Demonstrated 1st step to engine scaling; the holy grail of engine design!



- Developed engine design to optimize for stability
- Analyzed using UCDS tools
- Predicted engine performance and stability



- Fabricated SSE engine and static fired.
- Testing data showed performance and stability matched predictions for first time
- Next step is to scale and test to demonstrate scaling
- In a NASA GRC Ph II SBIR, GTL applied the Universal Combustion Device Stability™ (UCDS™) process in a "Design for Stability" mode
 - Demonstrated Design for Stability Process
 - Computed and Tracked Stability Margin During Design for Stability Process
 - Developed New Engine Design with Stability and High Performance
 - Superior Stability Engine[™] (SSE[™])
 - Uses Mode Shaping[™] to decouple acoustics from combustion and injection processes to achieve a high stability margin
 - Enables stability characteristics to be maintained during engine scaling
- In a follow on RIF Air Force program, SSE Validation included
 - Cold flow testing verified mode shaping predictions
 - Flame testing verified combustion response reduction
 - Hot fire engine testing verified stability margin; consistent with predictions complete success!
 - Successful Hot Fire Tests Completed Feb 2018