

# In-Use Particulate Filter State of Health Monitoring: Prognostics and Diagnostics using Radio Frequency Sensing

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RF Sensor Description and Operation

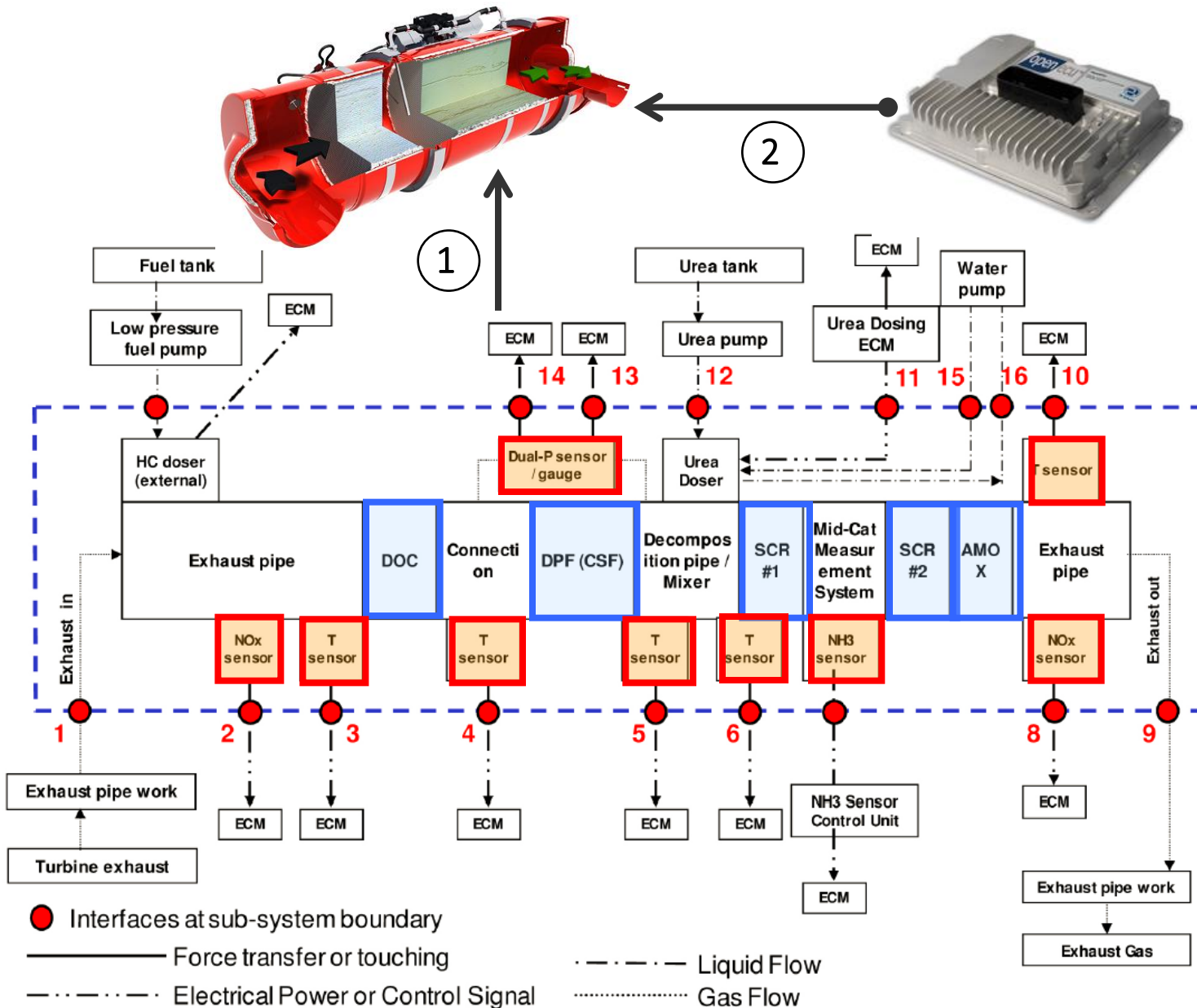
Examples: Applications for Filter Control

Case Studies: Particulate Filter Diagnostics

- I. On-Road Preventative Diagnostics
- II. Direct Detection of Filter Failures
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- IV. Gasoline Filter PM Slip Detection (GPF)

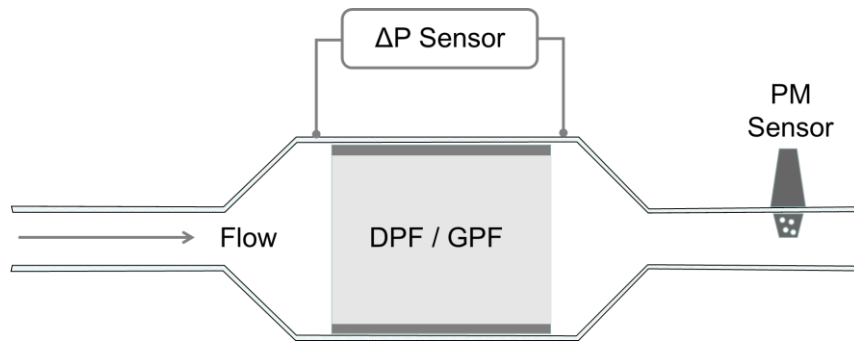
Conclusions and Outlook

# Current Determination of Filter/Catalyst State is Indirect



# Overview: Approaches to Filter Diagnostics

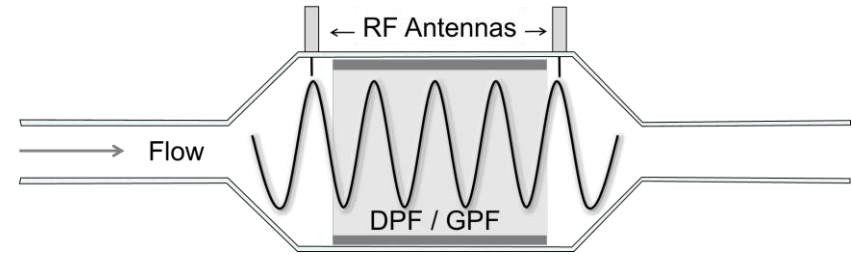
## Current Approach



Reactive diagnostic (after part failed)

## Proposed RF Approach

→ *Filter is the Sensor!*



Prognostics (warning before failure)

## Accumulation Exhaust PM Sensors

- Local Measurement: samples only a portion of engine exhaust downstream of filter.
- Non-Continuous Monitor: requires periodic regeneration.
- Reactive: monitors PM downstream of filter.
- Provides little information on soot concentrations below sensor threshold.
- Active sensing element – sensor conditioning.

## RF Measurement Approach

- Bulk Measurement: Samples full exhaust stream passing through filter.
- Continuous Monitor: functions even with engine off (no flow).
- Proactive: sensitive to upstream emissions entering DPF / GPF.
- Direct (real-time) measurements of particulate filter state.
- Passive sensor – rod antenna.

# RF Measurement System and Operation

- Antenna (RF Probe), similar size to exhaust temperature sensor
- Stainless steel rod-type antenna (passive component)



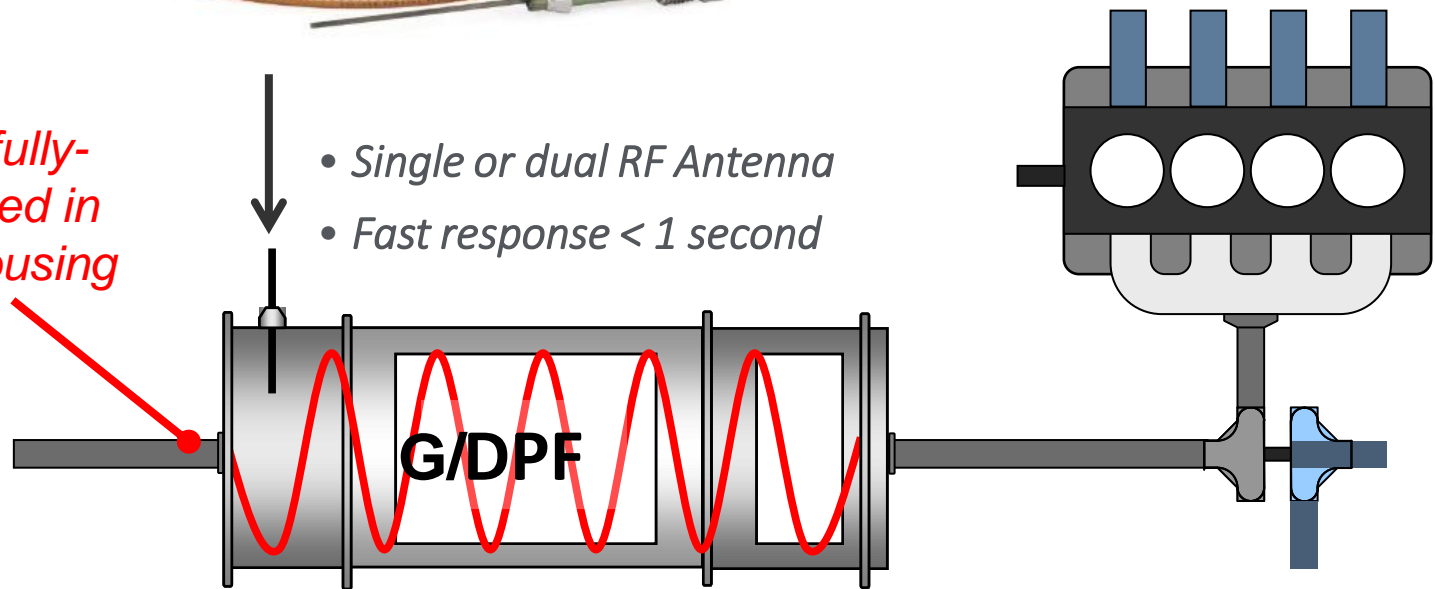
## RF Control Unit Measures

### GPF/DPF Loading:

1. Filter Loading
2. Loading Type (PM vs. Ash)
3. Spatial Distribution
4. Filter Diagnostics

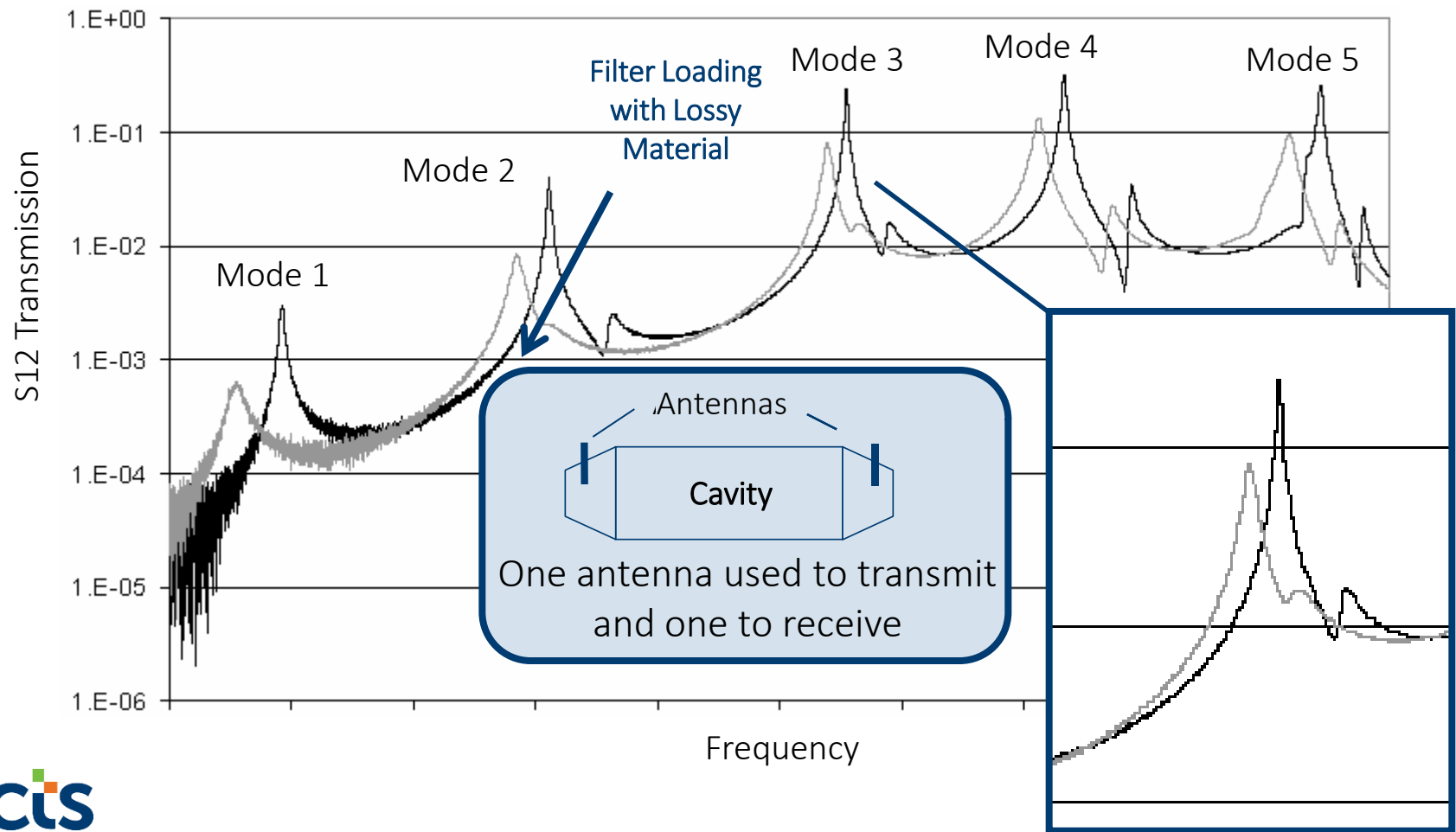
*Signal fully-contained in DPF housing*

- *Single or dual RF Antenna*
- *Fast response < 1 second*



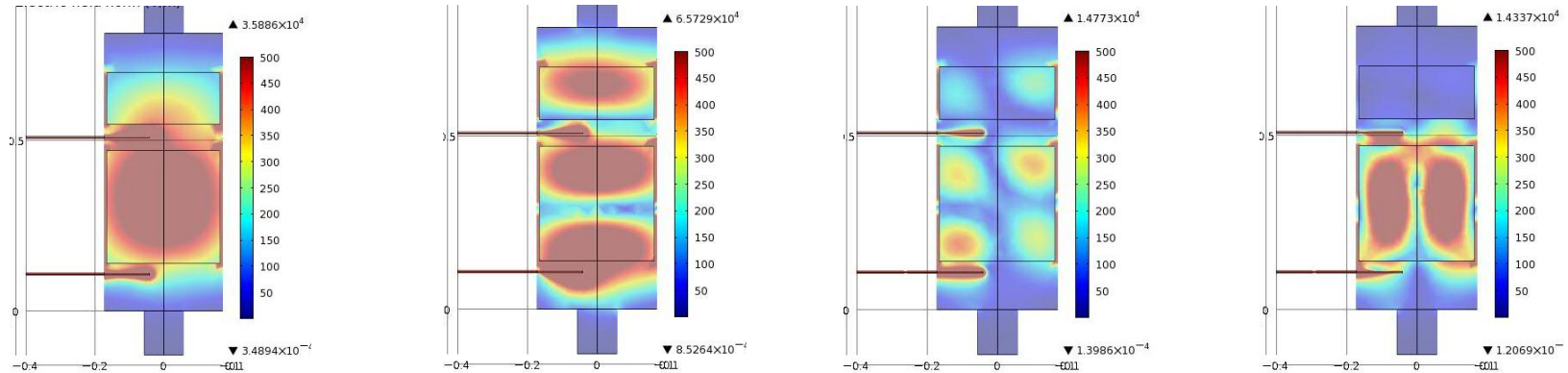
# Example of RF System Operation: Transmission

- Multiple modes exist in the cavity depending on frequency of operation
- Mode structure (field profiles, direction) depend on the geometry and the frequency

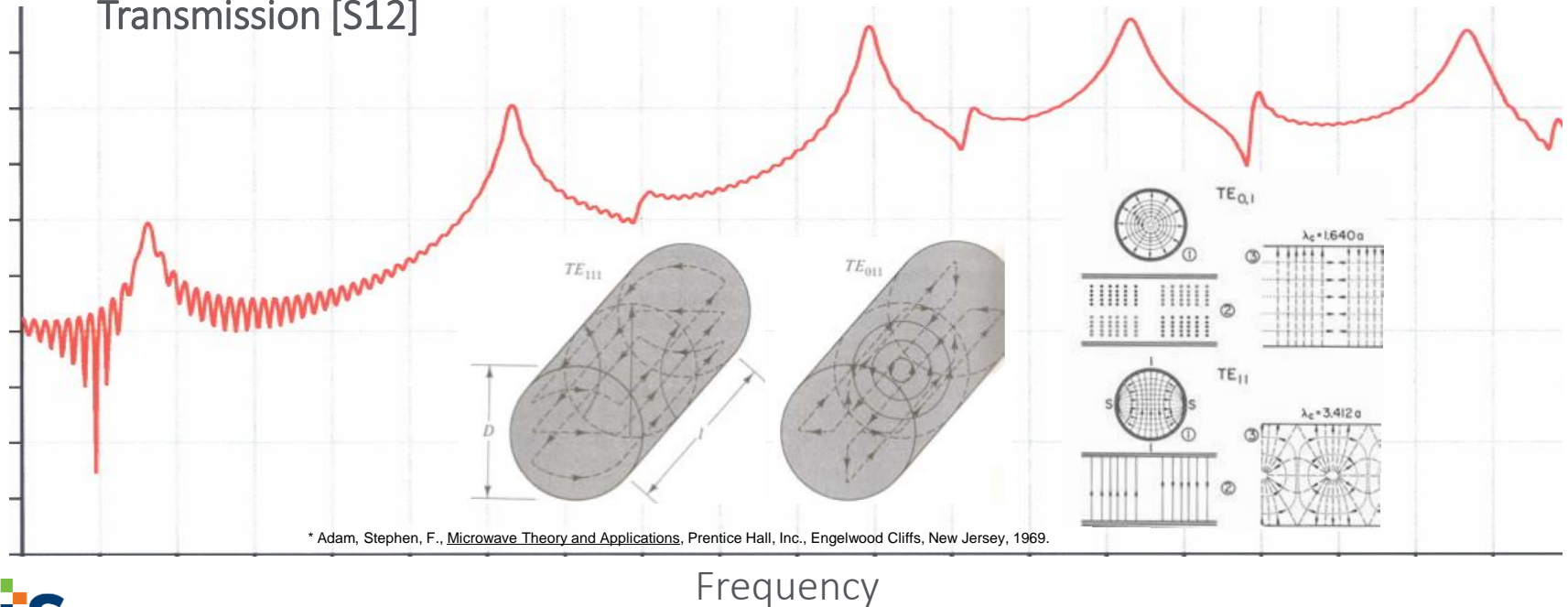


# Resonances Provide Spatial Measurement Sensitivity

## Electric Field Distribution and Spatial Resolution



## Transmission [S12]



\* Adam, Stephen, F., *Microwave Theory and Applications*, Prentice Hall, Inc., Engelwood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1969.



# Technical Highlights: DOE Program and Partner Testing



- Develop RF sensors
- Sensor calibration
- PM/Ash loading



- Pressure drop (OE)
- Gravimetric PM
- Gravimetric Ash



- Advanced DPF materials
- Mercedes engine test (LD)
- Navistar engine test (HD)



- $\Delta P$  + Models
- AVL micro-soot
- Gravimetric PM/Ash



- AVL benchmarking
- TEOM benchmarking
- Fuels & adv. combustion



- AVL micro-soot, TEOM
- Pressure drop
- Gravimetric PM/Ash



- Controls development
- DDC engine platform
- 2013+ aftertreatment



- Stock OEM controls ( $\Delta P$  + Model)
- Gravimetric PM/Ash



- On-road fleet test
- Volvo/Mack trucks ('09 & '13)
- 24 Months total, up to 4 trucks

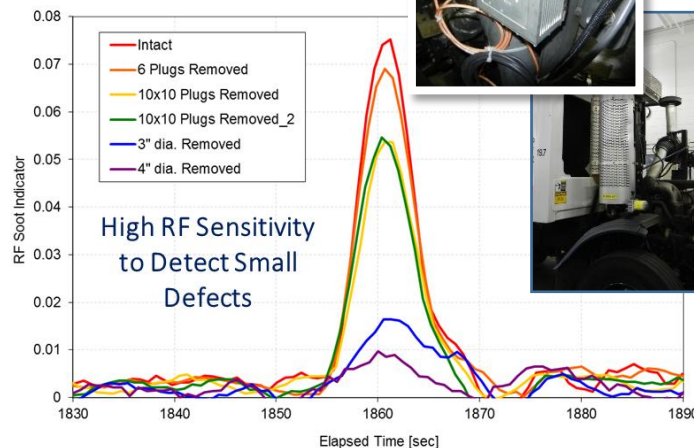
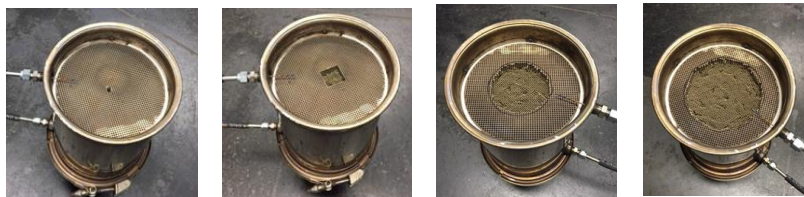


- Stock Volvo/Mack DPF controls
- On-road durability

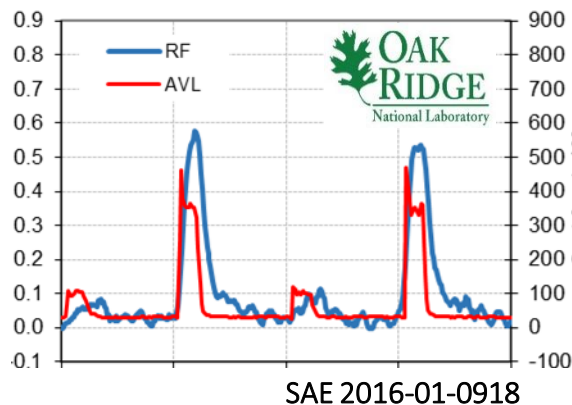


# Applications of RF Sensing for Particulate Filters

## 1. Early Warning Fault Detection and System Failure Diagnostics...



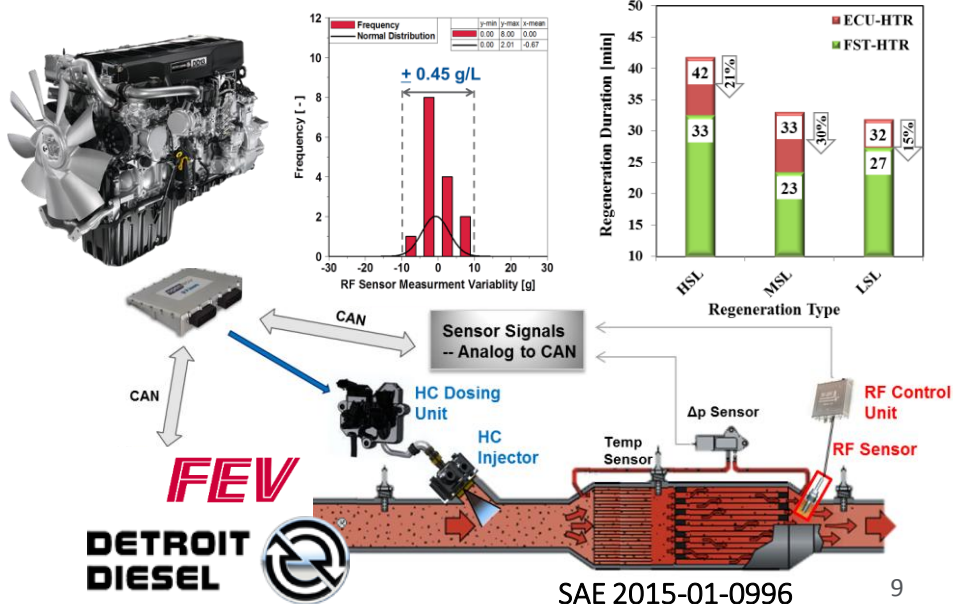
## 2. Fast Response “Real-Time” Particulate Filter Measurements...



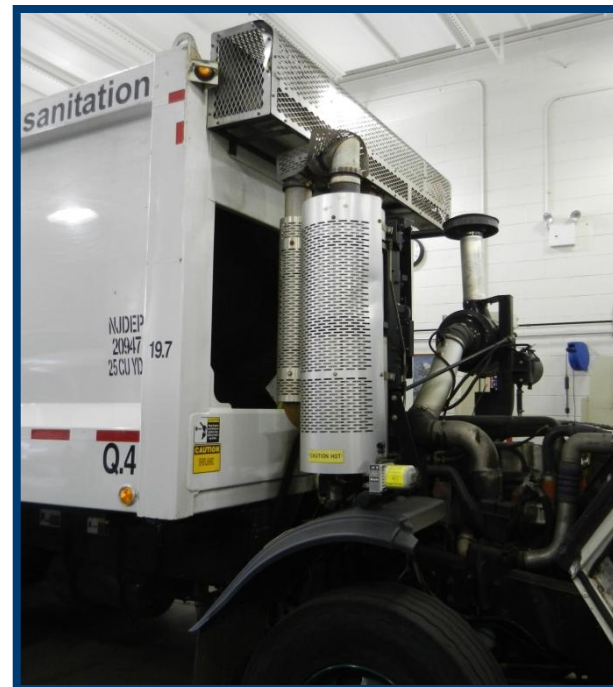
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## 3. Direct Particulate Filter Feedback Control and Reduced Engine Fuel Consumption...



# CASE STUDY I: Heavy-Duty Diesel On-Road Evaluations

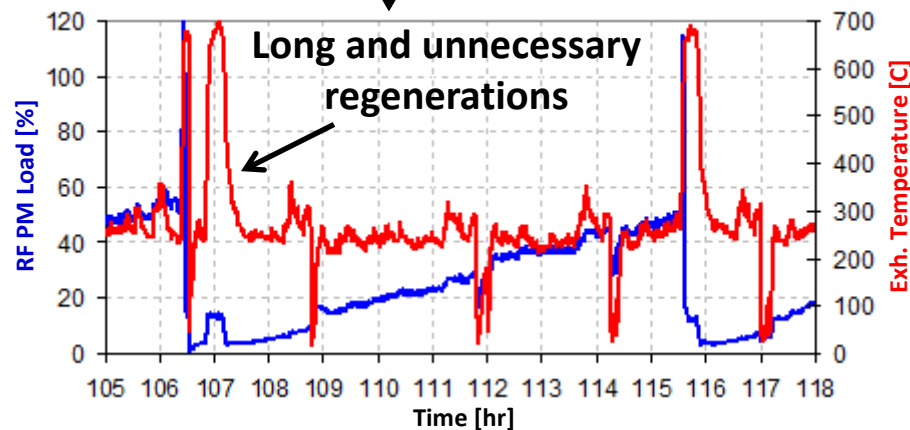
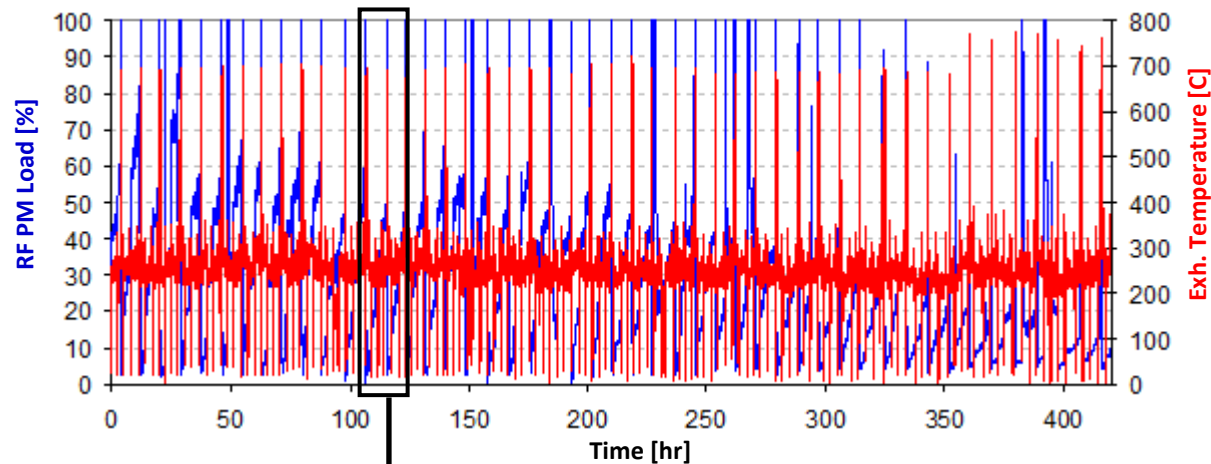


## RF System Configuration (Mack MP-7) DSNY Fleet

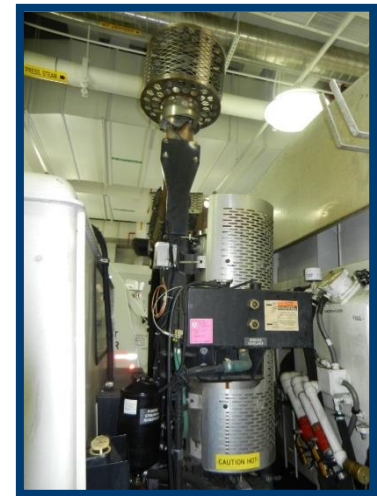
- MY 2009 and MY 2010+ vehicles over four years (48 months)
- Antennas mounted directly into DPF assembly
- Control unit mounted external to aftertreatment system
- Real-time monitoring and logging of DPF loading state
- System operation with stock OEM controls

# Typical On-Road Operation and RF Sensor Response

## Four Mack (MP-7) Fleet Vehicles



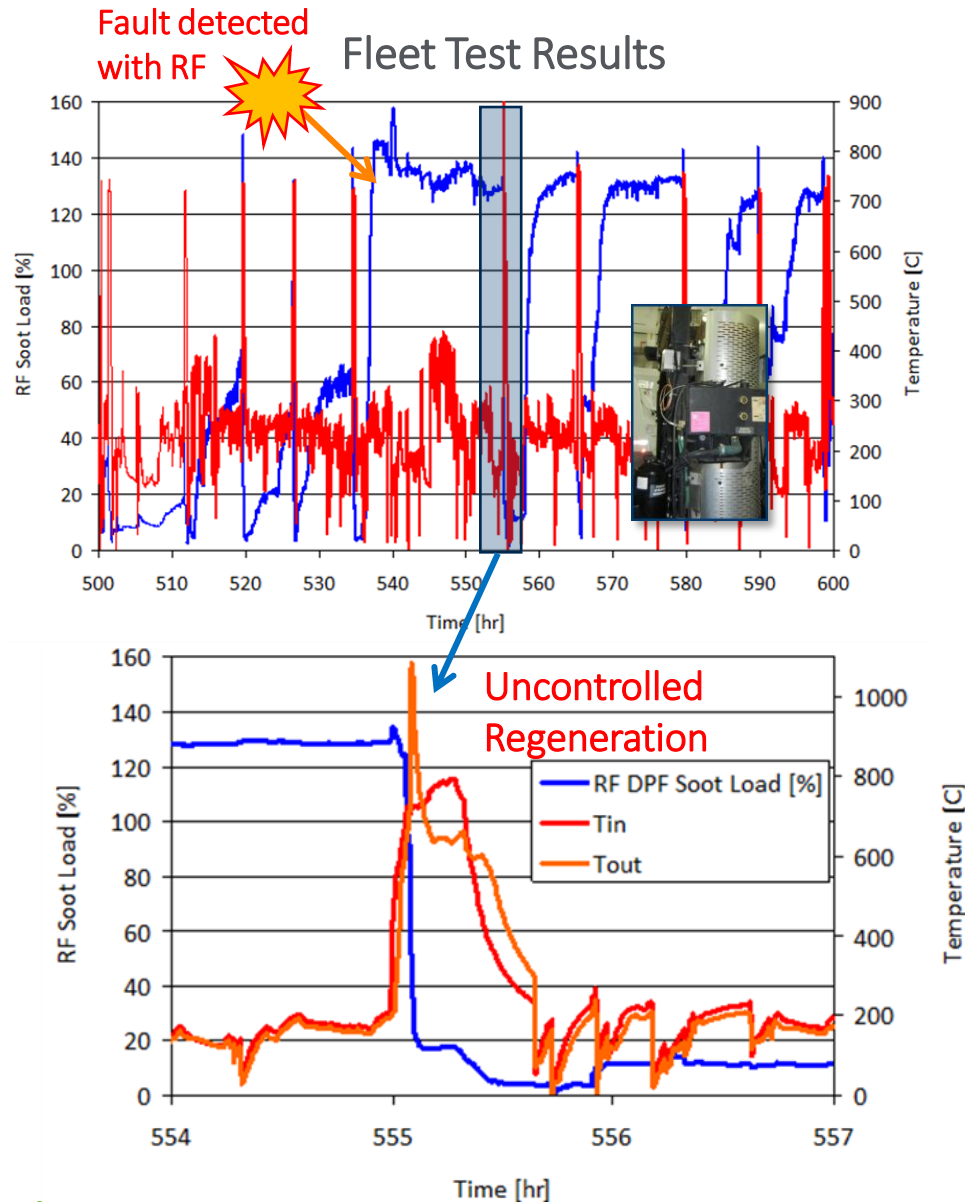
- Raw RF signal shown (not temperature corrected)
- Steady soot build-up followed by regeneration



- OE control results in regeneration 4%-5% of time vehicles are in operation (NYC urban drive cycles)
- RF control reduces regeneration frequency and duration for these applications

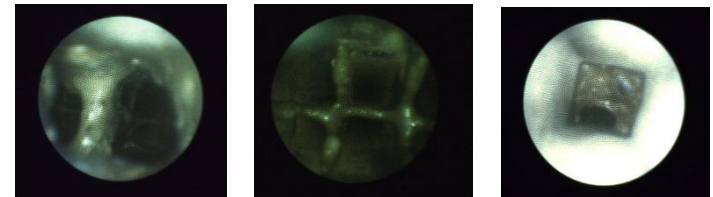


# Example: Early Detection BEFORE Filter Failure



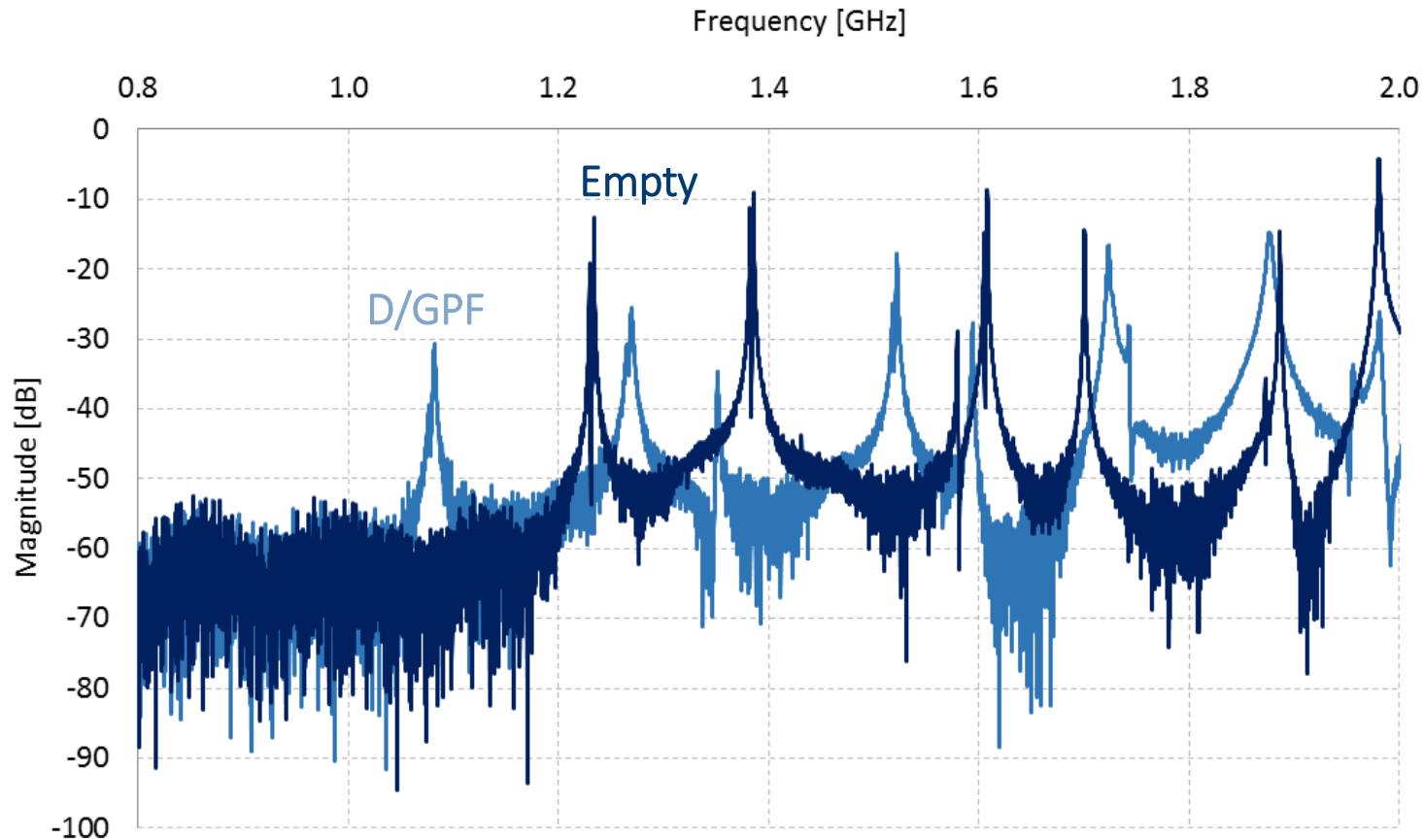
RF Sensor detects high soot condition 20 hrs before uncontrolled regen and filter failure → Early Warning

- Soot loads quickly into the filter due to high engine-out PM condition



- Large exotherm upon initiation of regeneration results in DPF failure and soot slip
- Application for preventative diagnostics BEFORE emissions system failure

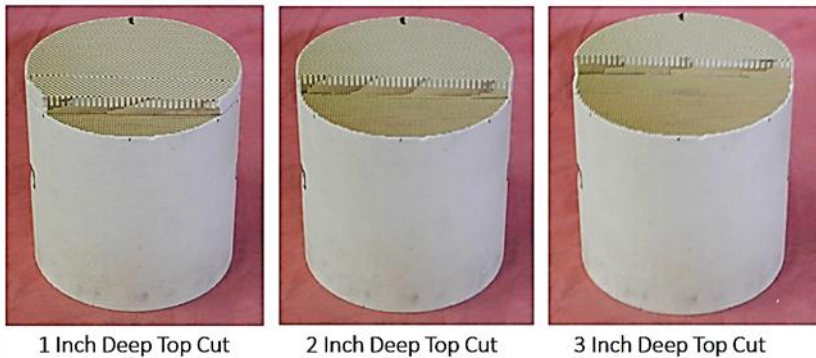
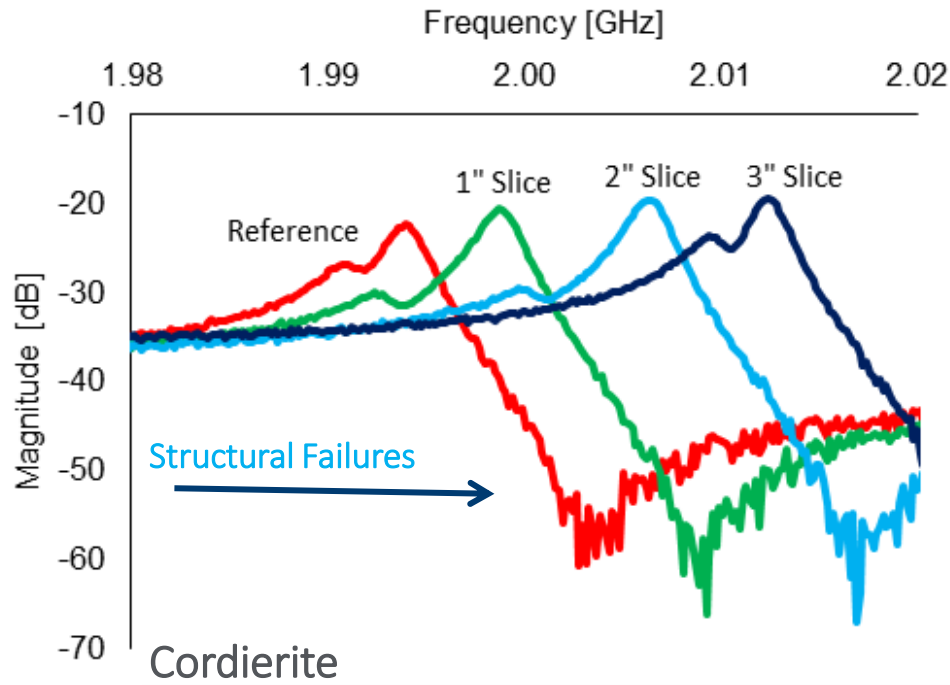
## CASE STUDY II: Missing Component - Filter or Catalyst



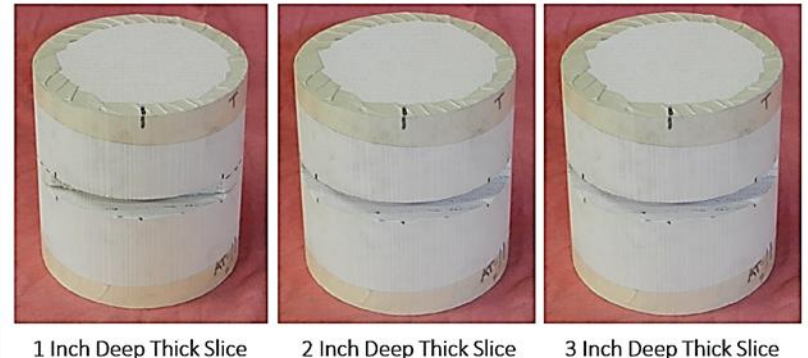
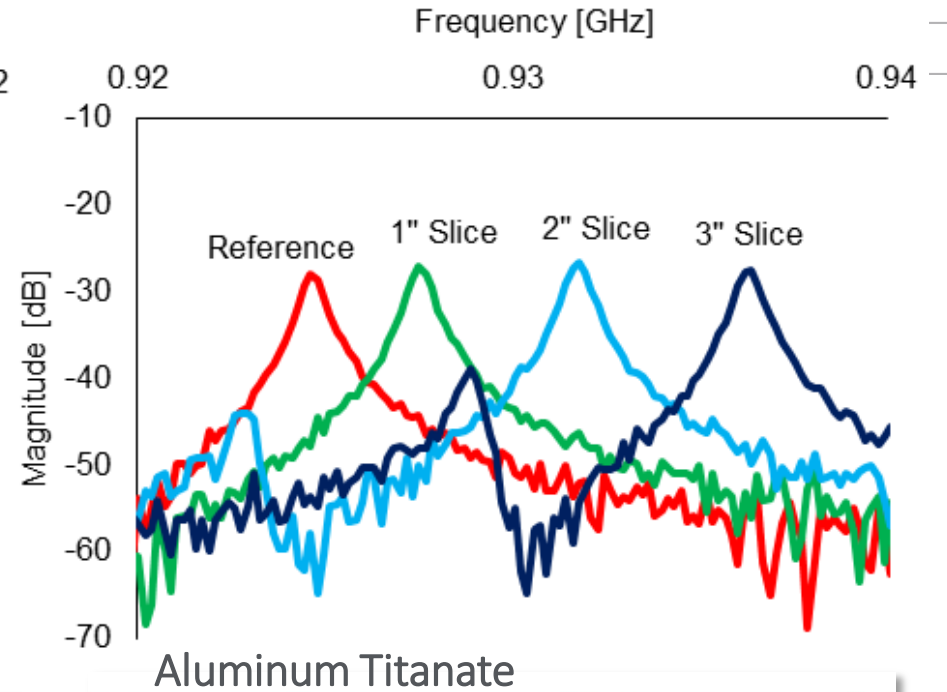
- Continuously monitors whether DPF/GPF or catalyst is present in system
- Not limited to filters: Non-intrusive monitor of DOC, SCR, LNT, TWC, NH3 slip
- Functions even when engine is off – ceramic substrate results in cavity “loading”

# RF Sensitivity to Directly Detect Structural Failures

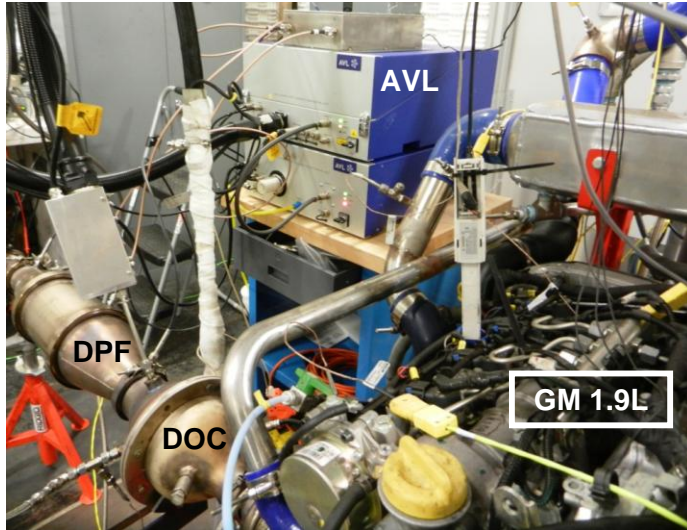
## Simulated Defects: End Plug Removal



## Simulated Defects: Radial Cut

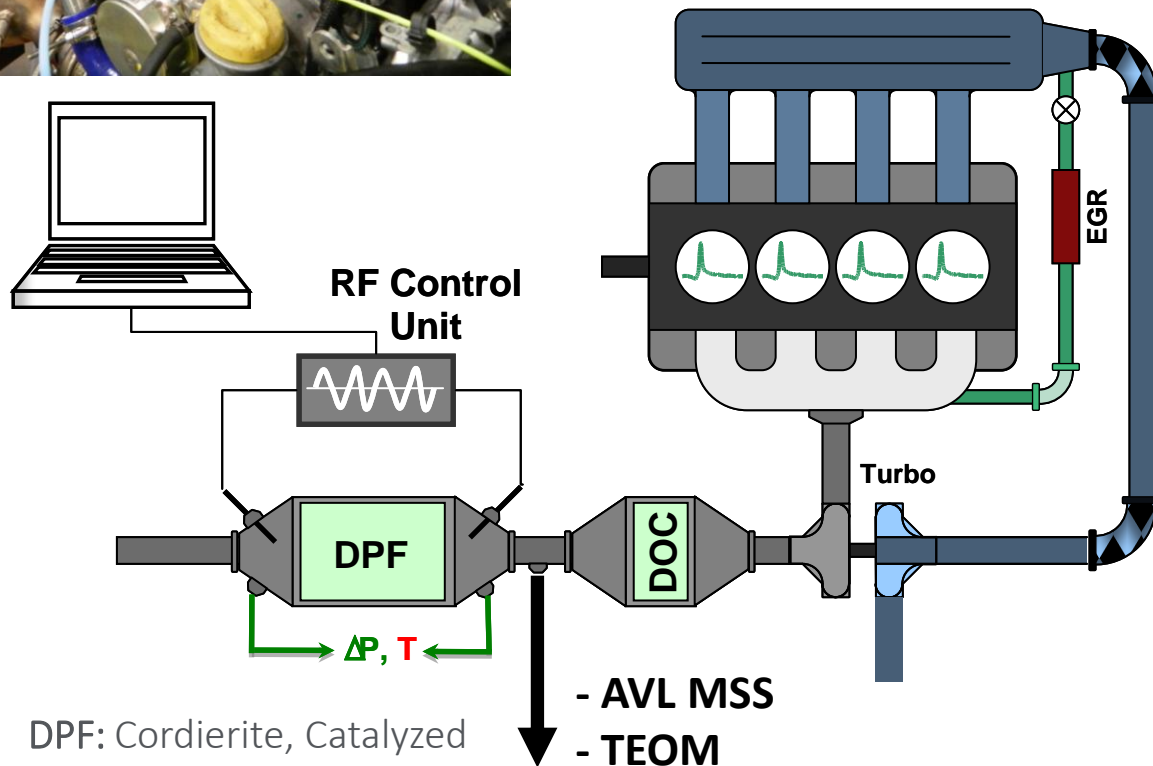


# CASE STUDY III: Test Cell and Engine Setup for DPF OBD

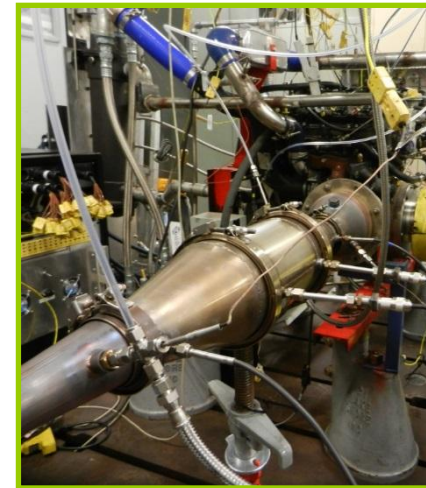


## Engine Dynamometer Testing

- Testing on 1.9L GM turbo diesel engine
- Transient mode evaluation of RF response
- AVL MSS and TEOM measurements for comparison with RF and gravimetric PM

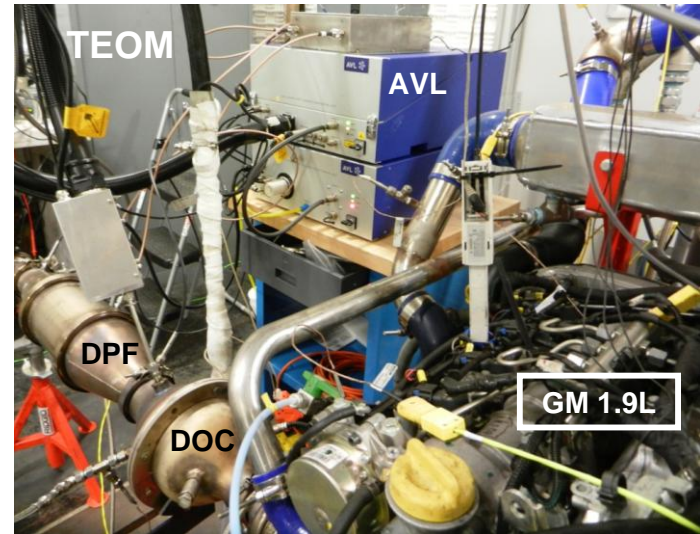
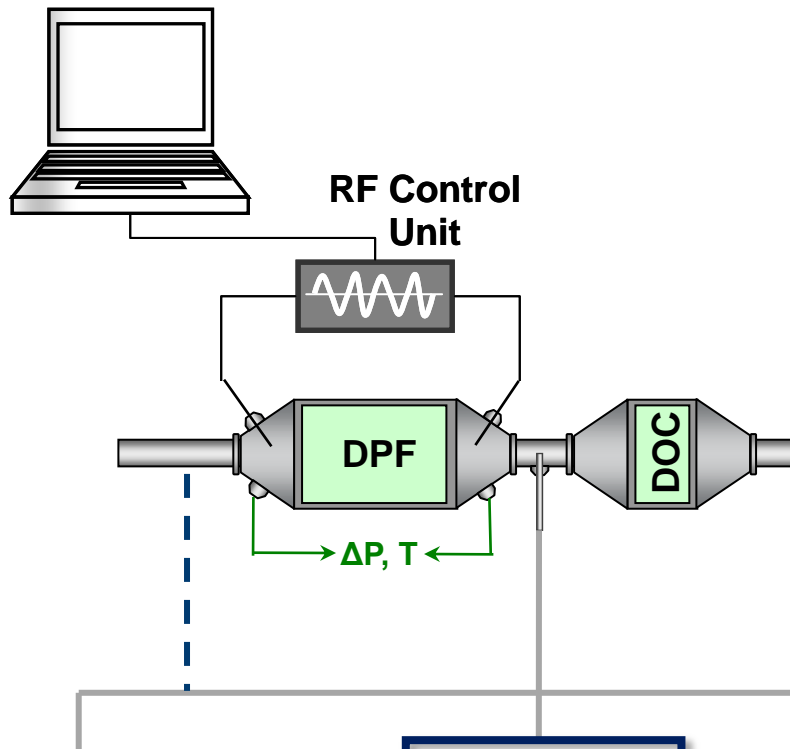


DPF: Cordierite, Catalyzed  
D 5.66" x 6" (2.47 L)





# Measurement System and Emissions Sampling



MKS FTIR:  
 $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NO}$ ,  
 $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$  etc.



AVL Micro Soot Sensor:  
transient soot  
concentration  
measurements



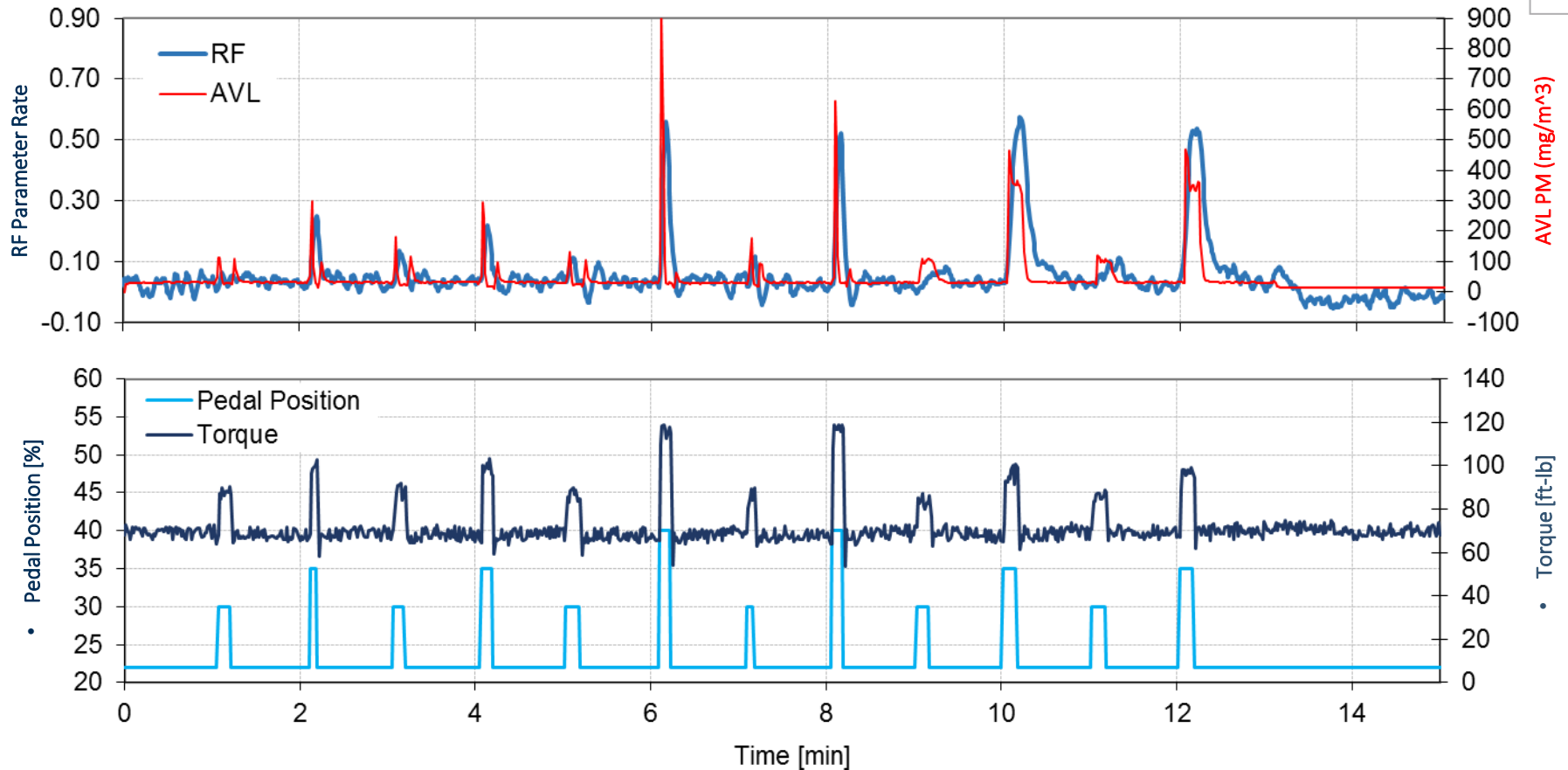
TEOM 1105:  
real time (1 sec) direct  
PM mass  
measurement



Sartorius CP34001S:  
gravimetric PM mass  
loaded measurement

# Transient Event Monitoring – Engine-Out PM Emissions

## RF Derivative Response to Pedal Tip-In Events



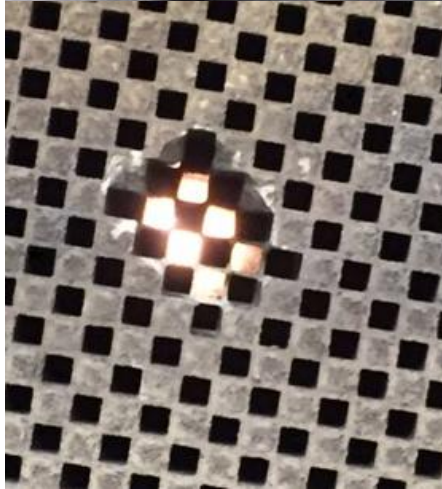
- Derivative or RF DPF soot load measurements well-correlated to AVL MSS
- Fast response RF sensing may enable use of DPF/GPF as engine-out PM sensor

# Artificially-Induced DPF Soot Slip

6 Plugs Removed  
0.24% Face Area



10x10 Square Removed  
4.0% Face Area



3 inch Diameter  
Removed  
28% Face Area

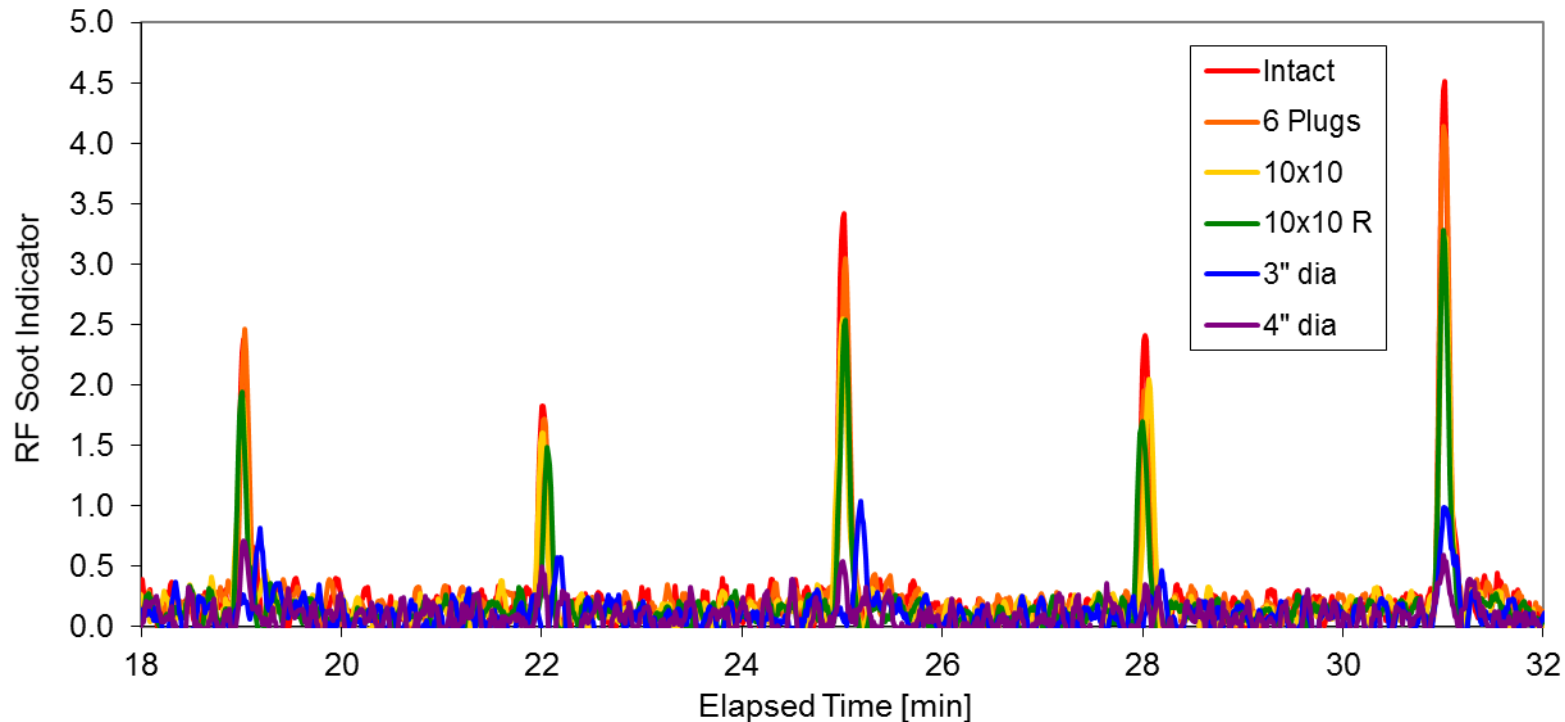


4 inch Diameter  
Removed  
52% Face Area

End plugs from DPF outlet face removed to simulate failure modes of varying severity

# DPF Diagnostics – Failure Detection (Soot Slip)

- Tip-In events performed at regular intervals and varying DPF health conditions
- Engine operated at 1500 rpm and 22% pedal with tip-ins every 3 minutes alternating between 35% (short spikes) and 40% (tall spikes) pedal positions
- Full tip-in test repeated at each DPF defect condition
- RF derivative response at each DPF health state shown



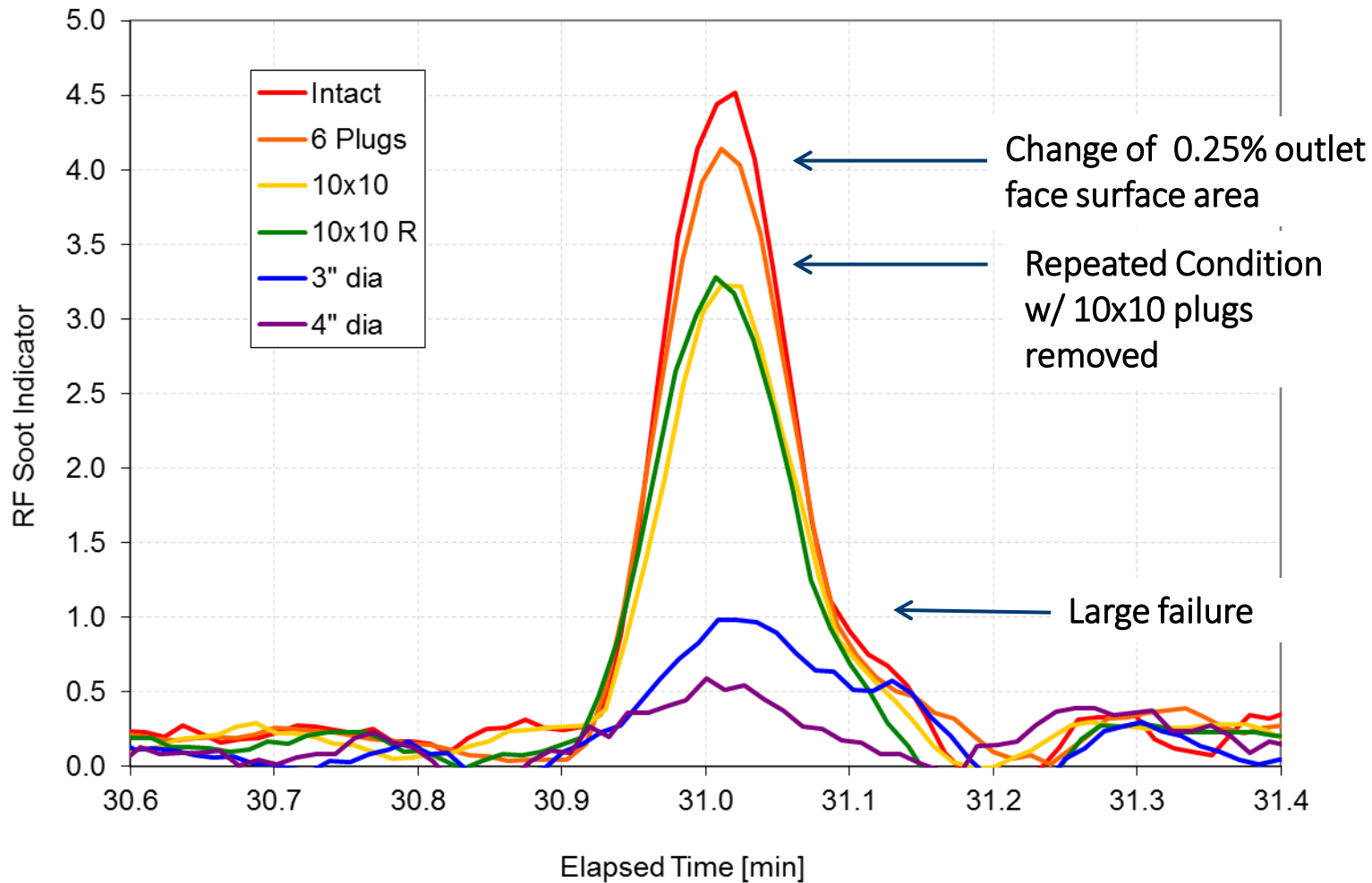
## Filter Failures





# DPF Diagnostics – Failure Detection (Soot Slip) Detail

Detection of soot slip (reduced filtration efficiency) with RF sensor



# RF Signal Correlation to Reduced PM Trapping



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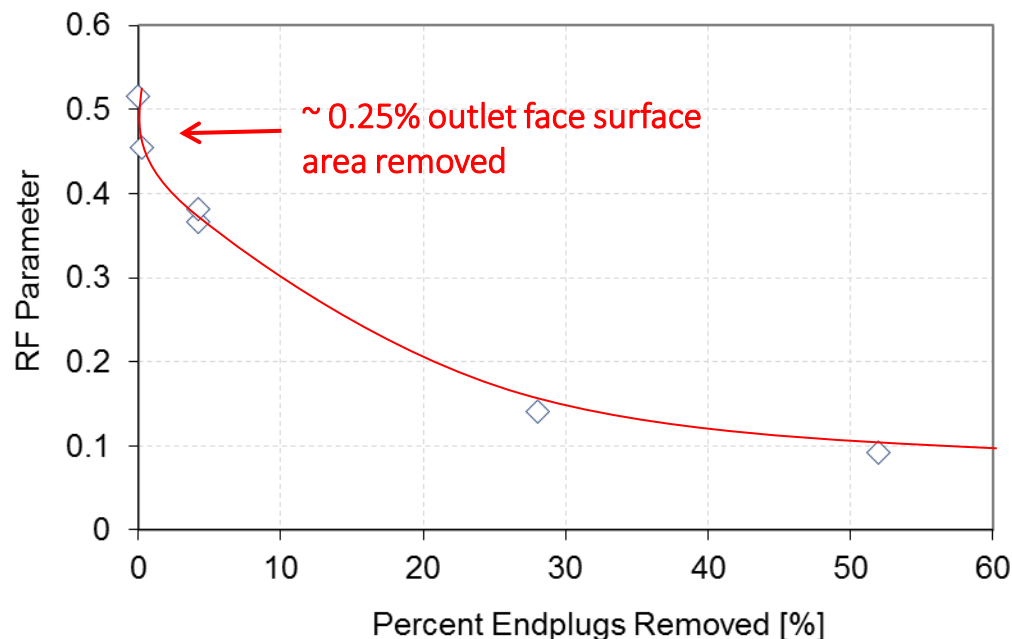


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*Summary of filter failure conditions evaluated for increasing soot slip*



## RF Parameter Calculation

- The first forward difference of each test condition was performed to determine the relative, instantaneous soot loading rate
- Each peak was integrated over an equivalent time span to determine the total relative soot loaded during each tip-in

# CASE STUDY IV: GPF Evaluations on Lean GDI

## GPF Evaluations on BMW Lean Gasoline

- BMW N43B20 4-cylinder engine from MY2008 BMW 120i (E87) vehicle
- 2.0 liter naturally aspirated direct injection gasoline engine
- Cordierite GPF 5.2" D x 5"L, 200/8
- PM emissions sampling with AVL MSS

**BMW 120i lean gasoline vehicle on chassis dynamometer at ORNL**



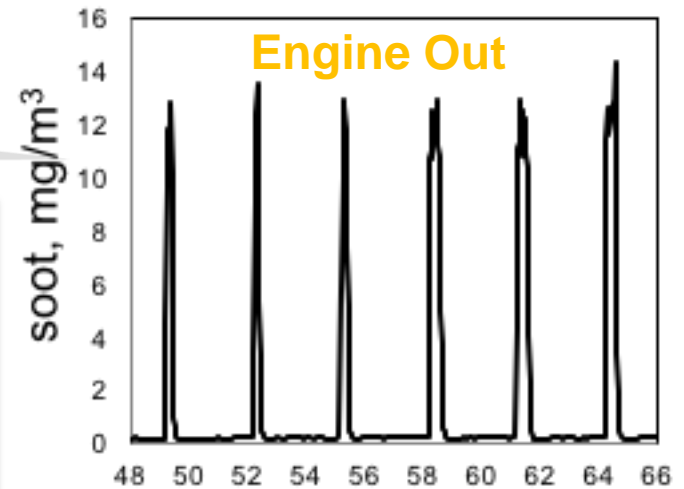
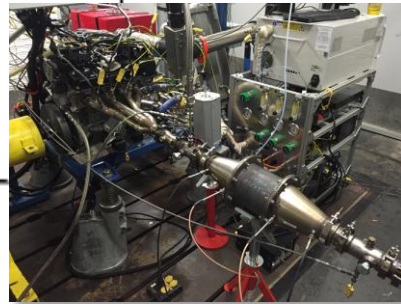
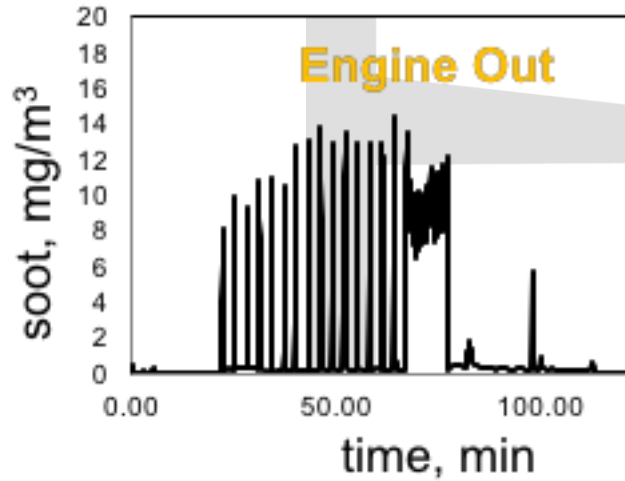
**BMW N43B20 lean gasoline engine**



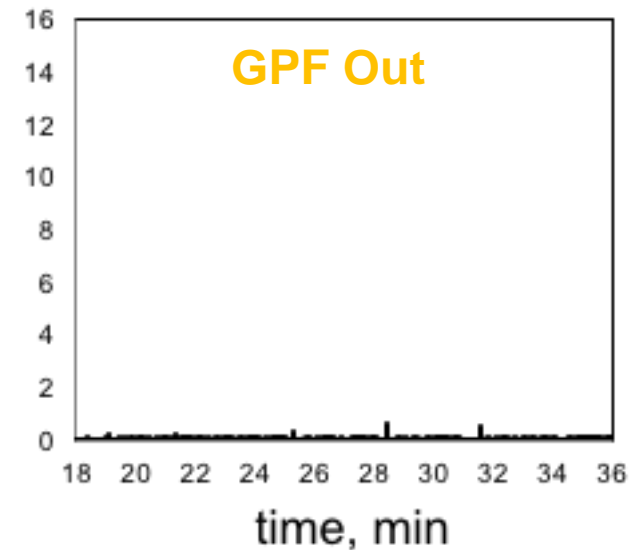
Engine Model Number	N43B20
Displaced volume	1995 cm <sup>3</sup>
Number of cylinders	4
Number of valves	4 per cylinder
Stroke	90 mm
Bore	84 mm
Compression ratio	12.0:1
Rated Power	125 kW at 6700 rpm
Rated Torque	210 Nm at 4250 rpm



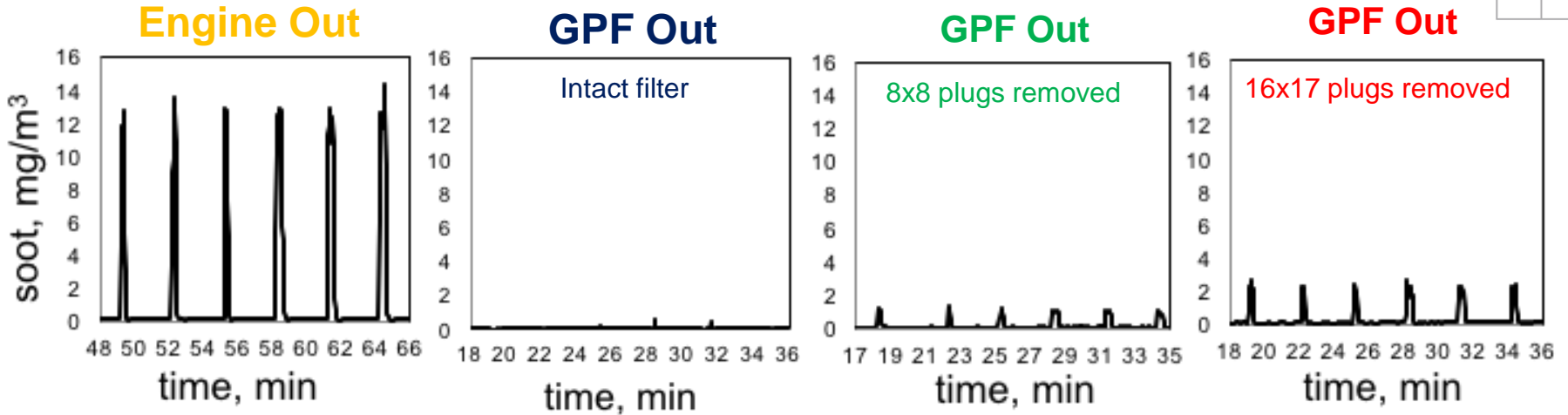
# GPF Lean Stratified Tip-In Sequence



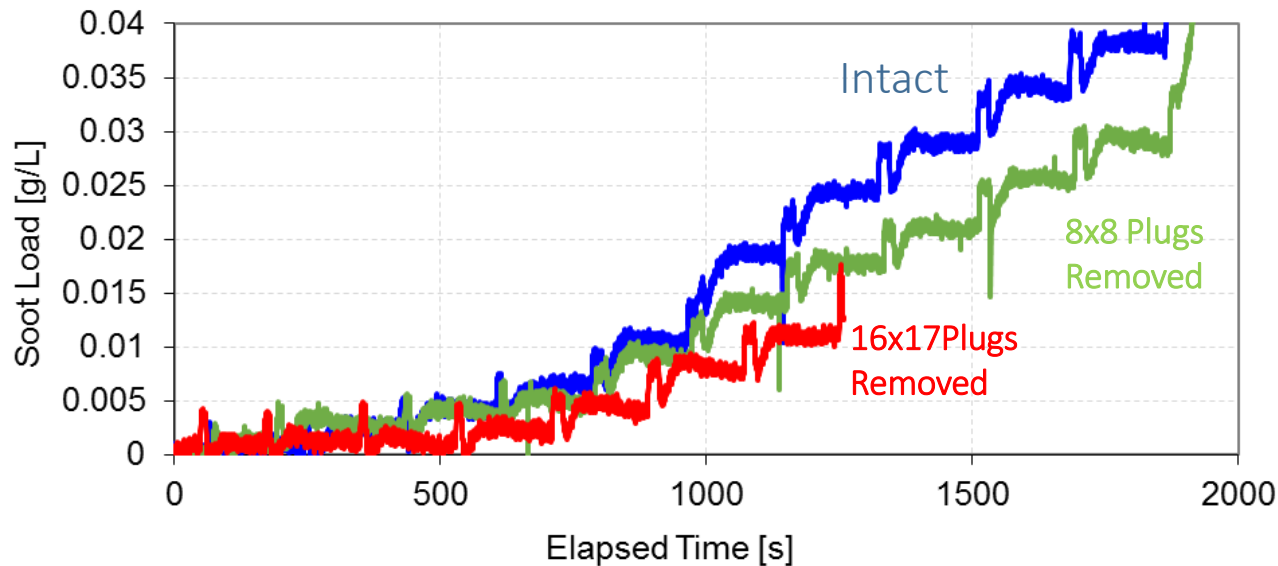
- 3 min stoichiometric and 10 - 20 sec lean stratified (tip-in, high soot) sequence at 2,000 rpm 50 ft-lb, followed by 10 min lean stratified operation and then high temperature regeneration at 3,000 rpm 65 ft-lb
- AVL MSS sampling before and after the GPF following repeated tests (not simultaneously)



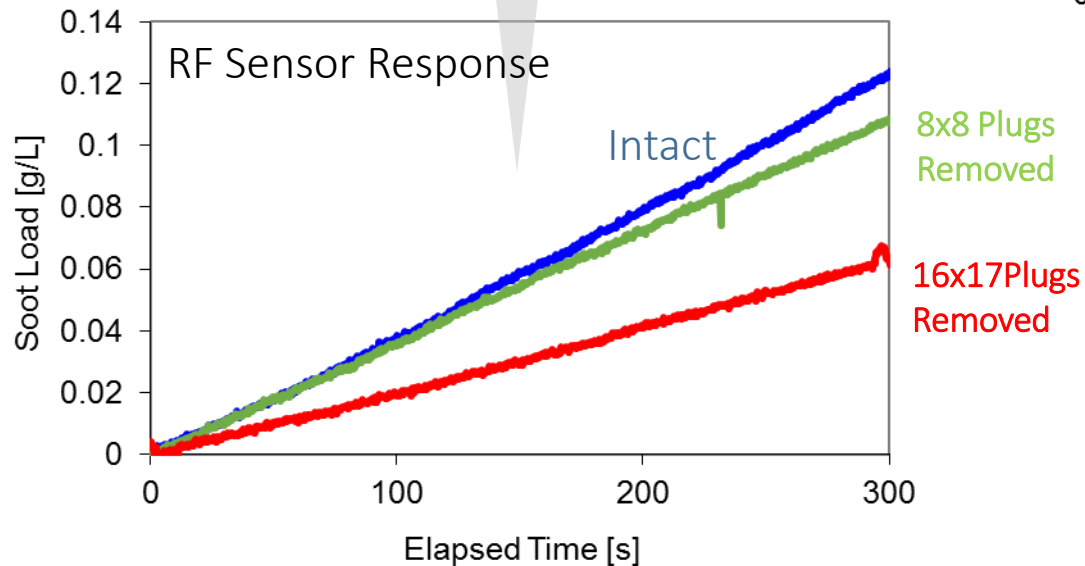
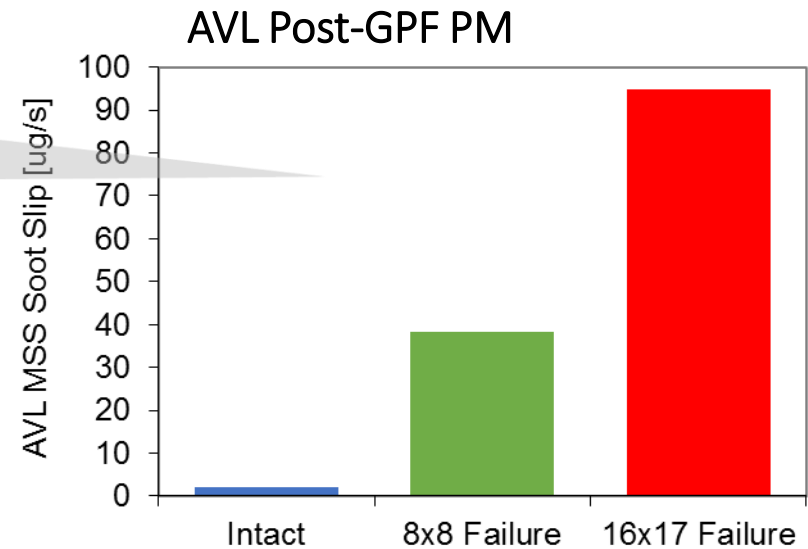
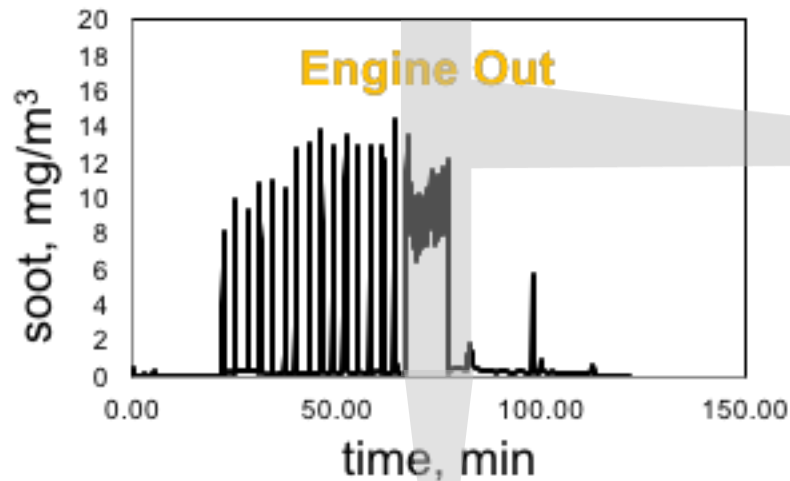
# GPF Tip-In Sequence with End Plugs Removed



## Reduced filtration efficiency measured with RF sensor on GPF



# GPF Steady-State Operation with End-Plugs Removed



## Steady-State Lean Operation

- Short duration lean operation with increasing number of GPF end plugs removed
- Reduction in PM loading rate measured via RF consistent with increased soot slip in exhaust measured via AVL MSS

# Summary and Conclusions

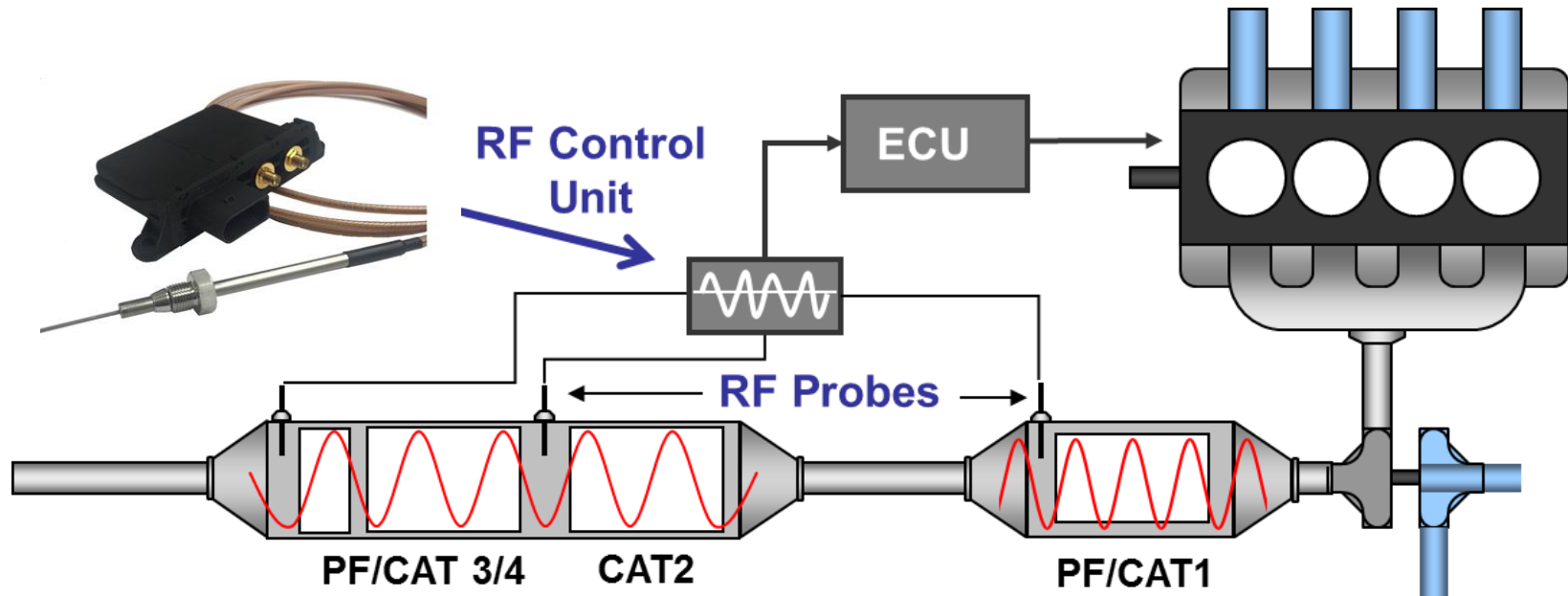
## RF Sensing Applied to Diesel and Gasoline Particulate Filters

- RF signal transmitted through ceramic filter provides direct measurement of filter dielectric properties (filter state)
  - Particulate filter soot load accuracy unaffected by ash levels in aged filters
  - Direct feedback control based on DPF/GPF state
  - Fast response (< 1 second) measurements of filter loading state demonstrated
  - Continuous monitor over all operating conditions (even engine off)
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## Case Studies of Diagnostic Applications for RF Sensing

- **Preventative Diagnostics:** Early detection of upstream engine or system malfunctions that could lead to subsequent filter failure
  - *Heavy-duty fleet vehicle application: fault detection before DPF failure*
- **Reactive Diagnostics:** Detection of filter failure resulting in reduced trapping efficiency (soot slip) – physical defects to filter
  - *Gasoline & Diesel application – filter failure detection via reduced PM storage*
- Large failures and missing substrates detected through change in RF resonances

# Current Work and Additional Applications



## Proposed DIRECT Approach:

Direct Measurement = Filter or Catalyst State

## Conventional INDIRECT Approach:

Upstream Sensor + Downstream Sensor + Model → Estimate Filter/Catalyst State

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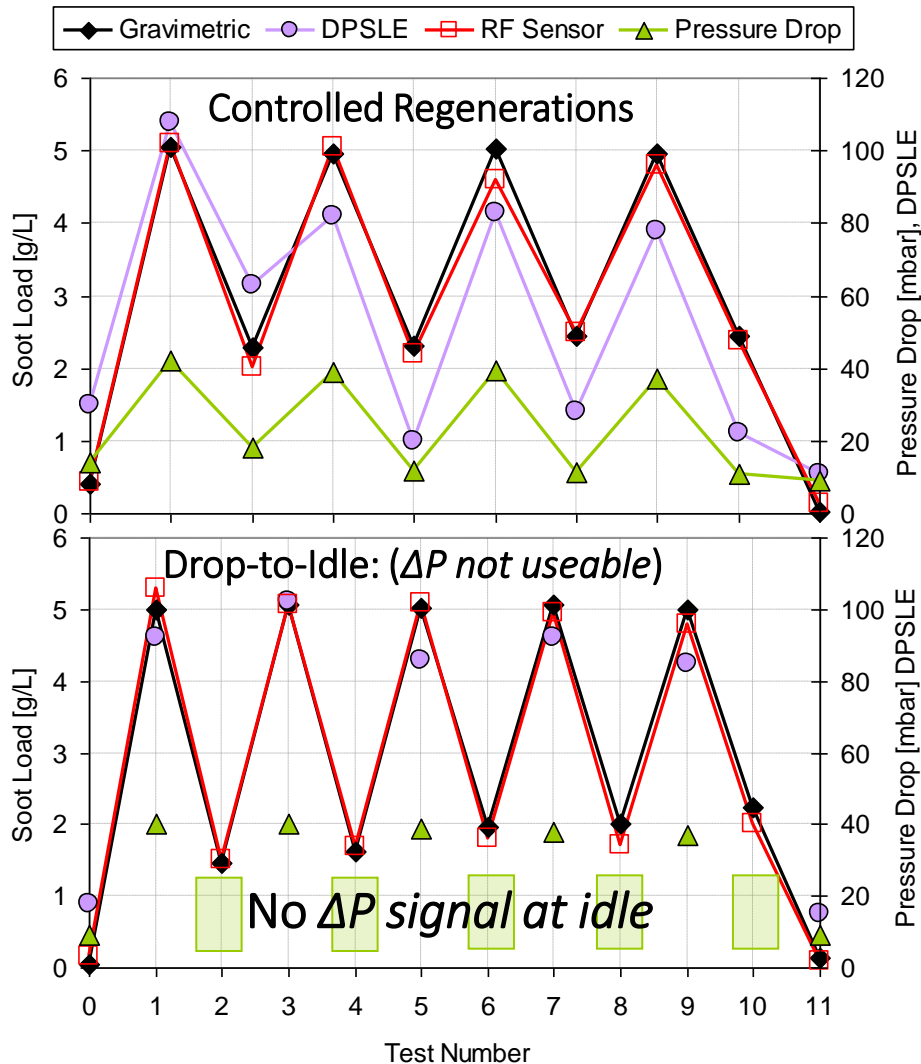
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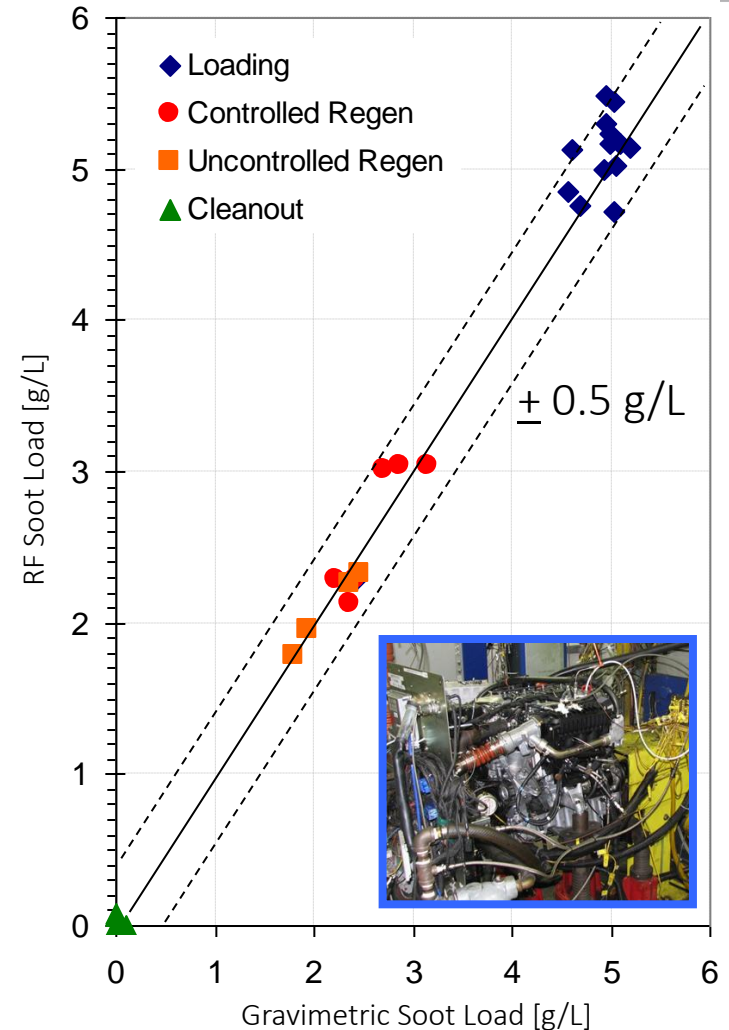
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# RF Accuracy over Wide Range of Operating Conditions

## Heavy-Duty Cordierite Summary

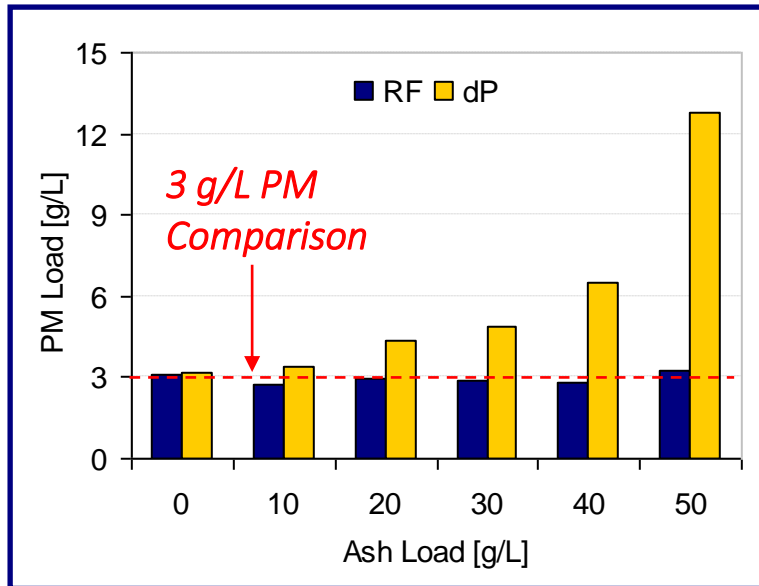


## Light-Duty AT Summary



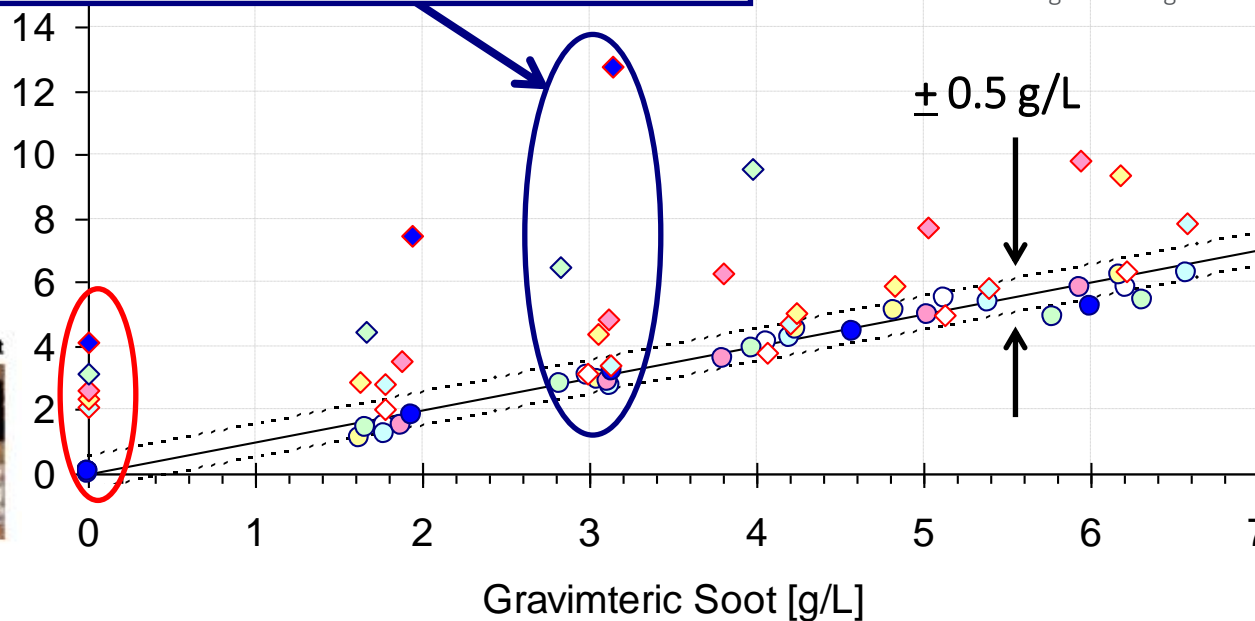
- HD tests on Navistar engine and LD tests on Mercedes engine at Corning
- RF accurately measures PM levels after partial regenerations

# Accurate RF Soot Load Measurements Even with Ash



RF and dP ( $\Delta P$ ) measurements both scaled to **0 g/L ash case** to develop simple calibration function

RF Soot [g/L], dP Soot [g/L]



138mm(5.5'') from inlet



Image: Corning

- RF\_Ash 0g
- RF\_Ash 10g
- RF\_Ash 20g
- RF\_Ash 30g
- RF\_Ash 40g
- RF\_Ash 50g
- 1:1
- ◇ dP\_Ash 0g
- ◇ dP\_Ash 10g
- ◇ dP\_Ash 20g
- ◇ dP\_Ash 30g
- ◇ dP\_Ash 40g
- ◇ dP\_Ash 50g
- ..... +0.5 g/L
- ..... -0.5 g/L