Improving NOx Entitlement with Axial Staging

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Agenda

- Motivation & Research Objectives
- Experimental Rig - Headend
- Experimental Rig – Axial Stage
- Test Conditions
- Experimental Measurements
- Jet-in-Crossflow Correlation
- CFD Validation
Roles of Participants

Scott Martin, PI: Administrative Tasks, Jet-in-Crossflow Correlation, CFD Validation

Co-PI’s
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Subith Vasu: High Pressure Experiments
Project Management

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   Overall Project Management and Execution, CMC, LES, NOx Modeling

UCF (subrecipient)
1) Dr. Kareem Ahmed
2) Dr. Subith Vasu
   Combustion Experiments, Diagnostics

Risk Mitigation/Industry Input/Consultation
Technical/Business/Project Advisors (see support letters)

1) Dr. Carlos Velez (GE)
2) Dr. Anthony Dean (GE)
   Combustor OEM, industry input, technology maturation

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Lists of Tasks

1.0 Project Management and Planning
2.0 High Pressure Combustion Facility
  2.1 Modify High Pressure Combustion Facility
  2.2 Tune Rig Headend to Give Similar NOx Curve as Current Engines
3.0 Fuel and Air Axial Mixtures
  3.1 Perform Initial Test of Axial Stage System
  3.2 Explore Axial Stage System for Targeted Operability
4.0 Fuel and Diluent Axial Mixtures
5.0 Axial Stage Modeling
  5.1 Develop Reacting Jet in Crossflow Correlation
  5.2 Validate Existing Reacting CFD with Experimental Data
Project Timeline
Motivation and Research Objectives

Explore novel configurations to implement axial staging with direct involvement of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). Develop reacting Jet-in-Crossflow correlation and validate existing CFD capabilities.

- Conduct experiments using a high pressure combustion facility.
- Tune rig headend to give similar NOx curve as Current engines.
- Axial stage testing with Fuel/Air and Fuel/Diluent Axial Mixtures with premixed and non-premixed designs.
- Axial Stage Modeling: Jet-in-crossflow correlation and CFD validation
Experimental Rig - Headend

High Speed and High Temperature Combustion Chamber (vitiated with full optical test section): 2.5in x 3in x 6in, 100 m/s, 5 bar, 1kg/s (2 kg/s max).
Experimental Rig - Axial Stage

- Combustion section
- Flame region
- Glass
- Jet (D)
- Manifold
- Screens

Diagram showing jet, flame front, mean flame boundary, mean recirculation boundary, reattachment point, and accelerated combustion products.
Axial Stage Example Data
Experimental Measurements: PIV and Chemiluminescence

- High-speed PIV system (20kHz, 40kHz, 60kHz, 100kHz)
- High speed cameras 21,000-2,100,000 frames per second
- High-speed chemiluminescence CH*, OH* (40 kHz, 80kHz)
- Light-field focusing system for flow measurements and visualization
- LabVIEW control hardware and software
- Dynamic pressure transducers (PCB)
- Codes: DMD, POD, PIV, Turb, Physics-Based Models (Matlab/Fortran)
Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (TDLAS)

- TDLAS Overview
  - Measure Process Transmittance \( (I/I_0) \) at Specific Wavelength(s)
    - Diode Laser + 2 Photodetectors
  - Apply Photon Conservation
    - Beer-Lambert Law: \( I/I_0 = f(X,T,P,V) \)
  - Infer Process Path-Integrated Thermodynamic, Flow Conditions
    - Time-Resolved Composition, Temperature, Pressure, Speed
    - Non-Uniformity Along Line-of-Sight
Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (TDLAS)

- **TDLAS Overview**

- **Beer-Lambert Law (Detail)**
  - Equation of Radiative Transfer → Limiting Case of Dominant Stimulated Absorption
  - Valid at each optical frequency $\nu$ across targeted region of EM spectrum

\[
-ln\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right) = \sum_i \sum_j S_{ij}(T)X_j P L \phi_{ij} (\nu - \nu_{0ij})
\]

$I = \text{Transmitted Intensity} \left(\frac{W}{cm^2\cdot sr\cdot Hz}\right)$

$I_0 = \text{Incident Intensity} \left(\frac{W}{cm^2\cdot sr\cdot Hz}\right)$

$S_{ij} = \text{Line Strength} \left(\frac{cm^{-2}}{atm}\right)$

$T = \text{Static Temperature} \ (K)$

$X_j = \text{Mole Fraction}$

$P = \text{Static Pressure} \ (atm)$

$L = \text{Path Length} \ (cm)$

$\phi_{ij} = \text{Lineshape Function} \ (cm)$

$\nu = \text{Optical Frequency} \ (Hz)$

$\nu_{0ij} = \text{Line Center Optical Frequency} \ (Hz)$

Subscripts

$i = \text{Quantum Transition}$

$j = \text{Atomic/Molecular Species}$
Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (TDLAS)

- TDLAS Overview
  - Beer-Lambert Law (Detail)
    - Species Detection:
      - All quantities known (or measured separately) other than $X_j$, solve for $X_j$
    - Thermometry:
      - Take a ratio of equation at two different optical frequencies while holding $T, P, L, X_j$ fixed, resulting expression is a function of temperature only, solve for $T$
      - All quantities known (or measured separately) other than $T$, compare measurement with high-fidelity simulation, infer $T$
    - Pressure Measurement:
      - All quantities known (or measured separately) other than $P$, compare measurement with high-fidelity simulation, infer $P$
    - Velocimetry: (laser beam must make an angle with flow)
      - Compare position of spectral features $\nu_{0ij}$ to high-fidelity simulation with no bulk flow (no Doppler shift), infer process velocity component along laser line of sight

\[ -\ln \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right) = \sum \sum S_{ij}(T)X_jP L \phi_{ij} (\nu - \nu_{0ij}) \]
Experimental Measurements: TDLAS for NOx, CO

Spatio temporally resolved for understanding evolution of emissions

Carbon Monoxide (target) and common interfering species (CO2, H2O, N2O) absorption features at T = 296 K and P = 1 atm (Left); and T = 1500 K and P = 40 atm (Right).

NO, NO2, and interfering water absorption features at T = 296 K and P = 1 atm (Left); and P = 40 atm (Right). Note the marked increase in absorption for NO and NO2 at high pressures and the minimal water interference around 1600 cm⁻¹ and 1900 cm⁻¹.

Diagnostics will be validated using shock tube and high temperature cells.
Jet-in-Crossflow Correlation

Figure 1.—Schematic of flow field for a confined jet in cross flow (shown for one-side injection of a single row of jets from the top duct wall).

From Holdeman, NASA/TM—2005-213137

- Excel based tool to predict non-reacting jet-in-crossflow (JiC).
- The data obtained in this project will be used to create a reacting JiC correlation.
CFD Validation

Validate the capabilities of our OpenFOAM based CFD code and a commercial code to predict reacting jet-in-crossflow.

Figure 1: Volume rendering of temperature (black body colormap), HO2 (blue colormap), and H2 (green colormap) scalar fields at t=2.802ms from start of simulation. Opacity transfer functions adjusted to highlight the regions with high temperature, HO2, or H2 mass fraction. Grout et al.