



ECN5 TOPIC 6 – SOOT  
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Experimental submissions will focus largely on new soot data acquired for Spray C and Spray D at IFPEN, CATERPILLAR (CAT), and Sandia (SNL). Spray A data from SNL will be revisited for a comparison with data collected at General Motors Research (GMR)

Differences in soot data measured in pre-burn chambers with that measured in constant pressure vessels warrants further study on the effect of water and carbon dioxide in the ambient gases prior to fuel injection. Therefore a comparison of “Spray A” data collected at General Motors with data collected at Sandia and a comparison of “Spray C/D” data collected at CAT with that collected at IFPEN and Sandia will be presented.

Simulations are requested for Spray A with and without pre-burn products using the mechanism and soot model of your choice. All model input conditions should be identical except for the composition of the ambient gases.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

### 2.1 EXPERIMENTAL

Spray A: To understand and disseminate to the community the observed differences in soot data collected in pre-burn vs. constant pressure vessels.

Spray C/D: To compare soot measurements acquired at IFPEN, SNL, and CAT and understand the sources of any observed differences. Disseminate information to the community.

### 2.2 MODELING

Spray A

- 1) To simulate soot formation in Spray A with and without pre-burn combustion products and understand how water and carbon dioxide may influence soot and soot precursor formation and oxidation.
- 2) To compare observed trends with experimental results.

## 3 TARGET CONDITIONS (SIMULATIONS)

The baseline target condition and parametric variants are defined in the recently finalized Topic 4/5 guidelines. All are specified in terms of a nozzle, injection, and ambient condition. Simulations based on Spray A nozzle 675 or 370 are welcome as both injectors have similar hydraulic characteristics. Soot submissions are requested for only **two** conditions—the baseline Spray A LONG (5 ms) injection condition with the standard pre-burn products as ambient gases and the baseline Spray A LONG (5 ms) injection condition with 15% O<sub>2</sub> (by volume) and 85% N<sub>2</sub> (by volume) comprising the ambient gases. Overlapping with Topic 3, non-reacting vapor penetration and non-reacting 2D time-resolved maps of mixture fraction are requested. See Table 1 below (or for more detail see Table 1 in the Topic 4/5 Guidelines).

| ACRONYM | O <sub>2</sub> [vol. %] | Amb. Comp.                     | T <sub>amb</sub> [K] | ρ <sub>amb</sub> [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ] | P <sub>inj</sub> [MPa] | Inj Duration |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| AI      | 0                       | --                             | 900                  | 22.8                                  | 150                    | LONG (5 ms)  |
| AR      | 15                      | Pre-burn                       | 900                  | 22.8                                  | 150                    | LONG (5 ms)  |
| AN      | 15                      | O <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> | 900                  | 22.8                                  | 150                    | LONG (5 ms)  |

*Table 1 – Nomenclature for Spray A parametric variations*

To minimize efforts, previously submitted results for the baseline Spray A case with pre-burn products are welcome as long as the simulation without pre-burn products was carried out with the exact same model and input parameters. Time resolved 2D data with the same grid resolution and step size are requested for both pre-burn and O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> results.

When submitting results, the file naming convention should be consistent with the Topic 4/5 guidelines. For example, the nomenclature in Table 2 below describes the three Cases requested for Topic 6.



| Case   | Nomenclature | Description  |
|--------|--------------|--|
| Case 1 | A-AI-LONG    | Spray A 675, Inert ambient 0% O <sub>2</sub> , 900 K, 22.8 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , 150 MPa injection pressure, Long (5 ms) injection duration                                  |
| Case 2 | A-AR-LONG    | Spray A 675, Reacting ambient 15 vol.% O <sub>2</sub> pre-burn products, 900 K, 22.8 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , 150 MPa injection pressure, Long (5 ms) injection duration        |
| Case 3 | A-AN-LONG    | Spray A 675, Reacting ambient 15 vol.% O <sub>2</sub> 85 vol.% N <sub>2</sub> , 900 K, 22.8 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , 150 MPa injection pressure, Long (5 ms) injection duration |

Table 2 – Naming convention for three cases requested in Topic 6 (Soot)

## 4 SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SIMULATIONS

Consistent with the Topic 4/5 Guidelines, please adhere to the following recommendations for simulation submissions.

- INJECTION RATE:
  - Spray A: mass flow rate at the nozzle exit from virtual ROI tool from CMT and measured nozzle coefficients (<http://www.cmt.upv.es/ECN03.aspx>).
- CHEMICAL MECHANISM: Each contributing group can use a preferred mechanism to perform any of the requested calculations. **If time allows, it is highly recommended** that groups submit results with the reference mechanism defined below (available by contacting Evatt Hawkes, [evatt.hawkes@unsw.edu.au](mailto:evatt.hawkes@unsw.edu.au)). Results using one additional alternative mechanism are welcomed, but not required.

Recommended mechanisms:

- **Reference mechanism Cai:** 57 species mechanism developed by Liming Cai at Aachen. Underpinned by Narayanaswamy mechanism, with reduction and optimisation against experimental targets. Reference: M. Davidovic, M. Bode, T. Falkenstein, L. Cai, H. Pitsch, LES of *n*-dodecane spray combustion and pollutant formation using a multiple representative interactive flamelet model, LES for internal combustion engine flows LES4ICE, Oil & Gas Science Technology accepted for publication (2017).
- **Yao:** 54 species reduced mechanism developed by Tianfeng Lu and co-workers at U. Conn., underpinned by USC-MECH high-temperature path, empirical 4 species low-T path, with reduction and optimisation against large LLNL mechanisms and experimental targets. Reference: T. Yao, Y. Pei, B.-J. Zhong, S. Som, T. Lu, et al., A compact skeletal mechanism for *n*-dodecane with optimized semi-global low-temperature chemistry for diesel engine simulations, Fuel 191 (2017) 339-349.
- **Polimi:** 96 species reduced mechanism, underpinned by Polimi semi-detailed mechanism. Reference: A. Frassoldati, G. D'Errico, T. Lucchini, A. Stagni, A. Cuoci, et al., Reduced kinetic mechanisms of diesel fuel surrogate for engine CFD simulations, Combust. Flame 162 (10) (2015) 3991-4007.
- TURBULENCE-CHEMISTRY INTERACTION (TCI): The effect of TCI on combustion will be investigated in Topic 4/5. For Topic 6 (Soot), the use of a TCI model is recommended; however, if previously submitted Spray A (pre-burn) data will be used without TCI, the O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> simulation should also NOT include TCI so that the effects of water and carbon dioxide can be isolated.



## 5 DATA TO BE SUBMITTED

Reference operating conditions are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2. The following data are requested for these cases. See Table under heading 7.2 for a detailed list with required and optional data from Topics 4/5/6. Please provide data in the order provided in the Table under Section 7.2 for ease in post-processing. Please follow the guidance provided in Topic 5 Guidelines for the naming of files and directories and the data structure. Also, please provide the associated modeling setup description as requested in the Topic 5 Guidelines Table 9.

- Case 1 A-AI-LONG
  - Global
    - Vapor penetration
  - 2D Time-resolved maps
    - mixture fraction
- Case 2 & 3 A-AR-LONG and A-AN-LONG
- Global
  - Ignition Delay
  - Quasi-steady lift-off length
  - Time-resolved lift-off length
  - Time-resolved reacting spray penetration
  - Time-resolved total soot mass
  - Time-resolved soot onset location (i.e., axial position where SVF first exceeds 0.5 ppm as a function of time)
- Topic 6 Required 2D Time-resolved maps (see Table under heading 7.2 for full list in Topics 4/5/6)
  - Mixture fraction
  - Temperature
  - Fuel (n-dodecane) mass fraction
  - O<sub>2</sub> mass fraction
  - O mass fraction
  - CO mass fraction
  - CO<sub>2</sub> mass fraction
  - H<sub>2</sub>O mass fraction
  - OH mass fraction
  - H mass fraction
  - CH<sub>2</sub>O mass fraction
  - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> mass fraction
  - H<sub>2</sub> mass fraction
  - SVF
  - Benzene and/or any other aromatic mass fraction
  - NO mass fraction (if available)
- 2D maps of production/destruction rate at a single time associated with quasi-steady period
  - Fuel (n-dodecane)
  - O<sub>2</sub>
  - O
  - H<sub>2</sub>O
  - CO
  - CO<sub>2</sub>
  - H<sub>2</sub>O
  - OH
  - H
  - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>
  - H<sub>2</sub>
  - SVF
  - Benzene and/or any other aromatic
  - NO (if available)

**NOTE:** Consistent with Topic 4/5 the time-resolved 2D maps should be provided at 10 $\mu$ s time steps from the beginning of injection until end of combustion



## 6 DEADLINES

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.** Provide to Scott Skeen a sample set of data, not necessarily the final one and all time steps, such that Scott can check data format.
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017.** Final data uploaded to IFPEN server or transmitted to Scott Skeen via Sandia Managed File Transfer. Please note, due to the proximity of ECN5 on 31 March, **this is a hard deadline.**

## 7 SUBMISSION OF MODELING RESULTS

### 7.1 Global and time-resolved combustion indicators

The following definitions will be used for the modeling-based combustion indicators:

| TYPE          | COMBUSTION INDICATOR       | ACRONYM | RELATED VARIABLE | DEFINITION  |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|---|
| GLOBAL        | Ignition Delay             | tSOC    | OH mass fraction | First time at which Favre-average OH mass fraction reaches 2% of the maximum in the domain after a stable flame is established. +axial, radial and mixture-fraction location of this point.             |
| TIME-RESOLVED | Lift-off-length            | LOL     | OH mass fraction | Location where Favre-average OH mass fraction reached 14% its maximum in the domain (instantaneous maximum). Please submit axial, radial, and mixture-fraction location of this point + axial velocity. |
|               | Reactive spray penetration | Sr      | Mixture fraction | Maximum distance from the nozzle outlet to where mixture fraction is 0.1%   |
|               | Total soot mass            | Ms      | SVF              | Total integrated mass of soot within the entire simulated volume <b>up to 70 mm downstream</b> of the injector tip at each time step. Use 1.8 g/cm <sup>3</sup> as soot density.                        |
|               | Soot onset location        | Ls      | SVF              | Axial position where SVF first exceeds 0.5 ppm at each time step  |

*Table 3—Definition of modeling based combustion/emissions indicators*

Whenever possible, combustion indicators obtained after processing of raw information will be submitted. The file name depends on the type of information to be submitted

- **Global combustion indicators:** Provide in any format that is easy to understand. It should clearly identify which condition is modeled, what model, and what group.  
**Example:** ECN5M\_GLOBAL\_[GROUP]\_[CHEM]\_[TCI]\_[VAR]\_[INJECTOR]\_[COND]\_[DUR].txt
- **Time-resolved information:** Only one ASCII plain text file per operating condition and combustion indicator will be sent. It will contain two-columns, the first one with the time (ms), and the second with the corresponding indicator. Name and units should be indicated at the first row. File name should follow the structure:  
**Example:** ECN5M\_[GROUP]\_[CHEM]\_[TCI]\_[VAR]\_[INJECTOR]\_[COND]\_[DUR].txt

The following nomenclature has been applied for file names

- ECN5M identifies the information as a modeling contribution.
- GLOBAL identifies the file as containing Global Combustion Indicators.
- [GROUP] is a string for the submitting group acronym.
- [VAR] is a string for the submitted combustion indicator according to the corresponding Acronym



column in Table 3.

- [INJECTOR] is a string for the Nozzle + Injector reference number.
- [COND] is a string for the ambient condition according to Table 1.
- [DUR] is a string for the injection duration coding as indicated in Table 1 (requesting on LONG for Topic 6).
- [CHEM] denotes the chemistry model (e.g. Cai, Yao, Polimi)
- [TCI] denotes the TCI model, (e.g. WM, TPDF/CMC, etc)

## 7.2 Spatial- (and time-) resolved variables

Full 2D (axial and radial) maps of following modelling-derived variables should be submitted for analyses:

| Data   | ACRONYM        | Comments                     |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|
| Axial velocity (m/s)   | U              | Topic 4/5 (optional Topic 6) |
| Radial velocity (m/s)  | V              | Topic 4/5 (optional Topic 6) |
| Mixture fraction   | Z              | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| Temperature (K)  | T              | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )   | RHO            | Topic 4/5 (optional Topic 6) |
| n-Dodecane Mass Fraction   | YC12           | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| O <sub>2</sub> Mass Fraction   | YO2            | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| O Mass Fraction  | YO             | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| CO Mass Fraction   | YCO            | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Mass Fraction  | YCO2           | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| H <sub>2</sub> O Mass Fraction   | YH2O           | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| OH Mass Fraction   | YOH            | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| H Mass Fraction  | YH             | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| CH <sub>2</sub> O Mass Fraction  | YCH2O          | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> Mass Fraction                                  | YC2H2          | Topic 4/5 & 6                |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Mass Fraction                                  | YH2O2          | Topic 4/5 (optional Topic 6) |
| H <sub>2</sub> Mass Fraction   | YH2            | Topic 6 (optional Topic 4/5) |
| Soot volume fraction   | SVF            | Topic 6 (optional Topic 4/5) |
| Benzene and/or aromatics   | YA1, YA2, etc. | If available                 |
| RO <sub>2</sub> Mass Fraction  | YRO2           | Optional                     |
| OH* Mass Fraction  | YOHs           | Optional                     |
| NO Mass Fraction   | YNO            | Optional                     |
| Mixture fraction variance  | Zvar           | Optional                     |
| Turbulence kinetic energy (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )                  | K              | Optional                     |
| Turbulence kinetic energy dissipation rate (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>3</sup> ) | EPS            | Optional                     |
| Viscosity (molecular, kg/m/s)  | VIS            | Optional                     |
| Scalar dissipation rate (1/s)  | CHI            | Optional                     |



### 7.3 SPATIAL QUASI-STEADY PRODUCTION/DESTRUCTION RATES (Topic 6)

Provide a 2D map of the time-averaged production/destruction rates of the following species. The time-average should be performed from 2 ms before EOI until 0.5 ms before EOI. The units should be in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{second}$ . If a time-average cannot be provided, provide the data at the time step corresponding to 2 ms before EOI.

| Data (prod/des trate $\mu\text{g}/\text{s}$ ) | ACRONYM        | Comments         |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| n-dodecane                                    | pC12           | Optional Topic 6 |
| CO  | pCO            | Optional Topic 6 |
| H <sub>2</sub> O                              | pH2O           | Optional Topic 6 |
| O <sub>2</sub>                                | pO2            | Optional Topic 6 |
| O   | pO             | Optional Topic 6 |
| OH  | pOH            | Optional Topic 6 |
| H   | pH             | Optional Topic 6 |
| H <sub>2</sub>                                | pH2            | Optional Topic 6 |
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>                 | pC2H2          | Optional Topic 6 |
| Benzene and/or other aromatics                | pA1, pA2, etc. | Optional Topic 6 |
| Soot volume fraction                          | pSVF           | Optional Topic 6 |