



DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) 2019 Project Peer Review

Co-Optimization of
Fuels & Engines

Co-Optima Overview

Co-Optima Review Session
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better fuels | better vehicles | sooner



Goal

Identify low carbon fuel-engine combinations that increase fuel economy by 35% (light duty) or 4% (heavy duty) over a 2015 baseline, with reduced emissions

Outcome

Improved definition of the critical fuel properties that maximize engine efficiency, the bio-blendstocks that provide target values of these fuel properties, and the potential impacts of adoption in reducing harmful emissions and providing environmental and economic benefits

Relevance

Provides foundational knowledge to stakeholders to improve the value proposition for biofuels

“Better fuels, better vehicles, sooner”



Engine
R&D

Fuel
R&D

Quad Chart Overview



Timeline

- Start: FY2016
- Merit Review Cycle: FY2019 to FY2021
- 12% complete of review cycle

| | Total Budget Pre-FY17 | FY 17 Budget | FY 18 Budget | Total Planned Funding (FY 19-21) |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| BETO Funded | \$14,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,600 | \$36,000 |
| VTO Funded | \$12,000 | \$12,500 | \$12,500 | \$36,000 |

Partner Labs: ANL, INL, LANL, LBNL, LLNL, NREL, ORNL, PNNL, SNL

Barriers Addressed

- ADO-E. Co-Development of Fuels & Engines
- At-D. Identifying New Market Opportunities for Bioenergy and Bioproducts

Objective

Advance the underlying science needed to develop biomass-derived fuel and engine technologies that will work in tandem to achieve efficiency, environmental and economic goals

End of Project Goal

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Budget by Lab (k\$)*



| Lab | Total Budget Pre FY17 | FY 17 Budget | FY 18 Budget | FY19-end Budget |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| ANL | \$840 | \$900 | \$1,000 | \$2,970 |
| INL | \$1,300 | \$540 | \$305 | \$240 |
| LANL | \$700 | \$710 | \$784 | \$1,875 |
| LBNL | \$1,100 | \$860 | \$1,030 | \$2,100 |
| NREL | \$4,100 | \$4,200 | \$4,784 | \$13,680 |
| ORNL | \$900 | \$670 | \$816 | \$2,730 |
| PNNL | \$3,100 | \$2,400 | \$2,110 | \$7,020 |
| SNL | \$2,300 | \$1,600 | \$1,769 | \$5,385 |
| Total | \$14,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,598 | \$36,000 |

* Only funding from BETO shown

2 – Approach (Management)

Goals and outcomes target national impact



Light-duty

35% fuel economy (FE) improvement* from boosted SI and multi-mode SI/ACI

Heavy-duty

Up to 4% FE improvement (worth \$5B/year)**
Potential lower cost path to meeting next tier of criteria emissions regulations

Fuels

Diversify resource base

Provide economic options to fuel providers to accommodate changing global fuel demands

Increase supply of domestically sourced fuel by up to 25 billion gallons/year

Cross-cutting goals

Stimulate domestic economy

Add new bio-economy jobs

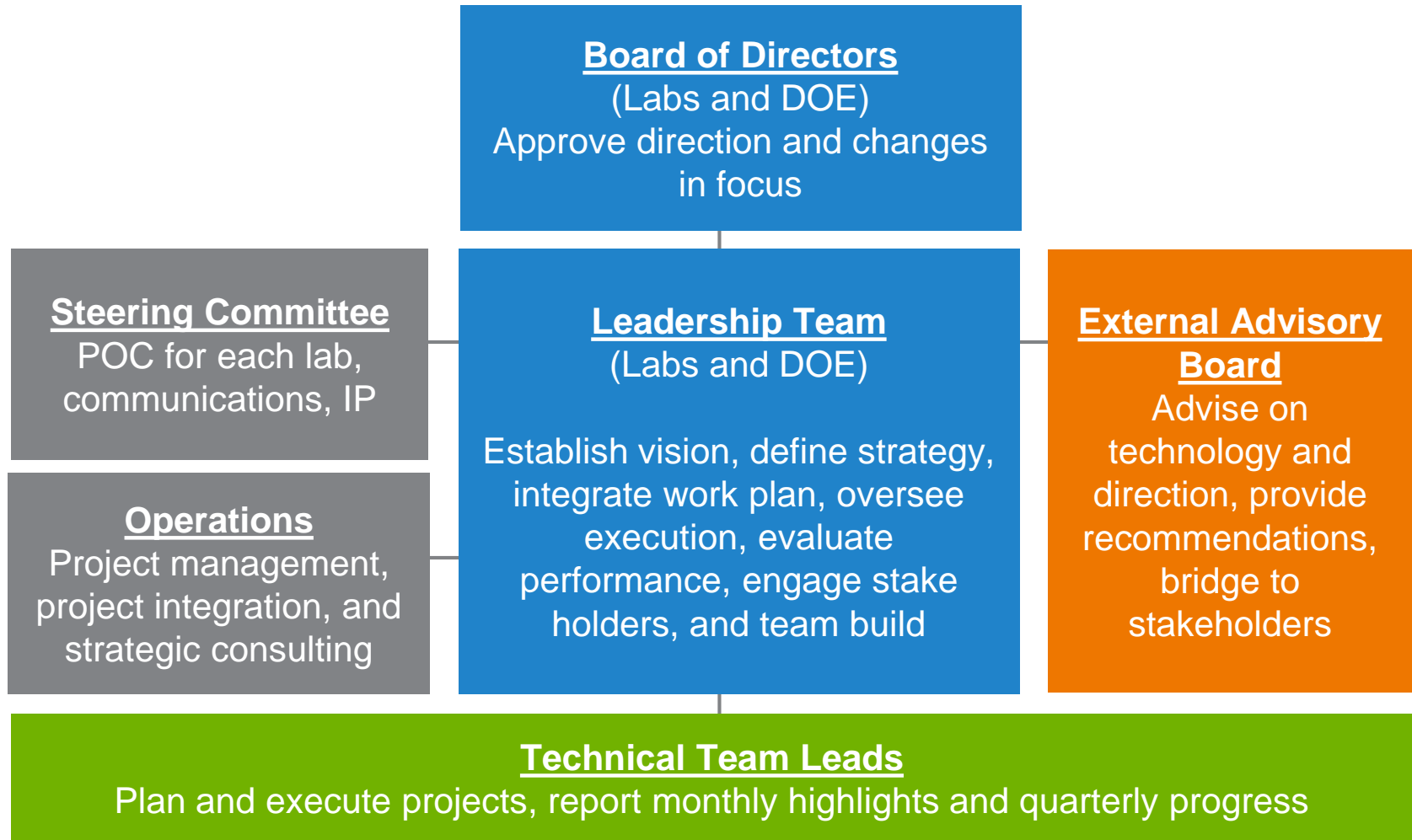
Provide clean-energy options

* vs. 2015 reference case; 2030 target. 25% comes from base engine and 10% from fuel/engine co-optimization

** Beyond projected results of current R&D efforts; 2030 target.

2 - Approach (Management)

Organized to ensure coordination



A formal “Roles and Responsibilities” document has been developed that is regularly updated and available on the Co-Optima team SharePoint site
Extended Leadership Team = Leadership Team, DOE, Steering Committee, Team Leads

2 – Approach (Management)

Leadership draws on DOE and Labs



Board of Directors

Senior leadership (EERE and labs)

DOE

- Michael Berube (EERE)
- Jonathan Male (BETO)
- Dave Howell (VTO)

Labs (Assoc. Lab Directors)

- Johnney Green (NREL)
- Moe Khaleel (ORNL)
- Jud Virden (PNNL)
- Dori Ellis (SNL)

Leadership Team

Leaders from VTO, BETO and labs

DOE

- Alicia Lindauer (BETO)
- Kevin Stork (VTO)

Labs

- Robert Wagner, Lead (ORNL)
- Dan Gaspar (PNNL)
- Bob McCormick (NREL)
- Chris Moen (SNL)

2 – Approach (Management)

EAB includes autos, (bio)fuels, regulatory experts



USCAR

David Brooks

American Petroleum Institute

Scott Mason

Fuels Institute

John Eichberger

Truck & Engine Manufacturers Assn

Roger Gault

LanzaTech

Laurel Harmon

Flint Hills Resources

Chris Pritchard

EPA

Paul Machiele

California Air Resources Board

James Guthrie

UL

Edgar Wolff-Klammer

University Experts

Ralph Cavalieri (WSU, emeritus)

David Foster (U. Wisconsin, emeritus)

Industry Expert

John Wall (Cummins, retired)

- External Advisory Board advises National Lab Leadership Team
- Participants represent industry perspectives, not individual companies
- Entire board meets twice per year, with quarterly teleconferences to keep them up to date

2 – Approach (Management)

Technical team leads and roles clearly defined



HPF

Anthe George (SNL)
Derek Vardon (NREL)



ASSERT

Jennifer Dunn (ANL)
Mary Bidy (NREL)



TK

Matt McNenly (LLNL)
Sibendu Som (ANL)
Ray Grout (NREL)



AED

Magnus Sjoberg (SNL)
Josh Pihl (ORNL)



FP

Jim Szybist (ORNL)
Gina Fioroni (NREL)

Roles and Responsibilities: Plan and execute projects, report monthly highlights and quarterly progress

2 – Approach (Management)

Outreach provides 2-way communication



Stakeholder “Listening Days”

Stakeholder visits

- Individual visits to OEMs, fuel providers, retail organizations, biofuel companies, etc.
- More than 60

Interactive forums through technical societies

Monthly webinars

- 145 individuals
- 86 organizations

VTO Annual Merit Review and BETO Peer Review



Energy Companies



Refiners



Biofuel Producers



Fuel Distribution



Government/
Regulatory Agencies



LD OEMs



HD OEMs



Retail



Consumer



Society

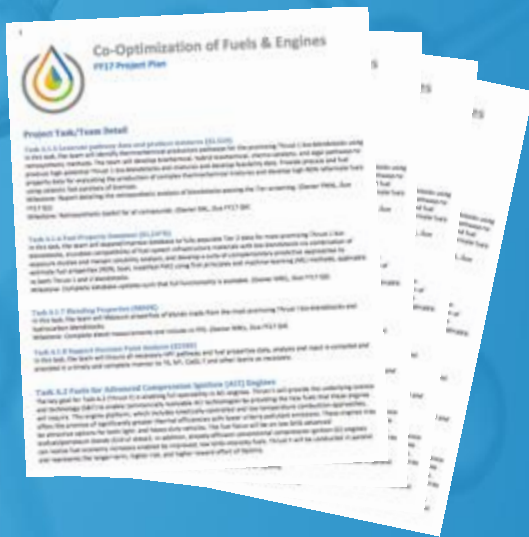
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Project plan and program management



A project plan is developed annually for this consortium project to organize the work across the Labs

A full-time project manager is utilized to ensure task coordination and milestone completion

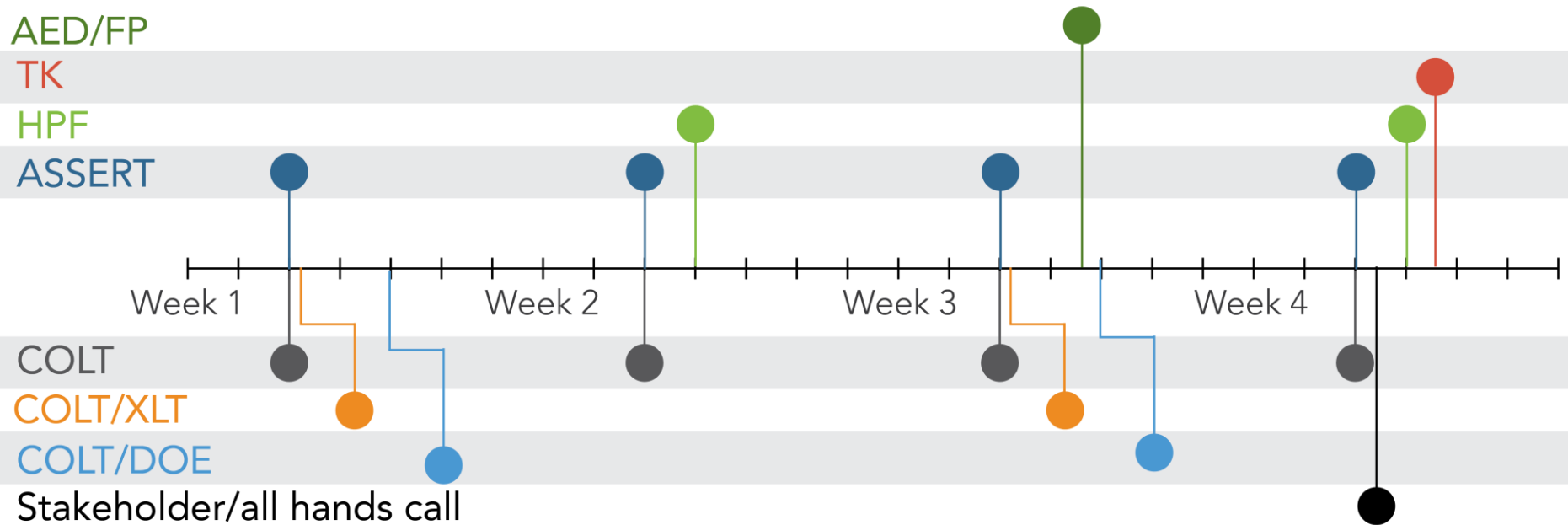


2 – Approach (Management)

Communication and coordination are essential



Co-Optima regularly scheduled meetings



Regular team meetings have cross-team participation

AED/FP: Advanced Engine Development/Fuel Properties; TK: Modeling and Simulation Toolkit; HPF: High Performance Fuels; ASSERT: Analysis of Sustainability, Scale, Economics, Risk, and Trade; COLT: Co-Optima Leadership Team; XLT: Extended Leadership Team (COLT, DOE, Team Leads, Steering Committee)

2 – Approach (Management)

Active engagement and stewardship



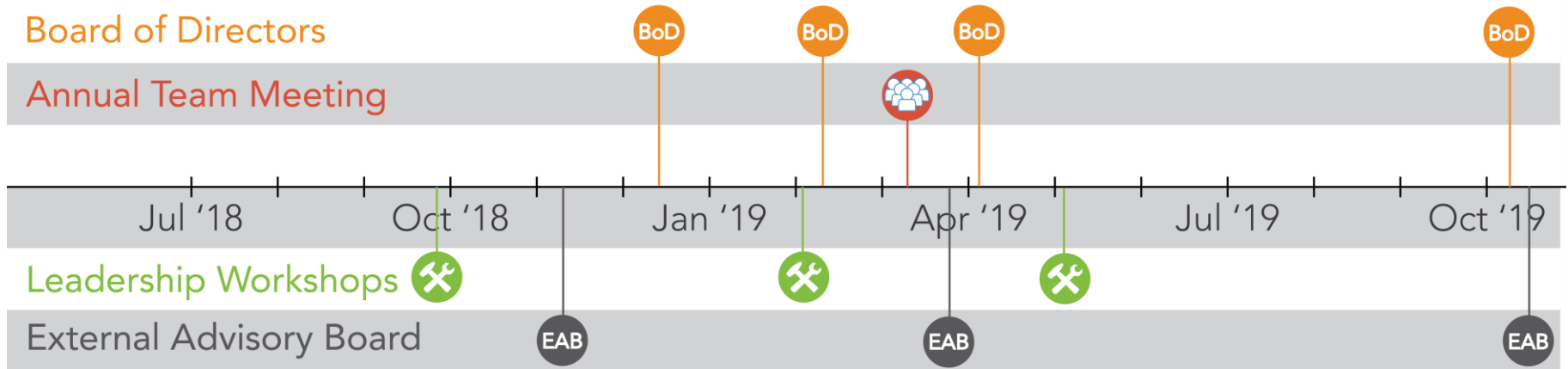
Co-Optima major events

Board of Directors

Annual Team Meeting

Leadership Workshops

External Advisory Board



2 – Approach (Technical)

Parallel projects address short and longer terms



Light-Duty



Boosted SI

Higher efficiency
via downsizing

Near-term

(Boosted SI)



Multi-mode SI/ACI

Even higher efficiency
over drive cycle

Mid-term

(MM)

Medium/Heavy-Duty



Mixing Controlled

Improved engine
emissions

Near-term

(MCCI)



**Kinetically
Controlled**

Highest efficiency and
emissions performance

Longer-term

(KC)

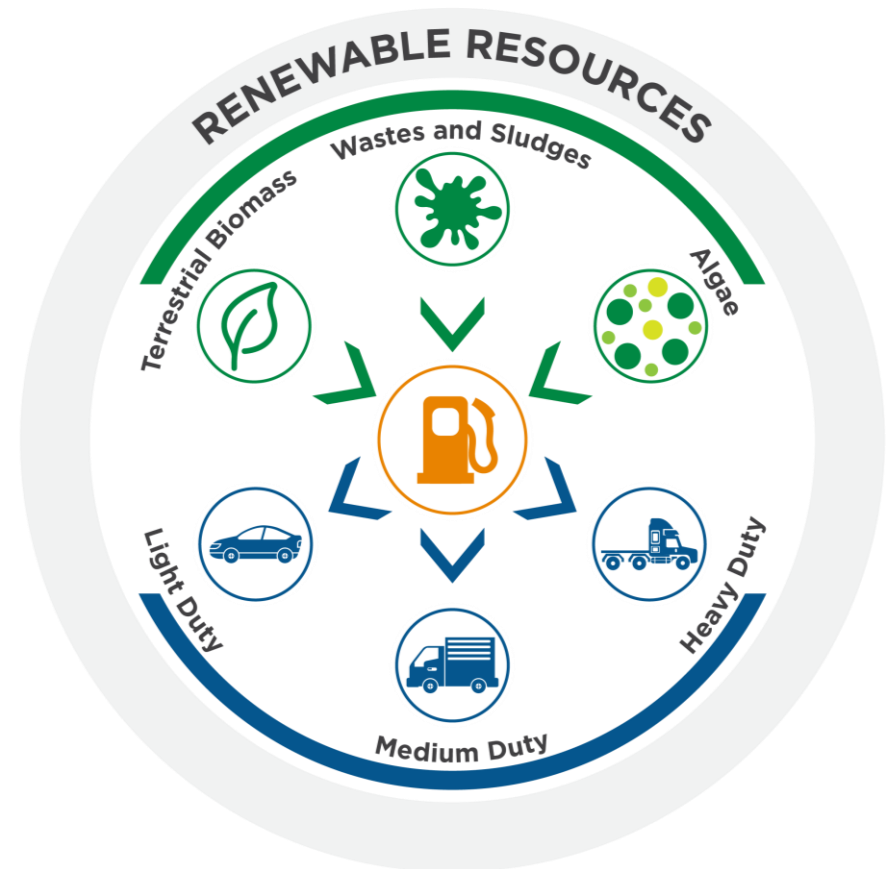
2 – Approach (Technical)

Co-Optima is fuel property-based



Objective: identify fuel properties that optimize engine performance, independent of composition,* allowing the market to define the best means to blend and provide these fuels

* We are not going to recommend that any specific blendstocks be included in future fuels



2 – Approach (Technical)

Key Co-Optima constraints define search space

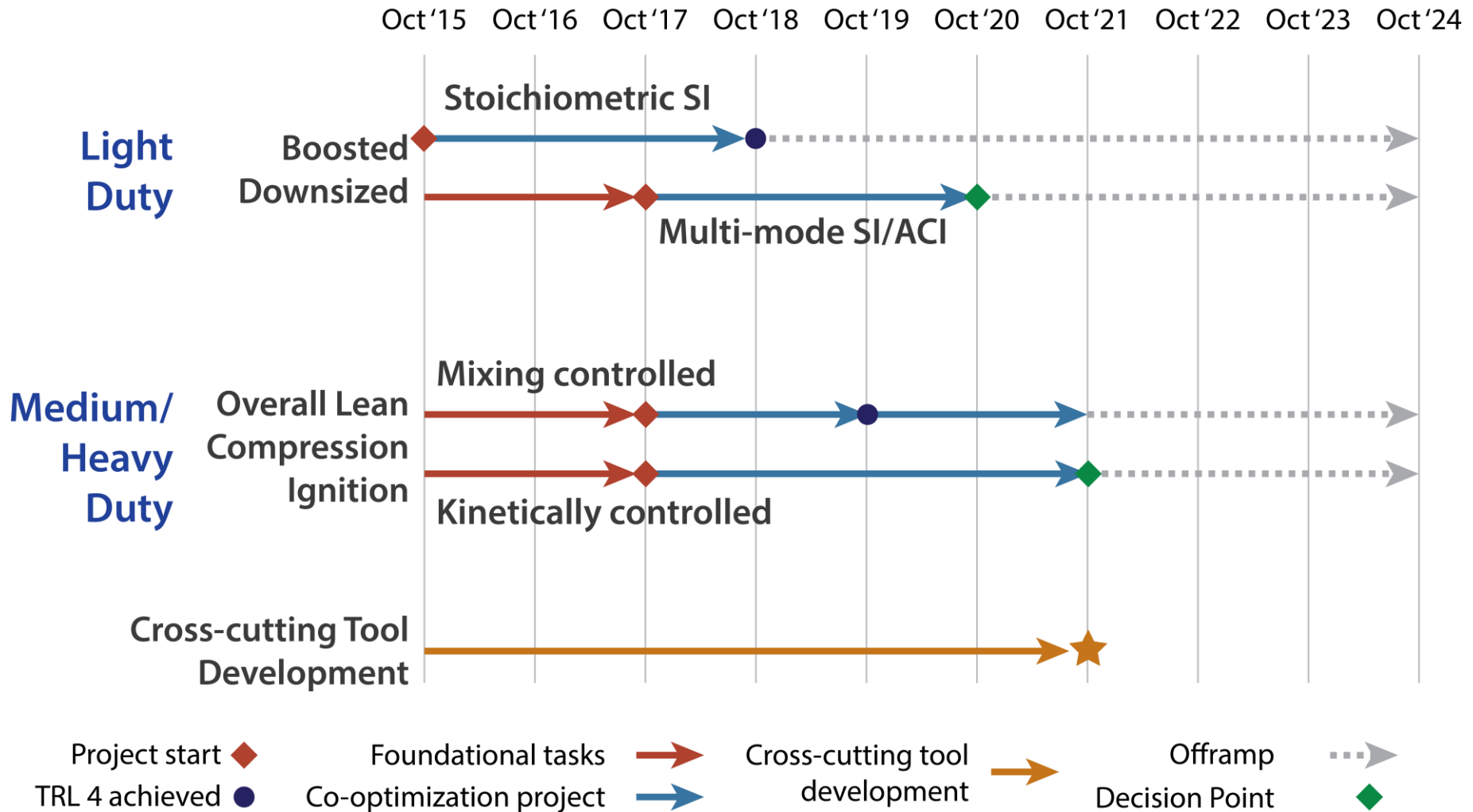


- Focusing only on liquid fuels
- Identify blendstocks to blend into petroleum base fuel
- Considering only non-food-based biofuel feedstocks
- Assessing well-to-wheels impacts for biofuel options (GHG, water, economics,...)
- Evaluating impact of hybridization, but focused on internal combustion component
- Provide data, tools, and knowledge to stakeholders – objective is not to “pick winners”



2 – Approach (Technical)

R&D staged for near & long-term challenges

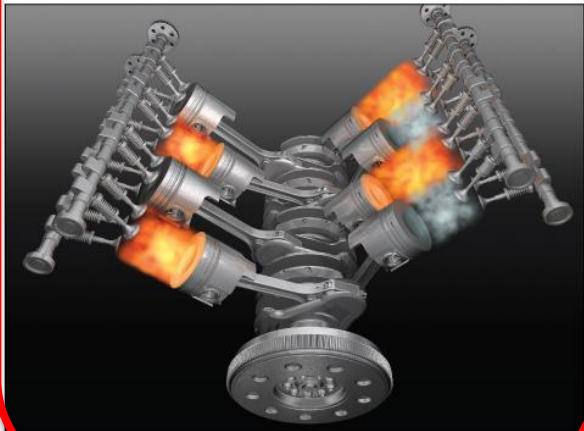


2 – Approach (Technical)

Foundational technical questions frame approach



What fuels do engines *really* want?



What fuel options work best?



What will work in the real world?



2 – Approach (Technical)

Engine R&D determines critical fuel properties



Light Duty Boosted SI merit function

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Merit (efficiency)} = & \underbrace{\alpha \cdot f(\text{RON})}_{\text{Octane Index (Knock)}} + \underbrace{\beta \cdot f(K, S)}_{\text{Octane Sensitivity}} + \underbrace{\gamma \cdot f(\text{HOV})}_{\text{Charge Cooling}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\varepsilon \cdot f(\text{LFS})}_{\text{Flame Speed}} + \underbrace{\zeta \cdot f(\text{PMI})}_{\text{PM Emissions}} + \underbrace{\eta \cdot f(T_{c,90,conv})}_{\text{Catalyst Light-off Temp (cold start)}} \\
 & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Burn Rate/Dilution Tolerance}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Emissions Penalties}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Medium/Heavy Duty MCCI (Diesel) merit table

| Tier Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Meets Criteria | Barriers Exist |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cetane | > 50 | 46 to 50 | 40 to 45 | < 40 |
| LHV (MJ/kg) | > 40 | 31 to 40 | 25 to 30 | < 25 |
| Flash Pt (°C) | > 70 | 61 to 70 | 52 to 60 | < 52 |
| Melting Pt (°C) | < -50 | -50 to -26 | -25 to 0 | > 0 |
| Water Sol (mg/L) | < 5 | 5 to 501 | 500 to 1000 | > 1000 |
| YSI | < 50 | 50 to 151 | 150 to 200 | > 200 |



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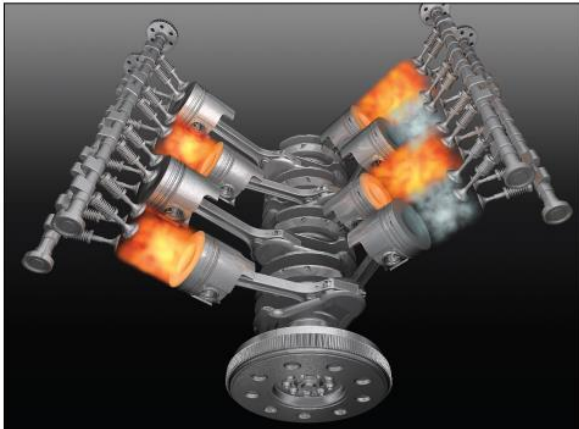
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2 – Approach (Technical)

BETO supports biofuel R&D and analysis



What fuels do
engines
really want?



What fuel
options work
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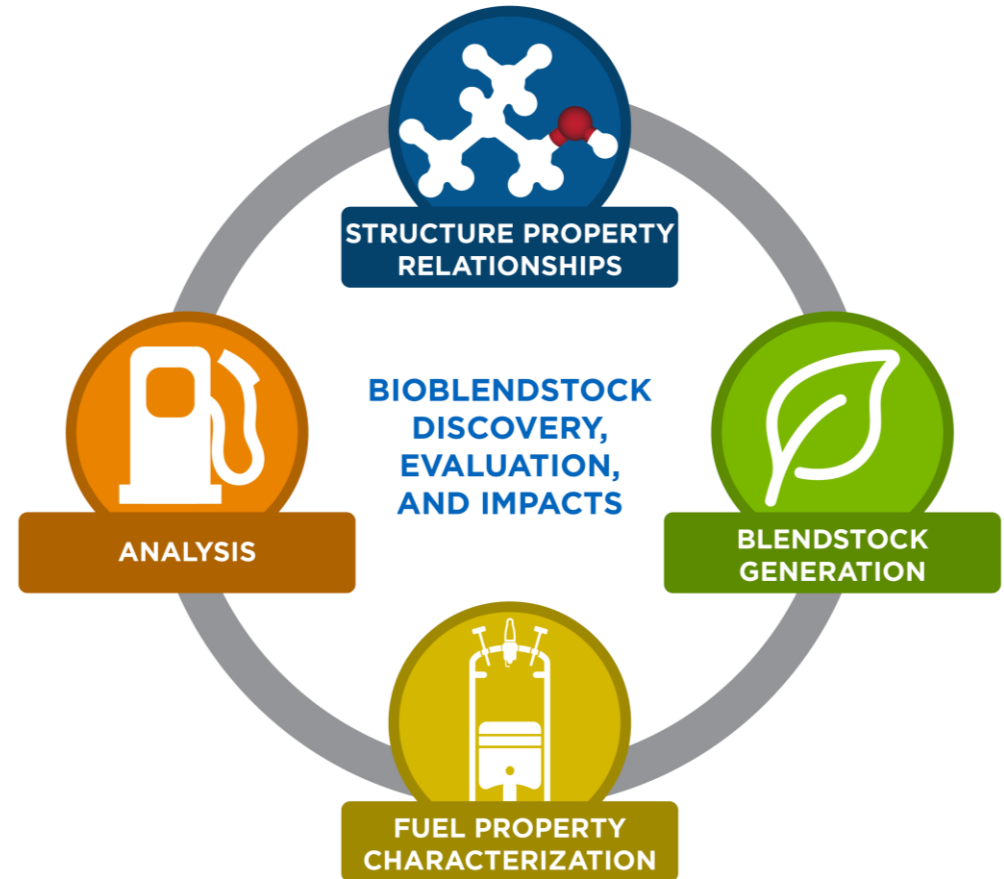
What will work
in the real world?





Following presentations detail efforts in 4 key areas:

- Bio-blendstock structure-property relationships and property prediction tools
- Bio-blendstock generation
- Bio-blendstock fuel property measurements and characterization
- Techno-economic, life-cycle, infrastructure impacts and other analyses



2 – Approach (Technical)

Blendstock evaluation integrates disciplines



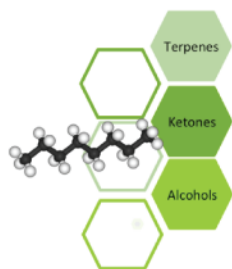
Rigorous Screening

Rapidly identify viable candidates



Blendstock Evaluation

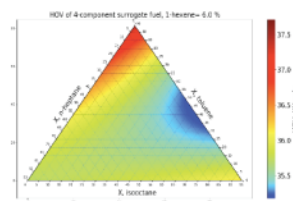
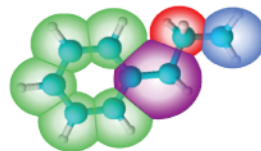
Measure properties
Populate database



Found Pure Compound

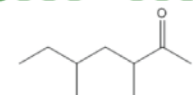
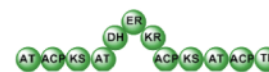
Generate Insight

Develop blending models
Correlate properties to molecular structure



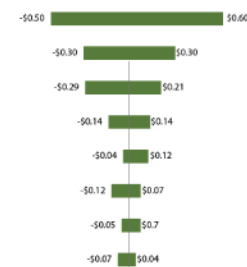
Establish Bio Pathways

Target properties to generate key data
Conduct retrosynthetic analyses



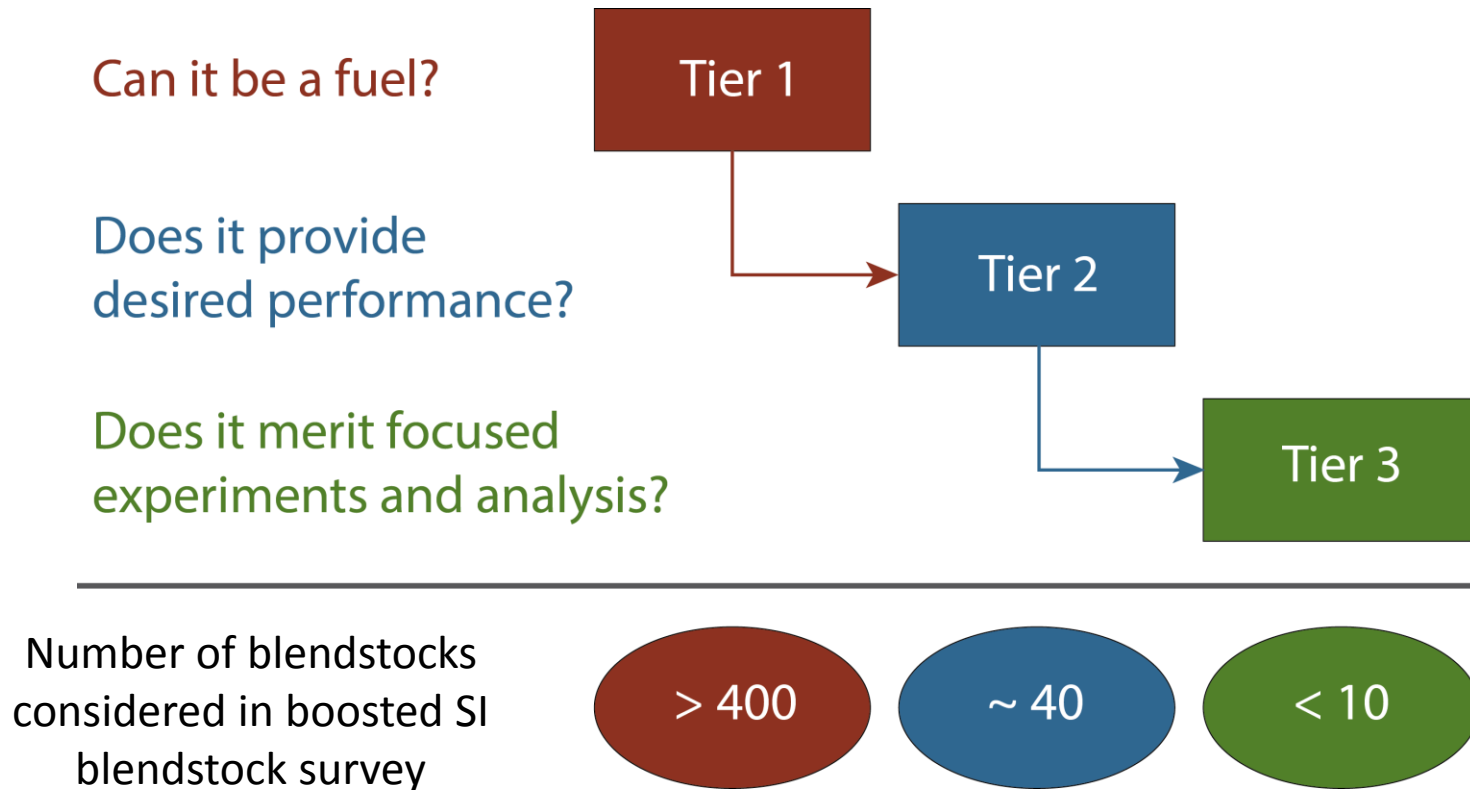
Inform Analyses

Provide improved data for LCA, TEA analyses



2 – Approach (Technical)

Tiered screening process is efficient, effective



2 – Approach (Technical)

Analysis assesses benefits, barriers and impacts



Technology Readiness

State of technology:
Fuel production

State of technology:
Vehicle use

Conversion technology
readiness level

Feedstock sensitivity

Process robustness

Feedstock quality

of viable pathways



Environmental

Carbon efficiency

Target yield

Life cycle greenhouse
gas emissions

Life cycle water

Life cycle fossil
energy use



Economics

Target cost

Needed cost reduction

Co-product economics

Feedstock cost

Alternative high-value
use



Other Factors

Geographic factors

Vehicle compatibility

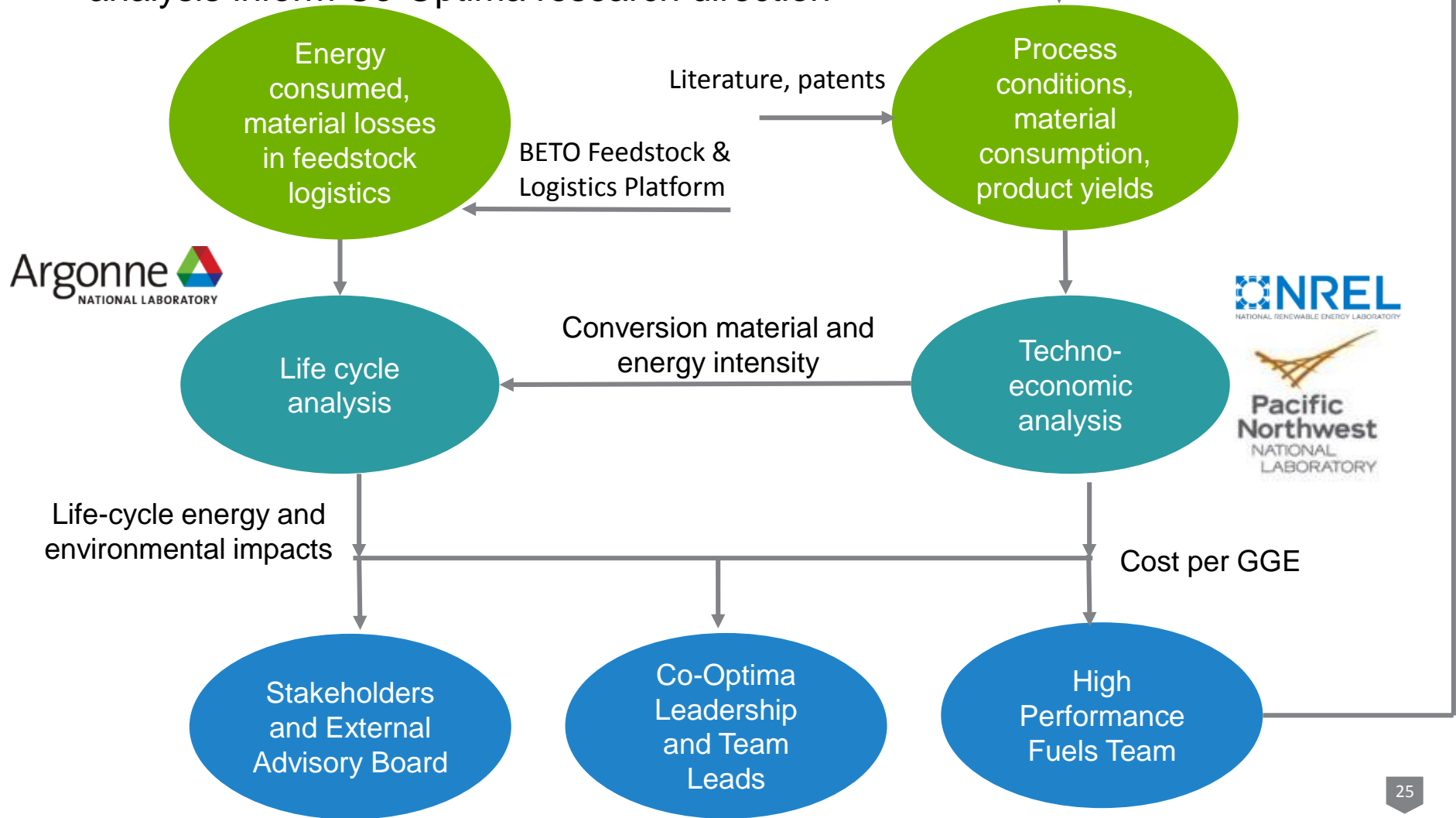
Infrastructure
compatibility

2 – Approach (Technical)

Analysis informs R&D across scales



Inter-linked techno-economic and life cycle analysis inform Co-Optima research direction



2 – Approach (Technical)

Key barriers and critical success factors identified



Critical success factors

- Must identify multiple blendstock options for successful engine-fuel combinations
- Blendstocks must demonstrate synergistic blending for high value to stakeholders
- Techno-economics and **value** must meet market needs
- Lifecycle emissions impacts must meet advanced biofuel criteria

Barriers

- Knowledge gaps complicate work staging
 - Structure-property relationships and blendstock discovery require fuel property knowledge
 - Blendstock evaluation precedes analysis tasks
- Balancing stakeholder input may require tradeoffs
- Early stage of R&D increases analysis uncertainty and makes estimating production costs challenging

2 – Approach (Technical)

Risks identified and mitigation plan in place



| Risk Description | Response Plan | Severity | Probability | Classification |
|--|---|----------|-------------|----------------|
| Fuel properties and target values critical to MM combustion not defined early in FY19 via VTO-funded Global Sensitivity Analysis | Shift resources to MCCI while analysis is completed | High | High | Schedule |
| Fuel properties and target values critical to KC combustion not defined early in FY20 | Postpone initiation of KC fuel R&D | Moderate | Moderate | Schedule |
| Soot reduction sought for MCCI not realized in conventional engine | Terminate non-DFI* element of MCCI project | High | Low | Scope |
| Analysis indicates low expected uptake of new fuel and engine technologies | Refocus efforts on market barriers | Moderate | High | Scope |

*DFI = ducted fuel injection

2- Approach (Management)

Milestones drive critical R&D



Selected FY19 milestones (of 34 total):

| Task | Due | Title |
|---------|-----|---|
| A.4.5 | Q4 | Determine fuel properties for synthesized ether structures derived from reductive etherification of ketones and alcohols |
| A.4.10 | Q4 | Complete polymer exposure studies on selected MCCI blendstocks |
| A.5.1 | Q4 | Quantify impact of structural features of fuel candidates containing alcohol and ether functional groups for octane and phi sensitivity impacts |
| A.5.1 | Q4 | Identify the blendstock molecular structures or individual BOB component that leads to the highest antagonistic blending effect to raise RON and S |
| A.5.2 | Q2 | Develop production POC data along with fuel property verification for short-chain unsaturated alcohol(s) |
| A.5.6 | Q3 | Identify 5 new compounds or mixtures that improve octane sensitivity when blended into BOB or E10 |
| B.3.13 | Q4 | Complete screening of 8-12 bio-blendstocks so that the Co-Optima team is informed of their scalability and economic and environmental viability |
| B.4.1 | Q1 | Report parameters, methodology, and results for feedback of bounding analysis to COLT for feedback prior to finalizing analysis |
| F.1.4.2 | Q4 | Develop prediction tool-kits from molecular structure for LDSI, MM blendstocks for physical and chemical properties important to dilution tolerance and flame speed |

3 – Progress

Merit function used to compare Boosted SI blendstocks



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Merit} = & \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{RON} \\ \alpha \cdot f(\text{RON}) \end{array}} + \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{Octane Sensitivity} \\ \beta \cdot f(K, S) \end{array}} + \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{Heat of Vaporization} \\ \gamma \cdot f(\text{HOV}) \end{array}} \\ & + \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \varepsilon \cdot f(S_L) \\ \text{Flame Speed} \end{array}} + \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \zeta \cdot f(\text{PMI}) \\ \text{PM Emissions} \end{array}} + \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \eta \cdot f(T_{c,90,conv}) \\ \text{Catalyst Light-off} \\ \text{Temp (cold start)} \end{array}} \end{aligned}$$

RON = Research Octane Number; MON = Motor Octane Number; Sensitivity = RON – MON
HOV = Heat of Vaporization; S_L = Flame Speed; PMI = Particulate Matter Index

Reports released February 2018: <https://energy.gov/eere/articles/co-optimization-engines-fuels-breakthrough-research-engine-and-fuel-co-optimization>

Quantifies impact of fuel properties on engine efficiency developed and used to evaluate bio-blendstocks

3 – Progress

Identified boosted SI blendstocks with highest potential



Preliminary (2017) list of blendstocks selected for more detailed evaluation

| Alcohols | |
|---|----------------------|
| ethanol | n-propanol |
| isopropanol | isobutanol |
| Ketones | Olefins |
| cyclopentanone | di-isobutylene |
| Furans | Aromatics |
| R= H, -CH ₃ furan mixture | aromatic mixture |

Blendstocks with highest merit function score

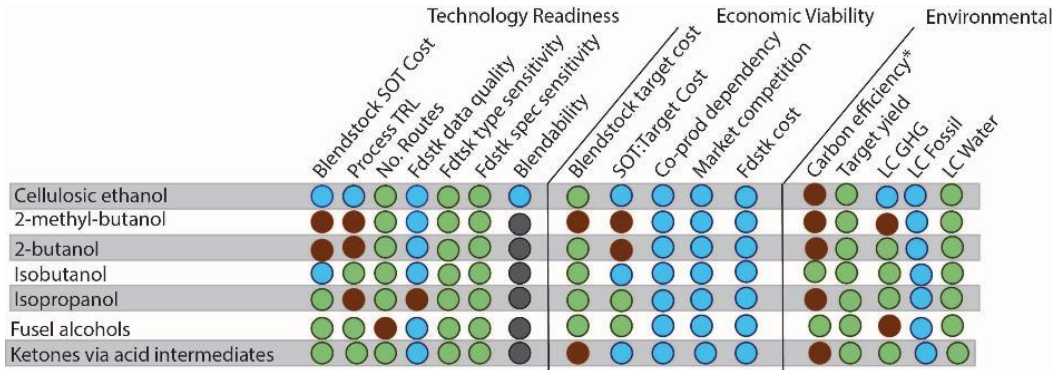
| Alcohols | | Olefins | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---|---------|
| ethanol | isobutanol | di-isobutylene | |
| methanol | prenol | <th>Furans</th> | Furans |
| isopropanol | fusel alcohol blend | R= H, -CH ₃ furan mixture | |
| n-propanol | | <th>Ketones</th> | Ketones |
| | | cyclopentanone | |

*Fusel alcohol blend: 57% isobutanol, 15% phenyl ethanol, 12% 3-methyl-1-butanol, 10% ethanol, 6% 2-methyl-1-butanol

Ten biomass-derived blendstocks show highest engine efficiency merit function score and predicted engine efficiency increase

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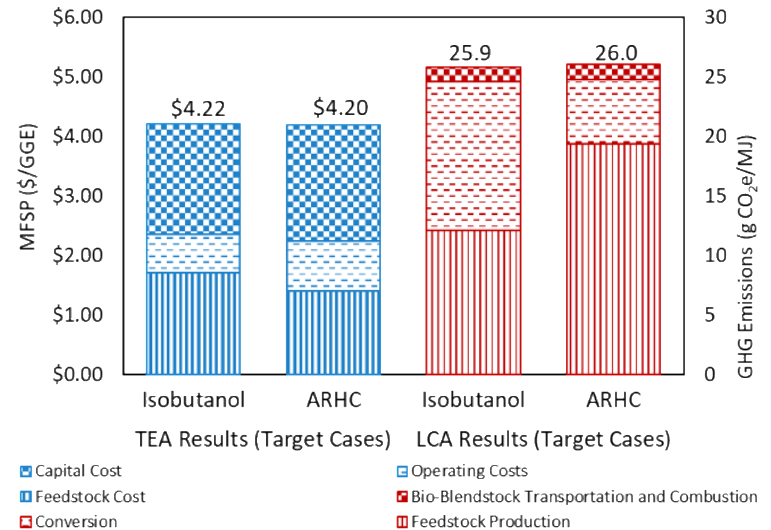
Completed economic, environmental, scalability analysis



Blue: Favorable, Green: Neutral, Brown: Unfavorable, Gray: Inconclusive

Detailed TEA and LCA of subset of bio-blendstocks

Screened 24 bio-blendstocks for boosted SI



Evaluations help guide R&D at early stages and assess impacts at later stages

3 – Progress

Initial MCCI bio-blendstock screening complete



| Tier Criteria | 4-Butoxyheptane | 2-Nonanol | 1-Octanol | Decane | Renewable diesel | 5-ethyl-4-propyl-nonane | n-Undecane | Soy methyl ester | 4-Nonanone | TPGME | Dibutoxymethane | Hexanoic acid, hexyl ester | Decanoic acid methyl ester | 2,6,10-trimethyl-dodecane | Butylcyclohexane | Algal biomass HTL |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cetane | Greatly Exceeds | Barriers Exist | Barriers Exist | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds |
| LHV (MJ/kg) | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Barriers Exist | Exceeds Criteria | Meets Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Barriers Exist | Barriers Exist |
| Flash Pt (°C) | Meets Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Barriers Exist | Meets Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Barriers Exist | Meets Criteria | Meets Criteria |
| Melting Pt (°C) | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Meets Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Meets Criteria | Meets Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Meets Criteria |
| Water Sol (mg/L) | Meets Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Meets Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Barriers Exist | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Greatly Exceeds | Meets Criteria | Meets Criteria |
| YSI | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Barriers Exist | Exceeds Criteria | Barriers Exist | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Exceeds Criteria | Barriers Exist | Barriers Exist |

- Greatly Exceeds
- Exceeds Criteria
- Meets Criteria
- Barriers Exist

Numerous bio-derived oxygenates and paraffins reduce MCCI sooting potential and meet other targets; matching diesel energy density is a challenge

3 – Progress

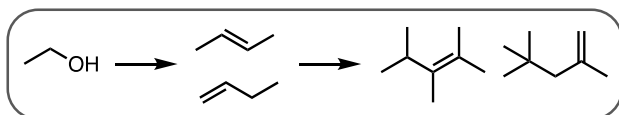
Controlling autoignition key to MM combustion



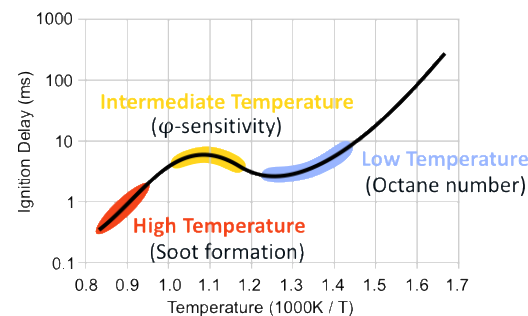
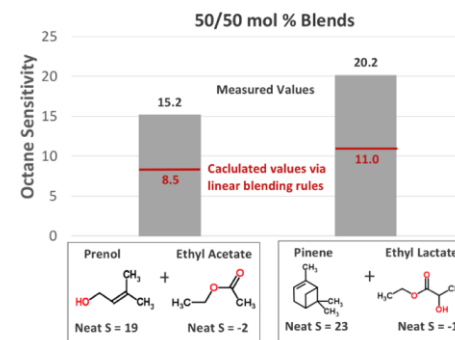
Initial set of critical MM fuel properties

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| BP | Boiling point | ~Gasoline range T_{10} , T_{50} , T_{90} |
| RON | Research octane number | Boosted SI operation under high load |
| S | Octane sensitivity | Reactivity at high T |
| Φ_S | Phi sensitivity | Tune ignition via charge stratification |
| S_L | Laminar flame speed | Higher S_L increases dilution tolerance |

Example Ethanol to Iso-Olefin Pathway



Producing iso-olefins for Φ_S testing



Developing structure-property relationships

Developing S and Φ_S structure-property relationships and identifying candidate bio-blendstocks providing high S, Φ_S to tune autoignition control

3 – Technical Accomplishments

Key findings are documented for stakeholders



- Published >110 papers, 1 patent, >90 presentations
- DOE reports
- Annual year-in-review summary documents



FY16 YIR: <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/67595.pdf>

FY17 YIR: https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/04/f50/Co-Optima_YIR2017_FINAL_Web_180417_0.pdf

FY18 YIR to be published



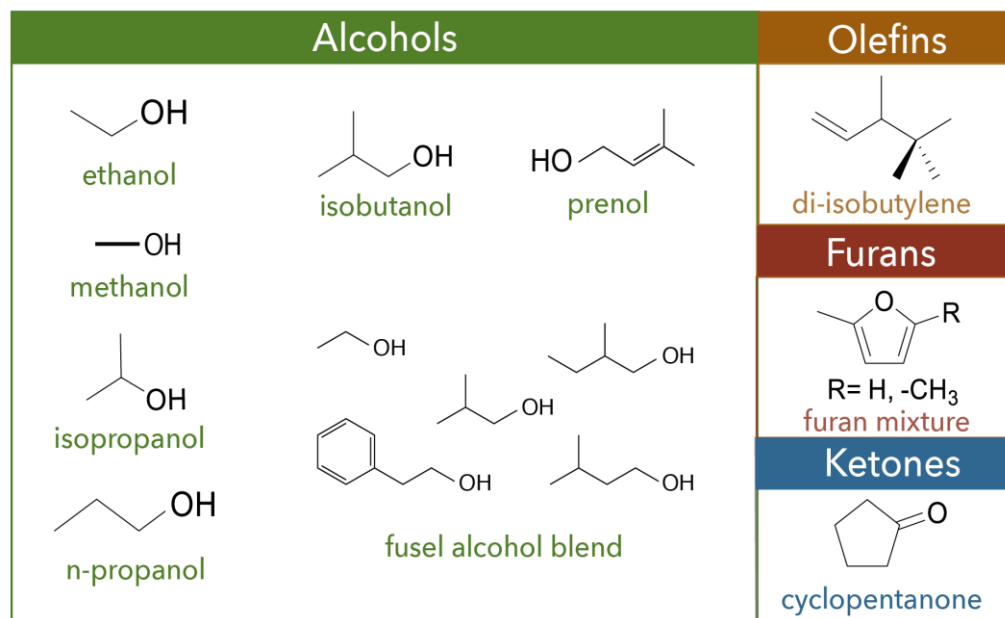
Fuel

- Identified 10 blendstocks with highest merit function scores
- Identified 6 blendstocks with highest merit function scores and fewest barriers to market
- Identified chemical families which may provide fuel properties needed for high efficiency SI and lower emission MCCI engines
- Formulated structure-activity relationships that describe how chemical functional groups impart important properties to fuels
- Identified blendstocks for SI engines with beneficial, non-linear blending behavior
- Evaluated barriers to adoption, including infrastructure, engine and production pathway elements

Tools

- Developed new models, numerical algorithms and computational tools that accelerate R&D

Blendstocks with highest merit function score





Analysis

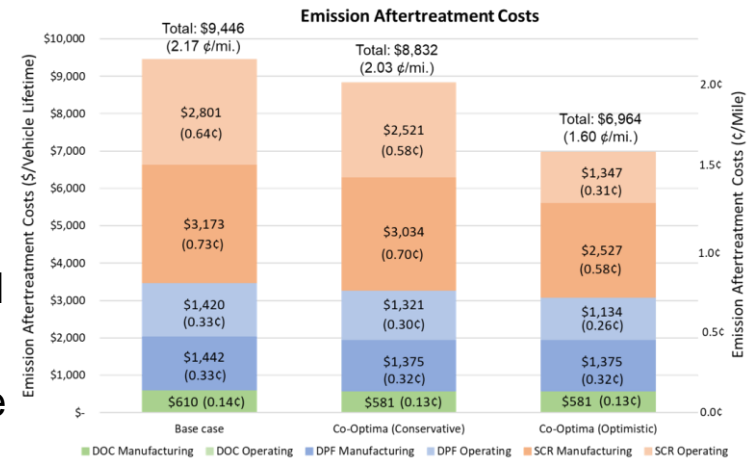
- Identified blendstocks with near-term commercial potential through comparative systems-level analyses of 23 metrics representing economic, environmental, technology, and market factors
- Conducted benefits analysis to estimate key performance indicators such as carbon emissions reductions, jobs, and
- Evaluated refinery integration opportunities to identify opportunities to capture enhanced bioblendstock value
- Estimated savings from MCCI soot emissions reduction

Combustion

- Provided new understanding of how fuel chemistry can enable highly efficient boosted SI operation
- Developed Merit Function for turbocharged gasoline engines – much more accurate predictor of engine efficiency than previous methods
- Advanced low soot MCCI fuel injection technology

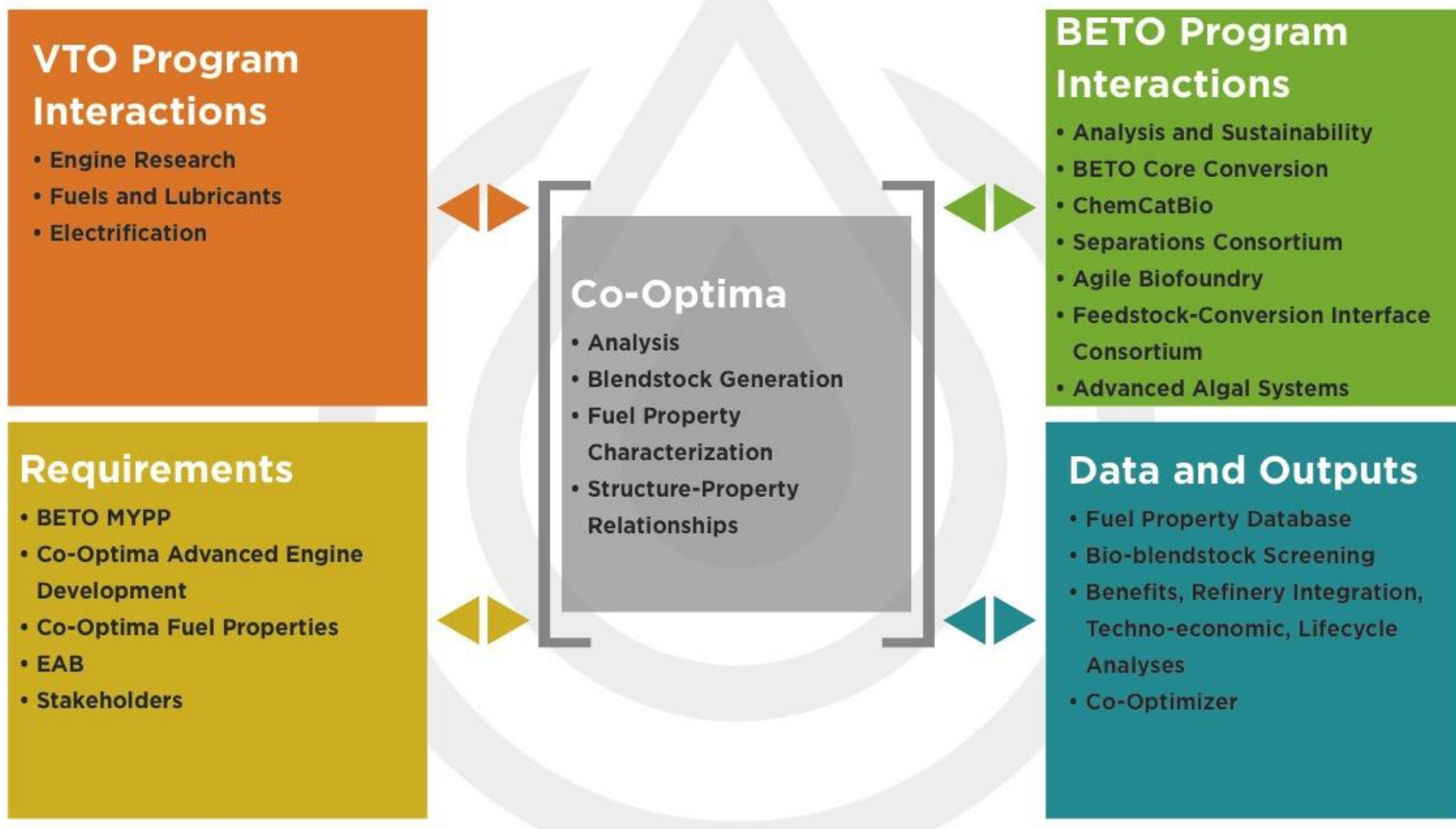
| | Blendstock SOT cost | Process TRL | No Routes | Feedstock data quality | Feedstock type sensitivity | Feedstock specification sensitivity | Blendability | Blendstock target cost | SOT: target cost | Co-Prod dependency |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Methanol | Blue | Green | Brown | Blue | Green | Green | Green | Blue | Blue | Blue |
| Ethanol | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Blue | Blue |
| Iso-Propyl Alcohol | Green | Brown | Green | Brown | Green | Green | Green | Green | Blue | Blue |
| Isobutanol | Blue | Green | Green | Blue | Green | Green | Green | Blue | Blue | Blue |
| Fusel Alcohol Mixture | Green | Green | Brown | Blue | Green | Green | Grey | Green | Blue | Blue |
| Furan mixture | Green | Brown | Green | Blue | Green | Green | Grey | Green | Blue | Blue |

Note 1: Blue, green, and Brown boxes represent favorable, neutral, and unfavorable categorization



4 – Relevance

Connected to BETO and stakeholders



4 – Relevance

Co-Optima is integral BETO strategy component



ADO-E. Co-Development of Fuels and Engines: "...advanced engine development efforts are constrained by the fuels in the market today. [Co-optimization]...potential to increase vehicle engine efficiency, improve fuel economy, and reduce emissions...requires improved understanding of...fuel properties...and what...properties can be provided by biofuel blendstocks.

Co-Optima is identifying **what fuel properties** enable highly efficient and clean engines.

- Identifies critical fuel properties (Merit Function)
- Identifies specific targets (structure-fuel property relationships)
- Provides retro-synthetic analysis that connect to BETO and other pathways

Complements BETO's focus on what "**processing components**" could be used to produce bio-blendstocks



Addresses what does an engine want and what should we make

Impact: Plays a critical role in BETO strategy, provides options for producers in a way that does not pick winners

4 – Relevance

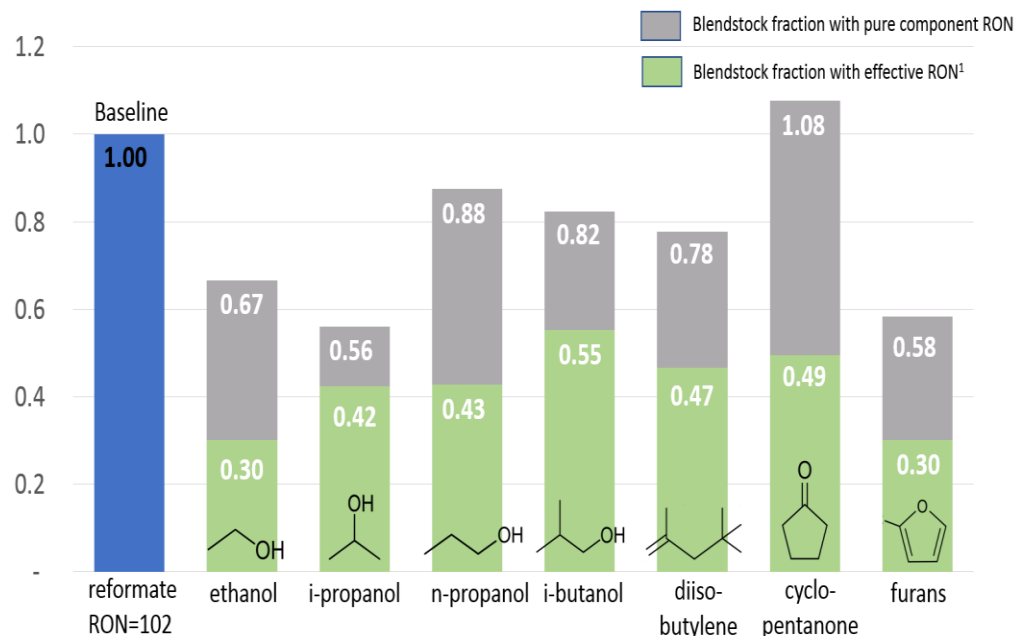
Results inform stakeholders



At-D. Identifying New Market Opportunities for Bioenergy and Bioproducts: Biofuels and bioproducts...offer performance advantages relative to other technology options...Ongoing, forward-looking analyses...to identify these opportunities...R&D priorities can be adjusted appropriately.

Co-Optima's fundamentally different approach identifies new opportunities for biomass-derived blendstocks offering

- Improved properties new value throughout supply chain
- Assessment of impacts
- Guidance to market actors across supply chain



Impact: Performance-driven improved value proposition

4 – Relevance

Enables higher efficiency and performance



From strategic plan “Co-optimization of fuels and engines offers the potential to significantly **improve vehicle engine efficiency**, maximize engine performance and carbon efficiency, ... through **accelerating the widespread deployment** of improved fuels and engines.”

Co-Optima is developing science that provides new value propositions and supports market pull

- Assessing how fuel properties extend the range of efficiency across the speed-load drive cycle
- Targeting bio-blendstocks that offer improvements over petroleum-derived fuels

Co-Optima is addressing fuel deployment

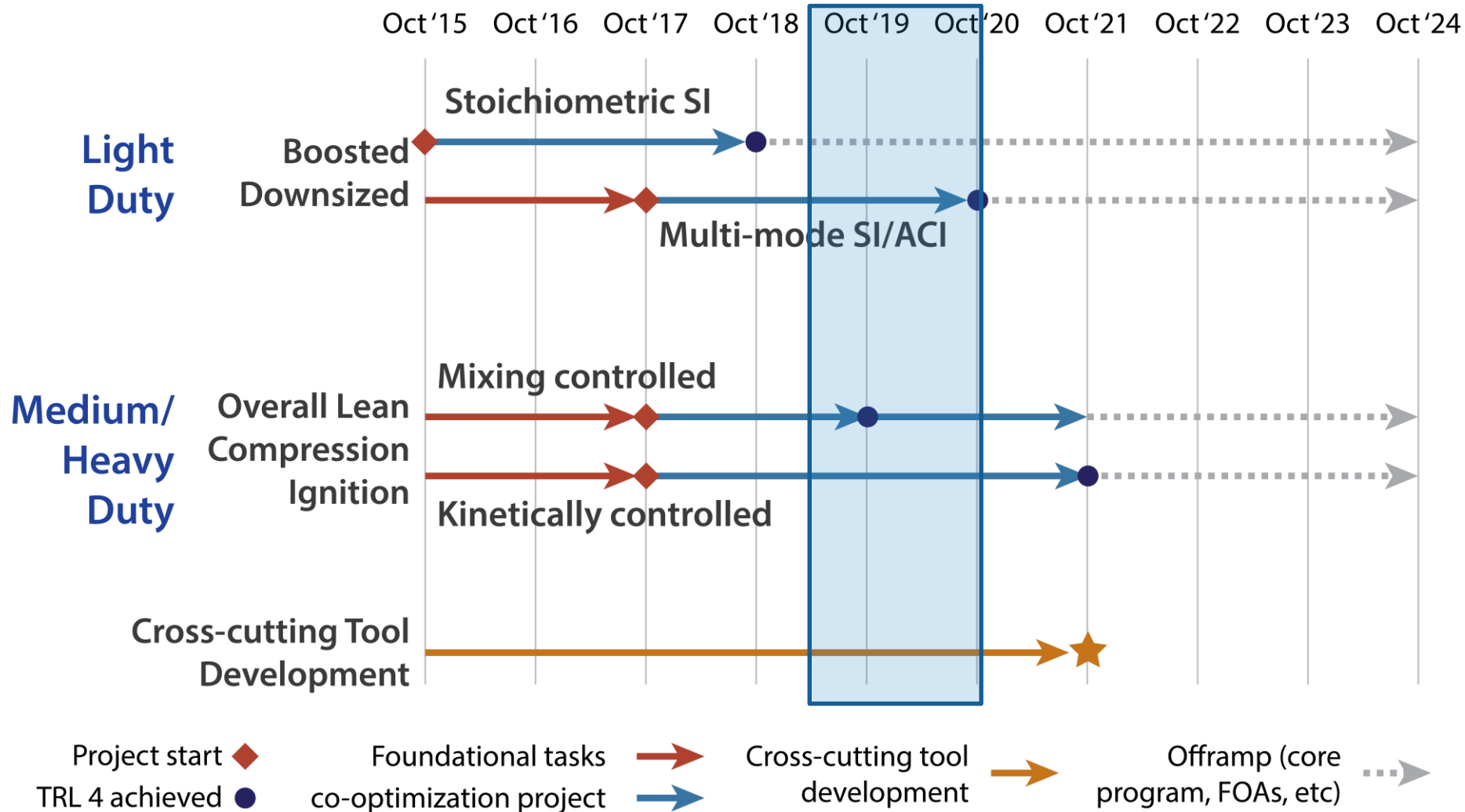
- Determining the blending behavior of the bio-blendstocks within a petroleum matrix
- Understanding impact on infrastructure (engines, fuel transport and storage)
- Producing property-based fuel specifications



Impact:
market pull

5 – Future Work

Look ahead at next 18 months



5 – Future Work (MCCI)

Identify, quantify critical fuel property requirements



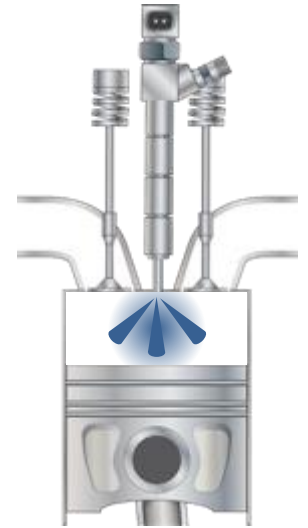
Outcomes

- Heavy-duty vehicle and fuels value proposition
- Merit table defining key fuel properties and target values
- Determine oxygenated fuel impacts on ducted fuel injection (DFI) emissions
- Final list of blendstocks possessing target values of critical fuel properties
- TEA, LCA, and refinery benefits analyses establishing potential value
- Confirmation of NO_x and PM reduction potential

MYP Milestone Addressed:

By 2019, identify...10 promising bio-based blendstocks...[which]...decrease criteria pollutant emissions [and improve] key fuel properties (such as cold flow properties, energy density, and cetane number).

Nearly complete by FY19 end



Mixing-Controlled Compression Ignition

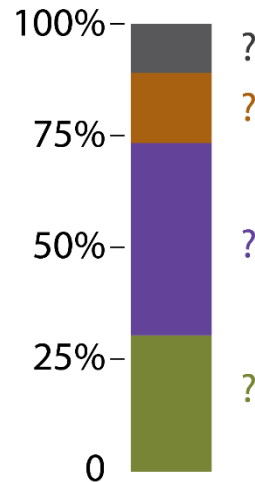
| Tier Criteria | 4-Butoxyheptane | 2-Nonanol | 1-Octanol | Decane | Renewable diesel | 5-ethyl-4-propyl-nonane | n-Undecane | Soy methyl ester | 4-Nonanone | TPOME | Dibutoxymethane | Hexanoic acid | Decanoic acid, hexyl ester | 2,6,10-trimethyl-dodecane | Butylcyclohexane | Algal biomass HTL |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Cetane | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| LHV (MJ/kg) | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| Flash Pt (°C) | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| Melting Pt (°C) | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| Water Sol (mg/L) | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| YSI | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| | Greatly Exceeds | Exceeds Criteria | Meets Criteria | Barriers Exist | | | | | | | | | | | | |



Decision Point end of FY20



**Multi-mode
SI/ACI**



Current research is identifying relative importance of key fuel properties

Outcomes

- Determine a means for assessing fuel property merit and determine target fuel property values and ranges
- Quantify relationships between fuel properties and engine parameters for combustion approaches
- Develop list of blendstocks possessing fuel properties in target range
- Conduct TEA, LCA, and refinery benefits analysis to establish potential value
- Assess fuel economy improvement

MYP Milestone: By 2030, demonstrate a simulated 35% improvement in passenger vehicle fuel economy (relative to a 2015 baseline) resulting from co-optimized fuels and engines utilizing bioblendstocks with tailored properties.

5 – Future Work (Kinetically-Controlled CI)



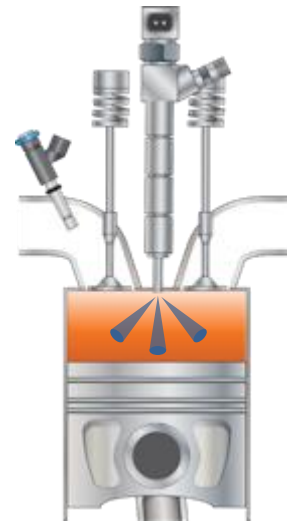
Identify, quantify critical fuel property requirements

Outcomes

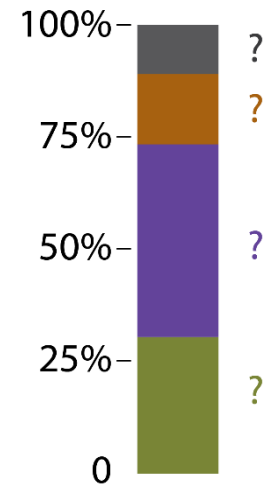
- Identify full-map combustion approaches and fuel-centered design criteria
- Assessment of fuel property impacts on KC engine operational constraints
- Develop an approach to assess merit of fuel properties
- Determine target values of fuel properties and ranges for each combustion approach

MYP Milestone: By 2023, identify at least 10 promising bio-based blendstocks...for use in a kinetically controlled compression ignition engine with the potential to decrease criteria pollutant emission and boost fuel economy by up to 4% in heavy-duty vehicles.

Decision Point by FY21 end



Kinetically Controlled



Current research is identifying approach to determine fuel properties and assess merit



Multimode Milestones

1. Identify quantitative relationship between fuel properties (e.g., RON, S, HoV, S_L , volatility) and engine parameters (e.g., thermal stratification, injection strategy) with compression ignition combustion phasing (CA50) and shape of heat release curve [VTO]
2. Identify at least three bio-blendstocks that exhibit target values of these properties and meet advanced biofuel criteria, including at least 60% reduction in lifecycle carbon emissions and volumetric cost-performance parity with petroleum reformat [BETO]

Criteria

1. Mathematical relationship between RON, S, HoV, S_L , volatility and engine parameters
2. Three bio-blendstocks meeting all 5 critical fuel property requirements and 60% carbon emissions reduction

Summary



| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Overview | Develop new fuel and combustion options for more efficient engines with lower harmful emissions, resulting in market pull for the transport sector. |
| Approach | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-discipline, multi-office effort• Hypothesis-driven fuel property-based approach• Constrain combustion options and co-optimize renewable fuel blendstocks• Light and heavy duty on-road fleets• Output informs industry stakeholders |
| Technical Progress | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed engine efficiency merit function• Assembled publicly accessible fuel property database• Identified 10 most promising boosted SI candidates• Measured blending behavior of chemically diverse bio-blendstocks• Completed initial life-cycle analysis of >20 bio-blendstock options• Completed light-duty benefits, refinery integration analyses |
| Relevance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides technical basis for evaluating bio-blendstocks• Identifies key bio-blendstocks that enable engines to operate cleanly and efficiently• Identifies what fuels engines want and compliments BETO pathway approach• Developing performance and pathway to enable technical analyses |
| Future Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete MCCI (diesel) blendstock evaluation• Identify MM bio-blendstocks enabling efficient operation• Determine KC blendstock options• Evaluate benefits and impacts of MCCI, MM and KC fuel-engine combinations |

Acronyms (1 of 2)



ACI – Advanced compression ignition
AED – Advanced Engine Development team
ANL – Argonne National Laboratory
ASSERT – Analysis of Sustainability, Scale, Economics, Risk and Trade team
BETO – Bioenergy Technologies Office
CA50 – crank angle position where 50% of the heat is released
CI – Compression ignition
COLT – Co-Optima leadership team
DFI – ducted fuel injection
DOE – Department of Energy
EAB – external advisory board
EERE – DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
FE – fuel economy
FP – Fuel Properties team
GGE – gallon of gas equivalent
GHG – greenhouse gas

HD – heavy
HoV – heat of vaporization
HPF – High Performance Tuel team
INL – Idaho National Laboratory
K – Kalghati K number
KC – kinetically-controlled combustion
LANL – Los Alamos National Laboratory
LBNL – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
LC - lifecycle
LCA – lifecycle analysis
LD – Light duty
LFS – laminar flame speed
LHV – lower heating value
LLNL – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
MCCI – mixing-controlled compression ignition (e.g., diesel)
MM – multimode combustion
MON – motor octane number
NOx – nitrogen oxides
NREL – National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Acronyms (2 of 2)



OEM – original equipment manufacturer

ORNL – Oak Ridge National Laboratory

PM – particulate matter

PMI – particulate matter index

PNNL – Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

R&D – research and development

RON – research octane number

S – octane sensitivity (RON – MON)

SI – spark ignition

S_L – laminar flame speed

SNL – Sandia National Laboratories

SOT – state of technology

$T_{c,90,conv}$ – temperature at which 90% of criteria pollutants are converted to less harmful gases

TEA – techno-economic analysis

TK – Simulation Toolkit team

TRL – technology readiness level

USCAR – The United States Council for Automotive Research

VTO - Vehicle Technologies Office

WSU – Washington State University

WTW – well-to-wheels

XLT – extended leadership team

YIR – year in review

YSI – yield sooting index

Additional Slides



Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments

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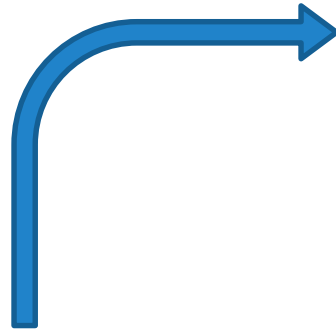
Reviewer comments:

- No guarantee that industry will use information to provide better fuels.
- No plan of attack for impetus for industry change.
- Lots of calls and meetings

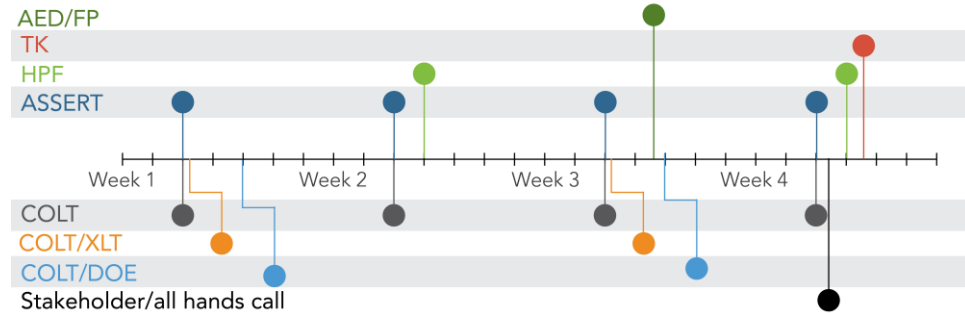
Response

- These risks are real. To mitigate these risks, Co-Optima has focused on extensive outreach to communicate the technical foundation we have developed, so that market actors can act. Our outreach plan includes direct engagement with biofuel companies at all scales, as well as with automakers and all parts of the fuel supply chain, including Octane Workshops in 2018 (next slide), and a concerted effort to solicit feedback from biofuels companies in 2018 (report is being drafted).
- We have made an effort to manage the work more efficiently, reducing the number of meetings across Co-Optima by 1/3, and reduced travel for the leadership team by another 1/3.

Co-Optima has improved efficiency and reduced meeting burden



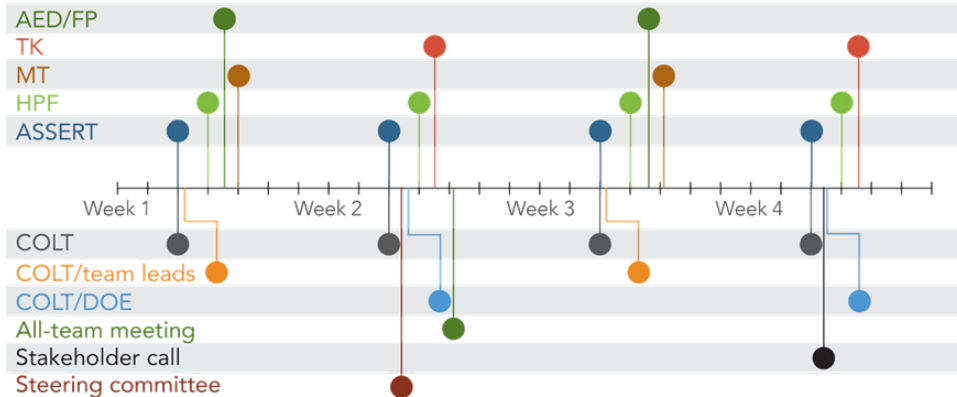
Co-Optima regularly scheduled meetings



Regular team meetings have cross-team participation

AED/FP: Advanced Engine Development/Fuel Properties; TK: Modeling and Simulation Toolkit; HPF: High Performance Fuels; ASSERT: Analysis of Sustainability, Scale, Economics, Risk, and Trade; COLT: Co-Optima Leadership Team; XLT: Extended Leadership Team (COLT, DOE, Steering Committee)

Co-Optima regularly scheduled meetings



Weekly/biweekly team meetings have cross-team participation

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From 25 to 17 meetings per month

Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments (2 of 2)



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Octane Workshop Series

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The Fuels Institute and the national laboratories that comprise the **DOE Co-Optimization of Fuels and Engines** initiative are co-hosting a series of collaborative, single-day stakeholder meetings to review current research on the role of octane and other fuel properties relevant to producing fuels that could enable the design of more efficient spark ignition, internal combustion engines. Each session will present the latest findings of research concerning fuels and engine options that might enhance vehicle efficiency and reduce emissions, and the opportunities and challenges associated with delivering such products to market.

Following these presentations, stakeholders will engage in a collaborative process to further explore the research findings, contemplate potential implications for the fuels and vehicles markets and identify potential next steps to further advance knowledge, understanding and awareness of these topics. The proceedings of each workshop will be captured and compiled into a summary document that will be shared with interested parties and may form the basis for additional stakeholder engagement on the subject of fuels and engines optimization.

Lessons Learned from Go/No Go



- Two governing hypotheses were confirmed (within limits of applicability determined within Co-Optima – engine conditions between RON and MON, inclusive)
- RON and S provide 85-95% of engine efficiency increase under turbocharged conditions
 - S less important under naturally-aspirated conditions
- Synergistic blending performance key to bio-blendstock value
- Some level of infrastructure compatibility essential to techno-economics and value proposition to stakeholders



Average contribution to efficiency merit function for all of the highest scoring blendstocks

Publications & Presentations (1)



125+ publications, 100+ presentations, 1 patent

FY19:

- **Oligomerization of Ethanol-Derived Propene and Isobutene Mixtures to Transportation Fuels: Catalyst and Process Considerations** – J. Saavedra, R. A Dagle, V. Dagle, C. Smith, K. O. Albrecht, *Catal. Sci. & Tech.*, 2019, DOI: 10.1039/C8CY02297F.
- **Discovery of novel octane hyperboosting phenomenon in preol/gasoline blends** – E. Monroe; J. Gladden; K. O. Albrecht; J. T. Bays; R. L. McCormick; R. W Davis; A. George. *Fuel*, V.239, 1143-1148, 2019.
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- **Insights into engine autoignition: Combining engine thermodynamic trajectory and fuel ignition delay iso-contour** – M. Tao, P. Zhao, J. Szybist, P. Lynch, H. Ge, *Combust. Flame*, 200 (2), 207-218, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.combustflame.2018.11.025>
- **Critical Fuel Property Evaluation for Potential Gasoline and Diesel Biofuel Blendstocks with Low Sample Volume Availability** – E. Polikarpov, K. O. Albrecht, J. P. Page, D. Malhotra, P. Koech, L. Cosimbescu, D. J. Gaspar. *Fuel* 238, 26-33, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fuel.2018.09.129>
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Publications & Presentations (5)



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