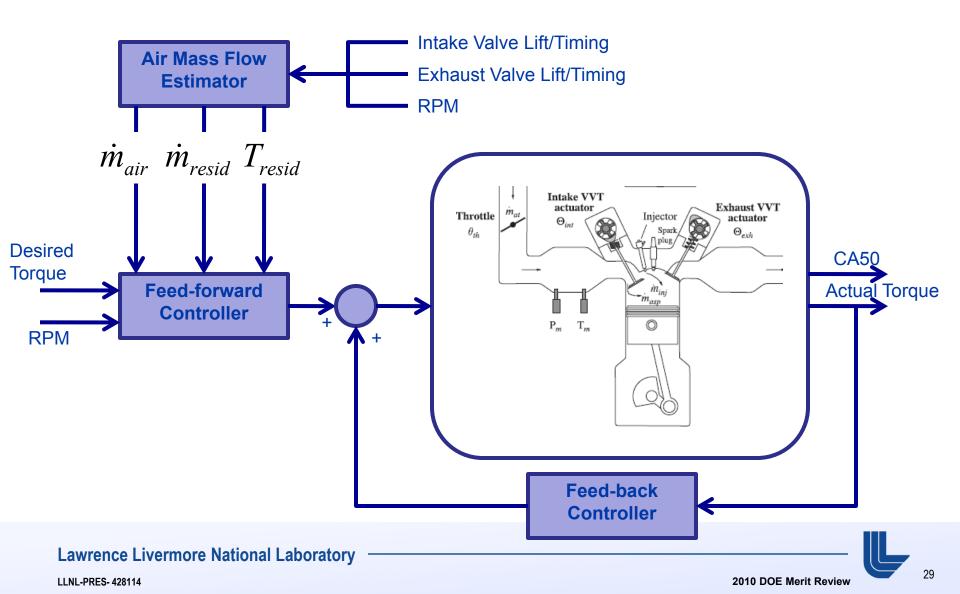
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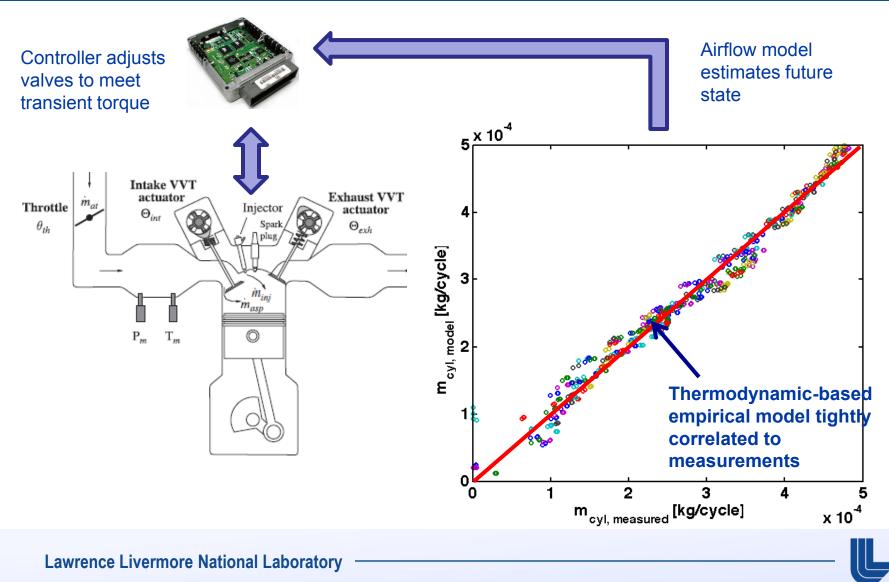
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We are developing gas-exchange models and controllers for transient operation of VVA equipped PCCI engines



Feed-forward control with airflow estimator improves transient stability for NVO PCCI operation



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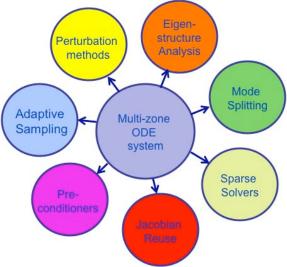
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Collaboration: We have ongoing interactions Industry, National Labs, and Universities

- Ford; gaseous direct injection
- Near completion of software license with US company for multi-zone model.
- Advanced Engine Combustion (AEC) working group (Industry, National labs, Univ. of Wisc.); biannual presentations
- Fuels for Advanced Combustion Engines (FACE) working group
- Sandia National Laboratory; researchers on HCCI and PCCI, gaseous injection simulations
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory; SI-HCCI transition and ¹⁴C exhaust analysis for HCCI and Diesel engines
- Los Alamos National Laboratory; Kiva4 development
- Lund Institute; simulating Partially Premixed Combustion
- **Tianjin University**; PCCI engine control with VVTL
- Other Universities: UC Berkeley, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, Chalmers University

Future Work: We will explore strategies for improving efficiency of CFD and chemistry simulations

- Improved computational chemistry solvers
 - Sparse solvers
 - More efficient data structures
 - Heuristics for Jacobian preconditioning
 - Eigenstructure analysis
 - Hybrid solver solutions
 - Solver parallelization compatibility
 - New hardware architectures (GPUs)
- Next generation multi-zone chemistry solver
 - Improved remap
 - Adaptive sampling
 - Jacobian reuse
 - Integral and perturbation methods





Future Work: Graphical Processing Units (GPUs) can bring supercomputing to the desktop

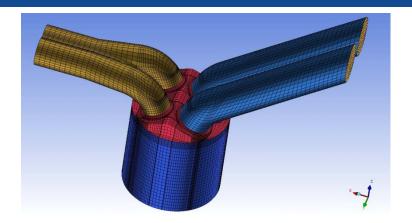


Nvidia GeForce 480

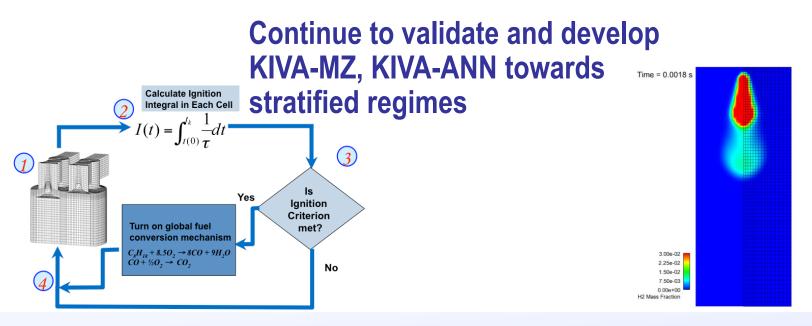
- 1/2 Teraflop for \$500
- 480 parallel processors
- Codes must be redesigned to take advantage of architecture
- Fortran/C++ Compilers designed for GPUs now available



Future work: extend applicability and computational efficiency of analysis tools

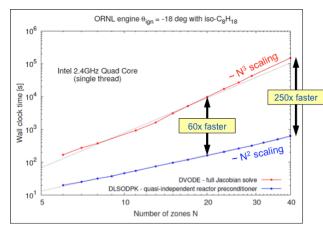


Enable 3-D fluid mechanics and detailed kinetics in today's desktop PCs

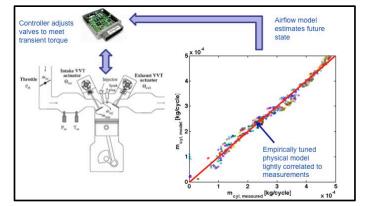


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Summary: we are enhancing our analysis capabilities and improving computational performance



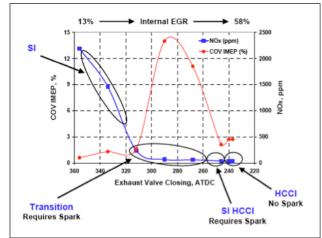
60x-250x improved numerics



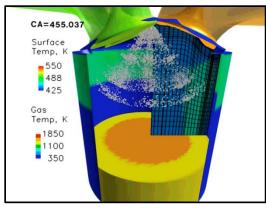
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HCCI-SI transition modeling



Partially stratified combustion

