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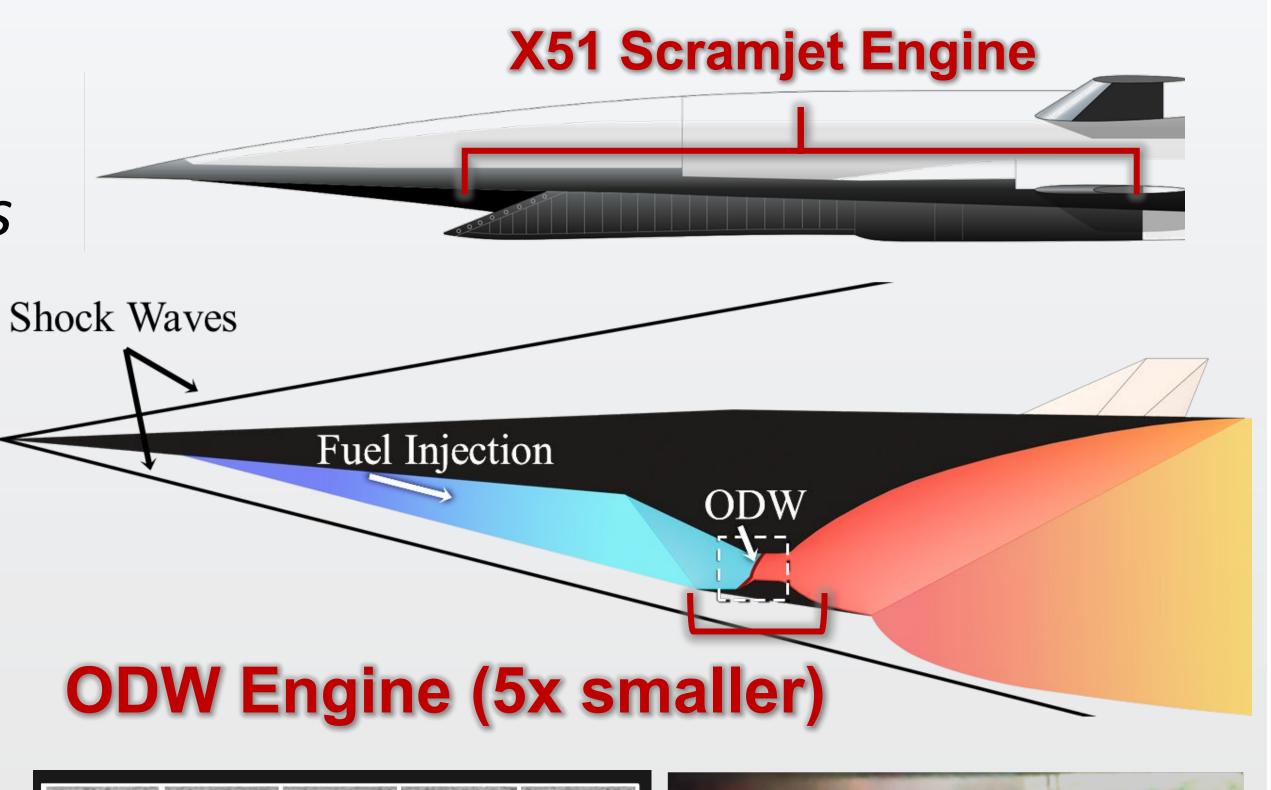
Mach 10 Oblique Detonation (MXOD) Flight Program

A series of flights designed to demonstrate, analyze, and incorporate oblique detonations into a full-scale engine design

Benefits

Flight 1

- Smaller engine (5x)
- Simpler inlet (reduced pressure loss)
- Higher temperature and pressure (2x scramjet specific impulse, 5x rocket)
- Higher Mach (Mach 8-17)



MXOD Flight Series

Flight 1-5:

- Demonstrate/quantify oblique detonation fundamentals and establish databases of key physical/chemical phenomena and processes
- Advancing enabling science and technology using detonationproducing experimental articles
- Developing state-of-the-art instrumentation and diagnostics
- Establishing fuel injection penetration and mixing strategies
- Necessary modeling and simulation tools

Flight 6-8:

Explore detonation potentials for space and high-speed propulsion

MXOD Flight 1 and 2 Timeline

Flight-Systems Integration 1

Technology Maturation Cycle 1

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2024

Flight 2

L15 – Q3 2026; Flight 2

Flight-Systems Integration 2

L15 – Q1 2026; Flight 1

Technology Maturation Cycle 2

MXOD Leadership Team



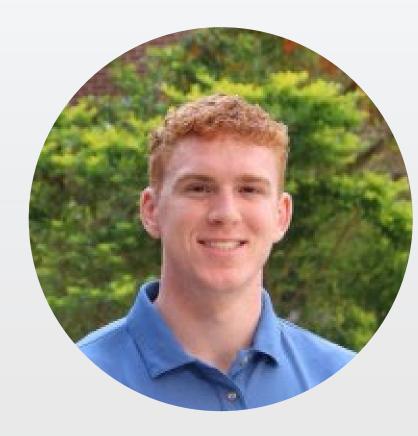
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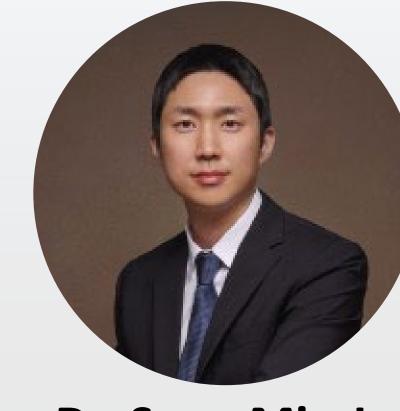


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