

# Electron microscopic analysis of metal-bearing particle emissions from diesel engines

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## Folie 1

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# Outline

- Brief Introduction on ash PM
- Analytical techniques for the study of ash
- Sampling methods/setup
- Two case studies:
  - i. *Ash depositions in diesel particulate filters*
  - ii. *Ash sampled directly from the exhaust stream*
- Summary – Conclusive remarks

# ASH: Non-combustible PM in diesel exhaust

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graph TD; A[ASH: Non-combustible PM in diesel exhaust] --> B[Chemical component]; A --> C[Mechanically transported fragments];
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## Chemical component

- Metal additives in lubricating oil
- Metal additives (traces) in fuel

## Mechanically transported fragments

- Metal fragments (engine wear)

# Analytical techniques

## Methods (macro-, micro-, nano-scale):

- Macroscopic study (on dissected DPFs)
- Optical microscopy
- X-ray diffraction analysis
- Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) – EDX
- Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) - EDX

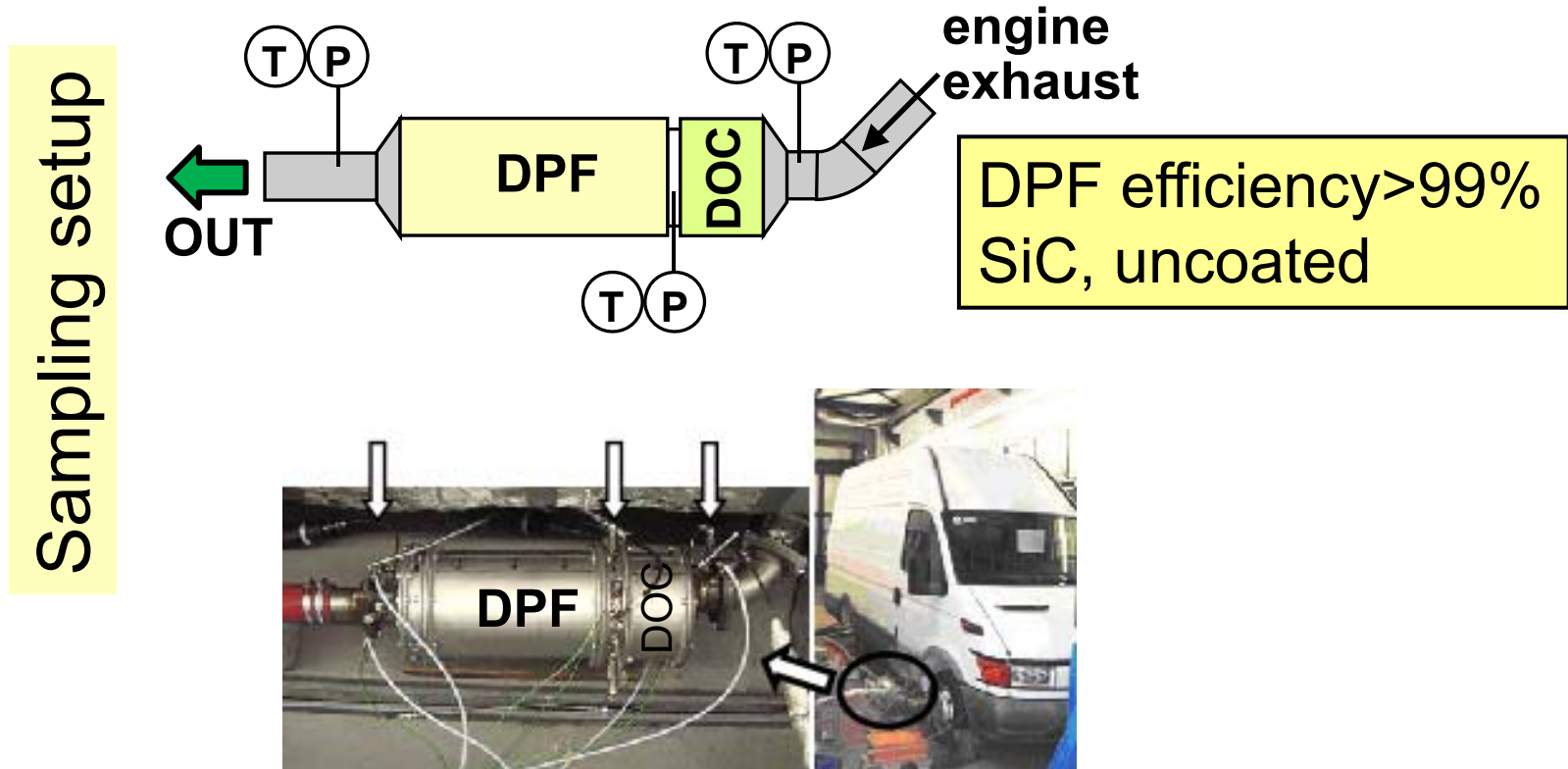
Morphology (surface features, shape, size),  
chemical composition  $\Rightarrow$

Health effects (epidemiological / toxicological)  $\Rightarrow$

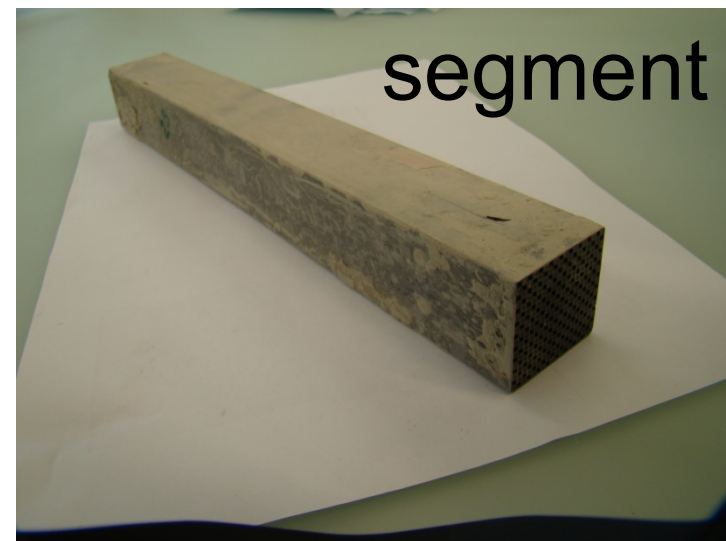
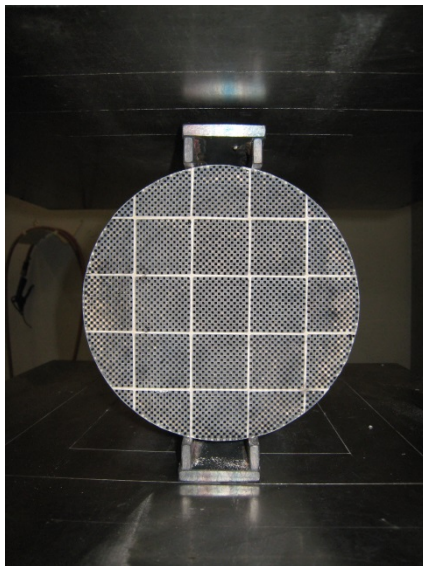
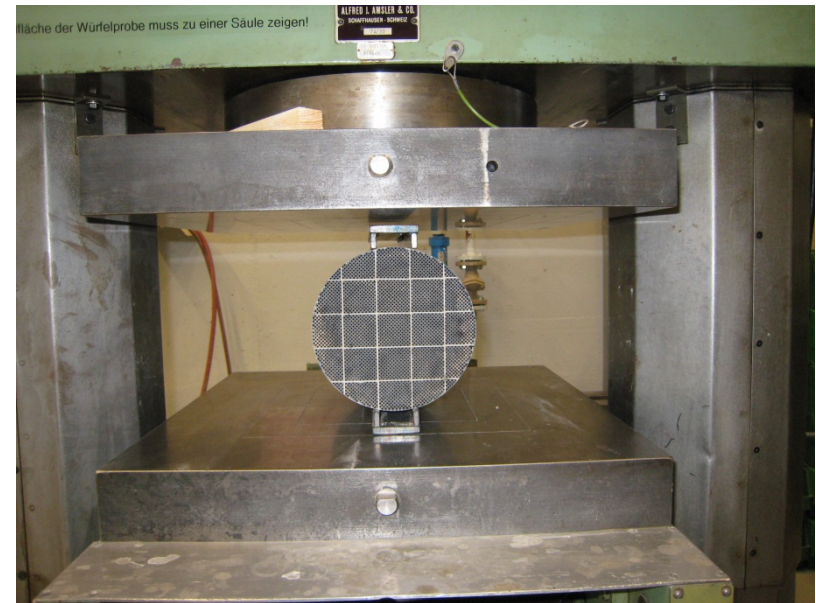
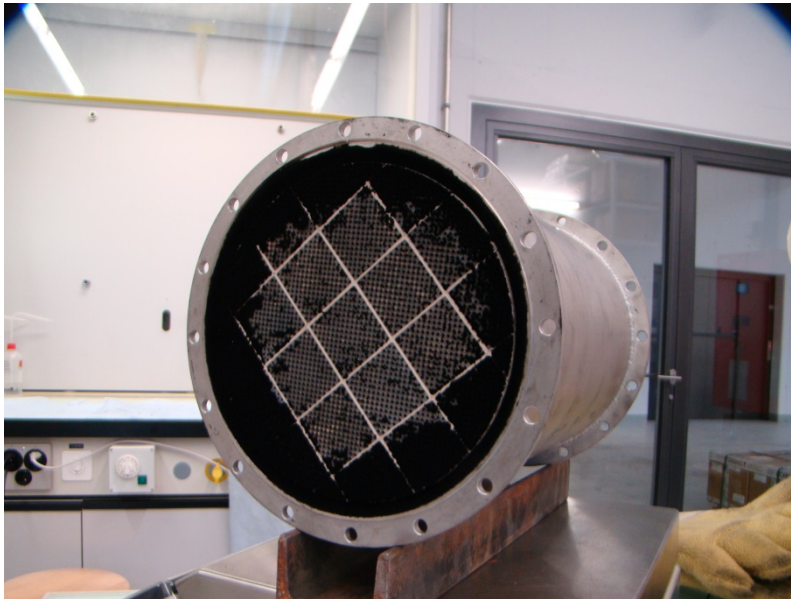
Important for validating and developing  
mitigation measures/strategies

# Sampling methods / setup

- Ash depositions in diesel particulate filters
- Ash sampled directly on TEM grids

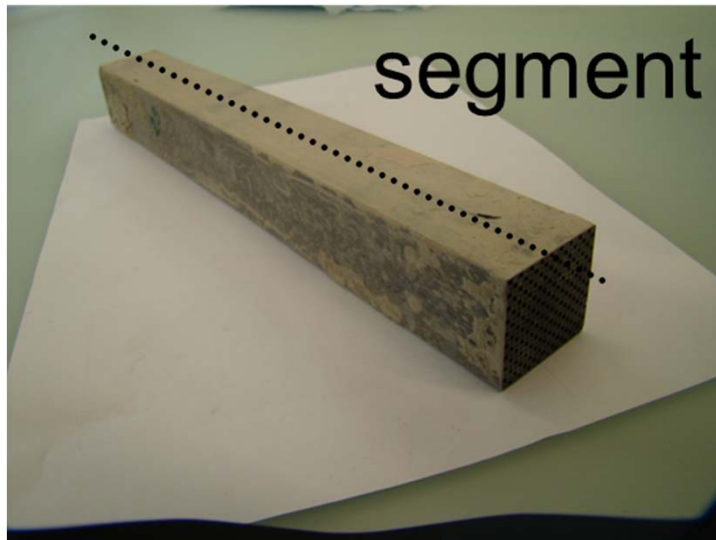


# Disassembling the DPF





# Embed filter segments into epoxy to stabilise loose particles



**without epoxy**



← **INFLOW**

— 1cm

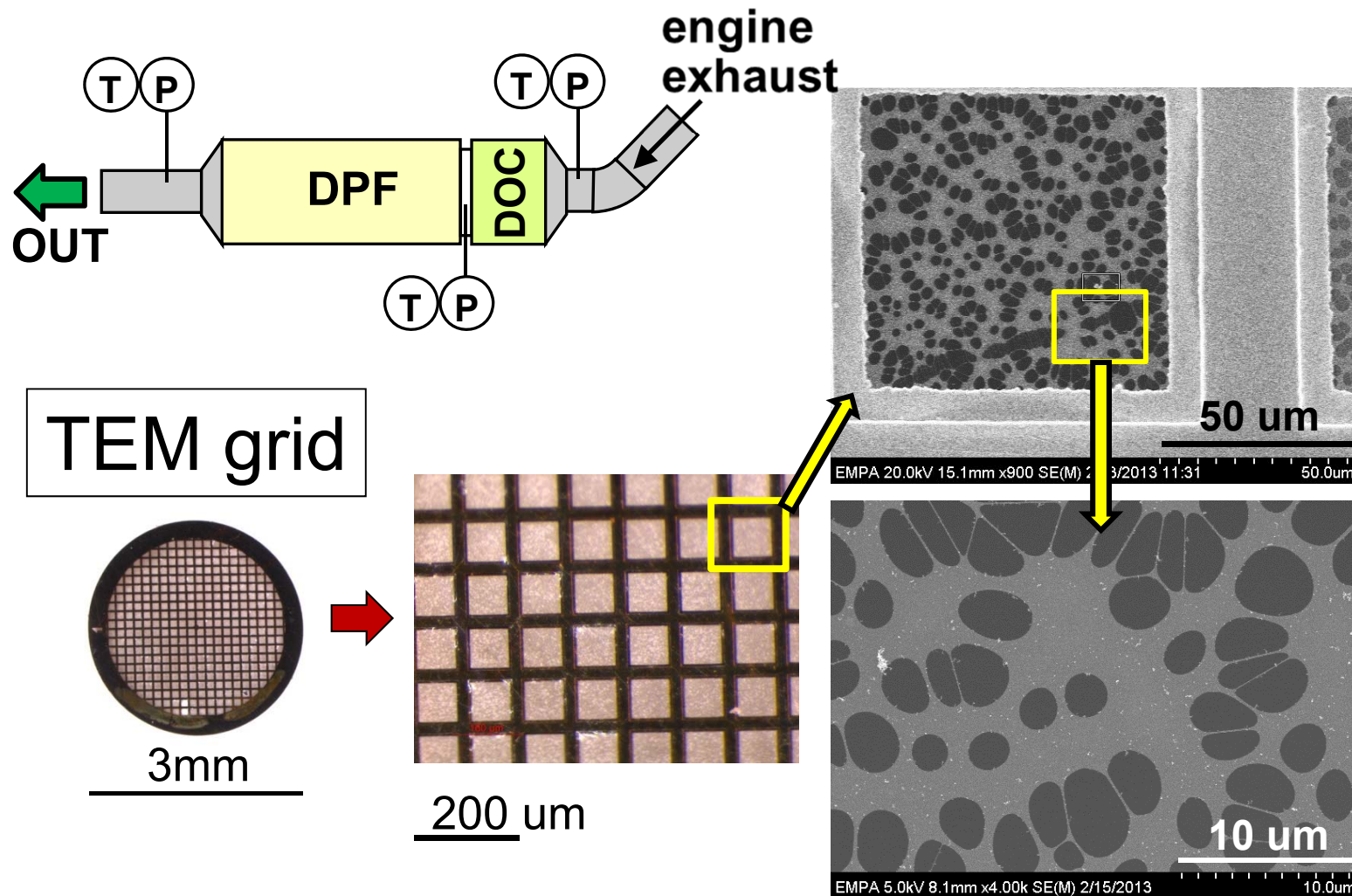
**with epoxy**



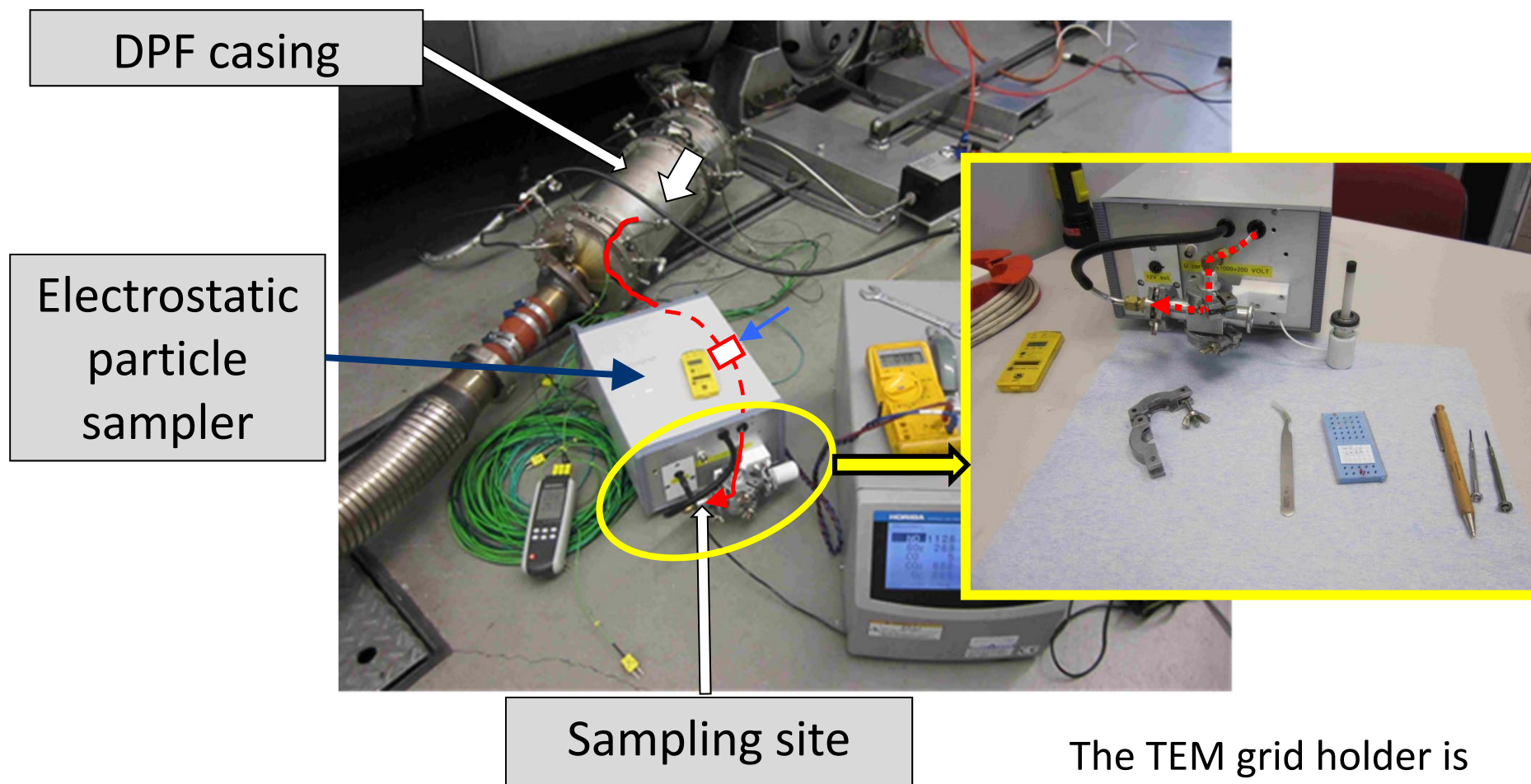
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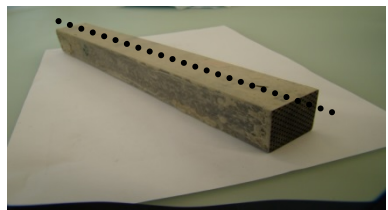
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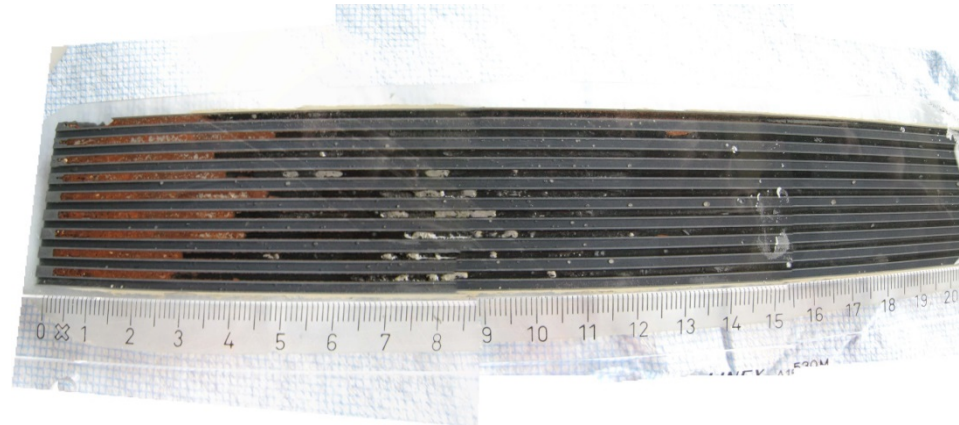


# RESULTS: Ash deposits in DPF: channels start filling up with ash from the plugged ends toward the inflow



DPF segment

**out** ←

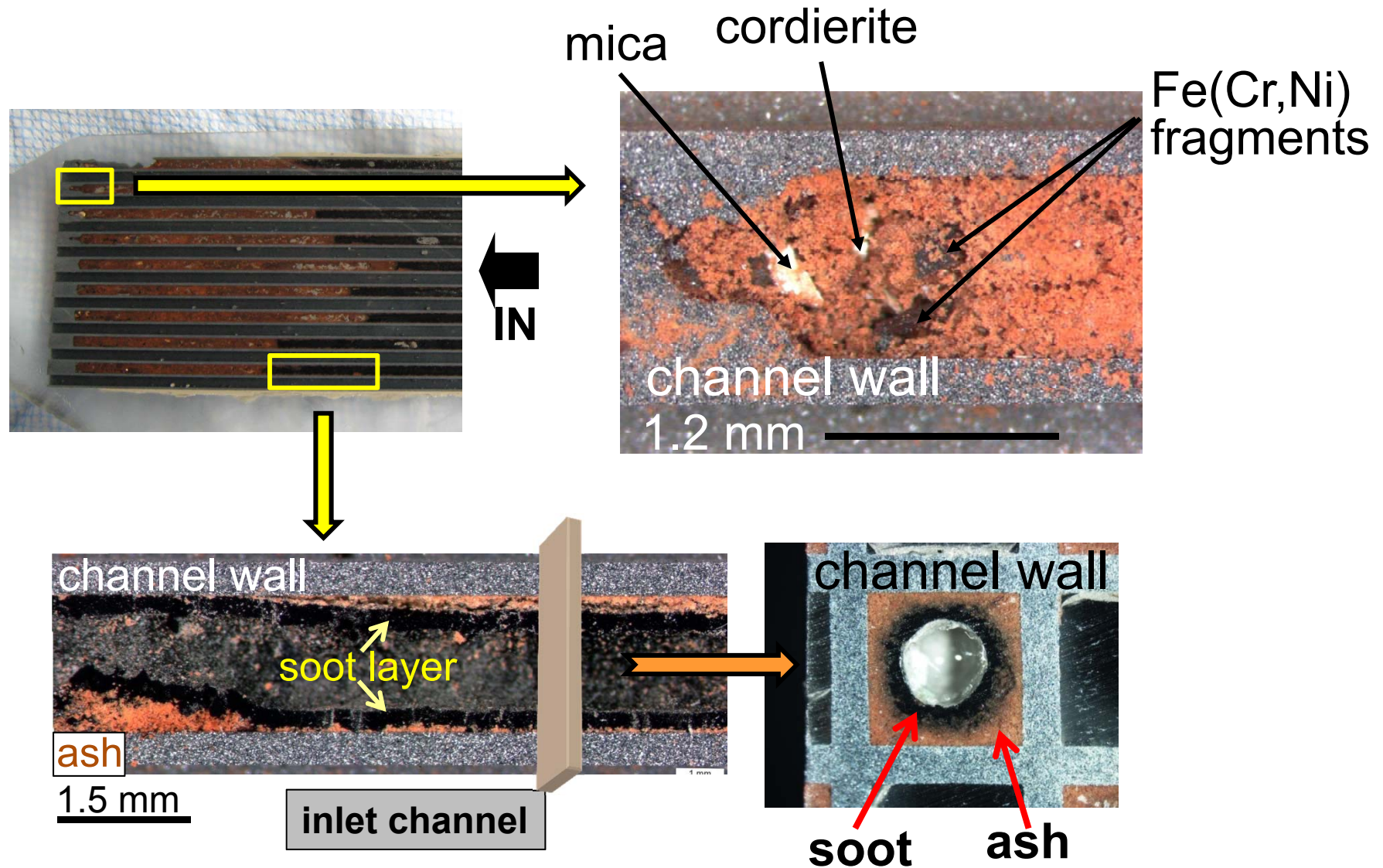


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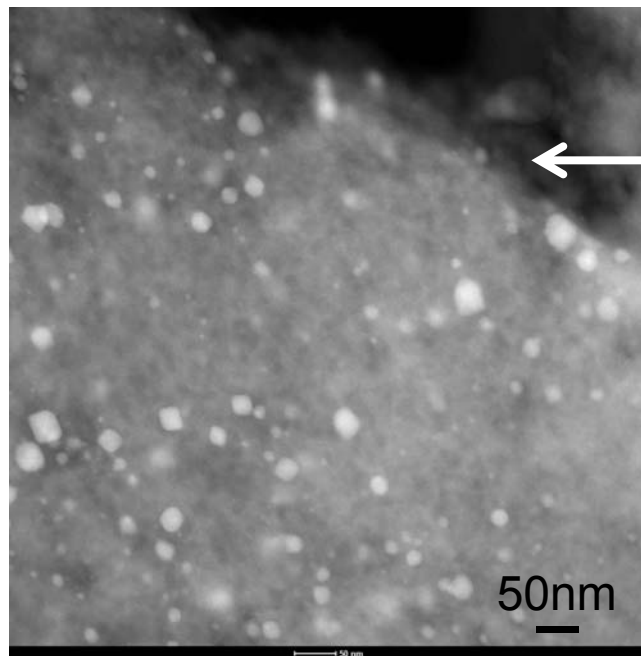
Section of a filter segment parallel to the flow direction – ca. 3-5 cm (ca. 15% of the effective filter volume) from the plugged ends are filled up with ash.



# Diesel Particulate Filter - Assembly

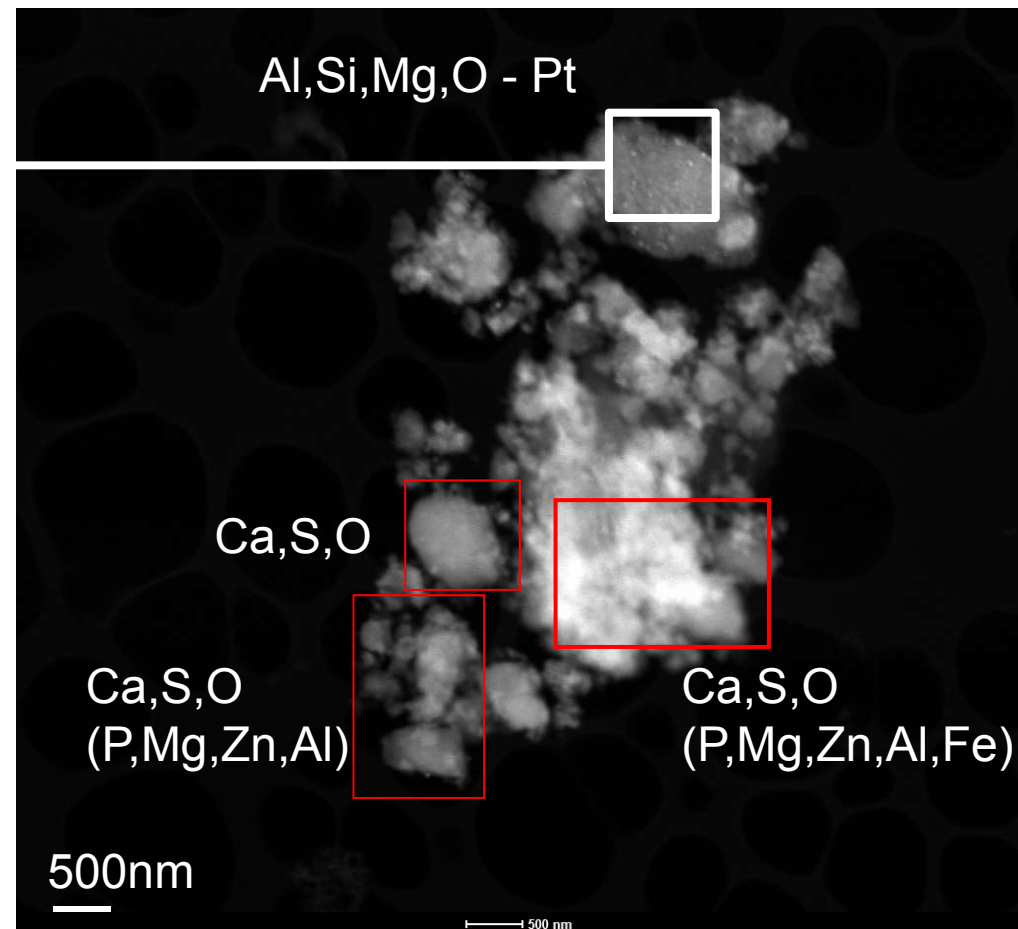


Ash aggregates consist predominantly of **Ca,P,Mg,Zn,O,S,Al,Fe**-bearing phases and of fragments detached from the DOC

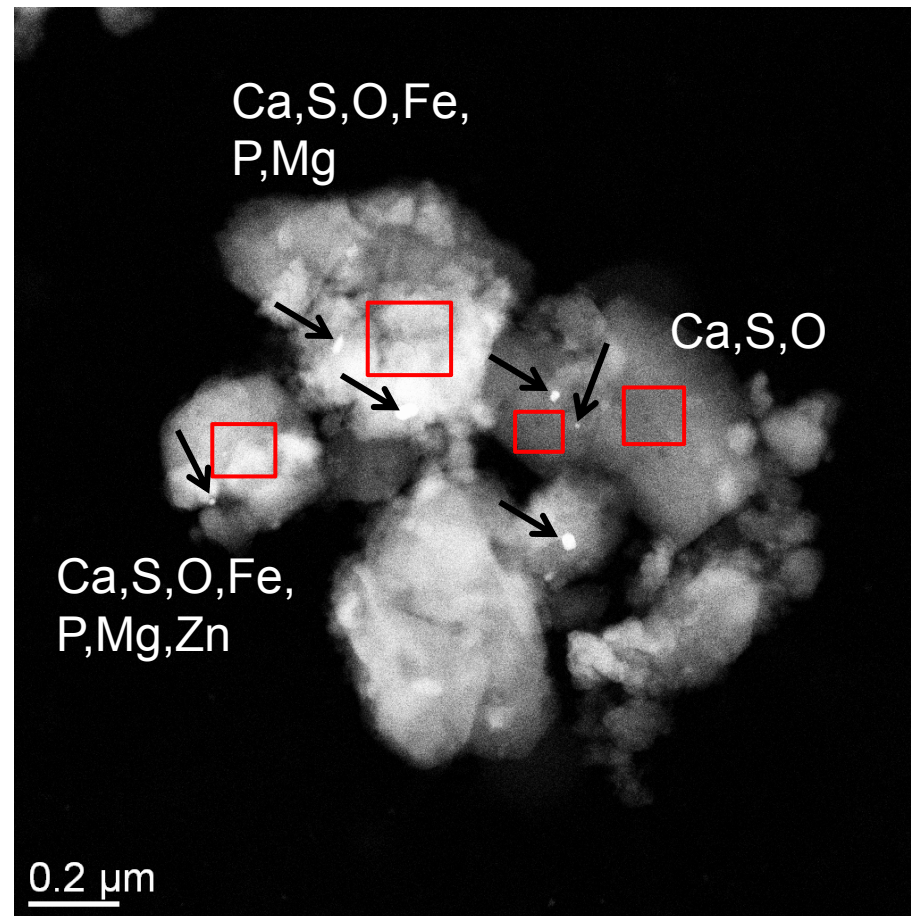


DOC substrate with  
Pt particles (bright)  
(Pt: 40-5nm)

TEM-image of ash aggregates



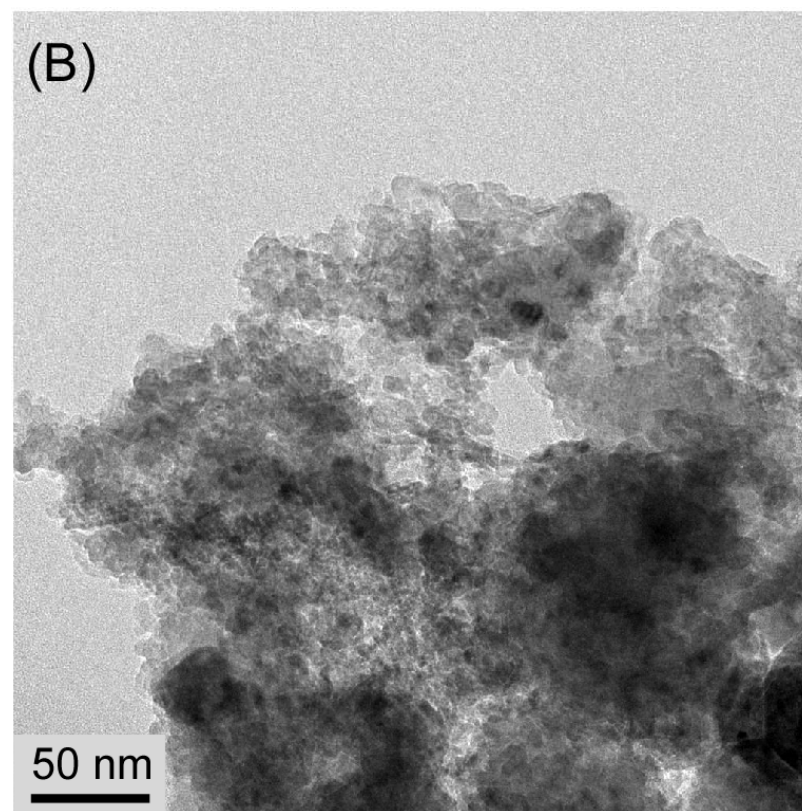
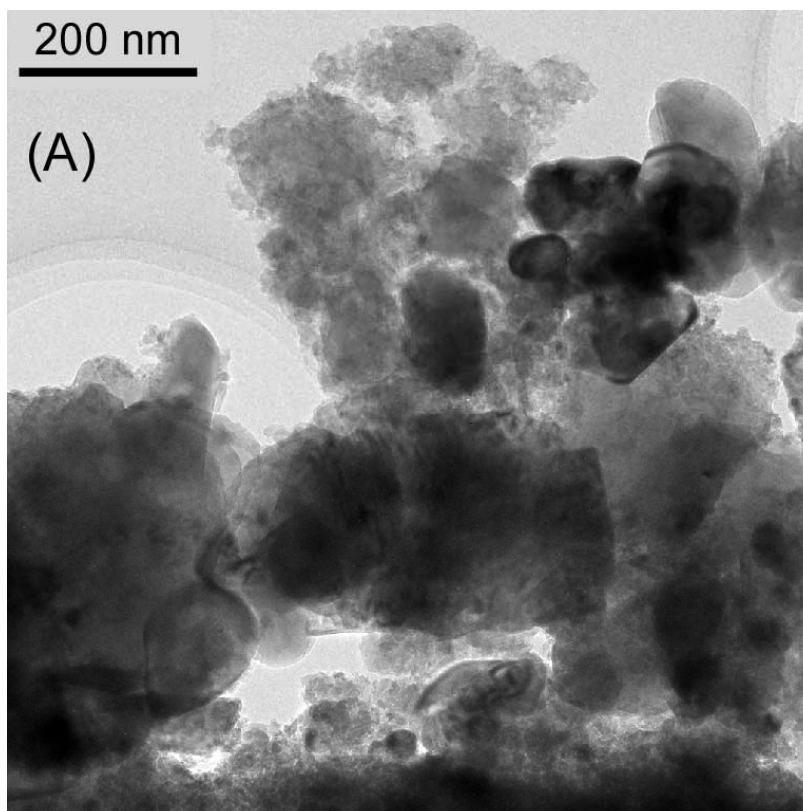
# Ash aggregates (Ca,P,Mg,Zn,O,S,Al) with dispersed Pt-particles (without their substrate)



TEM-image of ash aggregates



Ash particle constituents of aggregates have sizes of  $\sim 170$ - $60$  nm, down to  $\sim 7$  nm



TEM images (STEM, BF mode) of individual ash particles



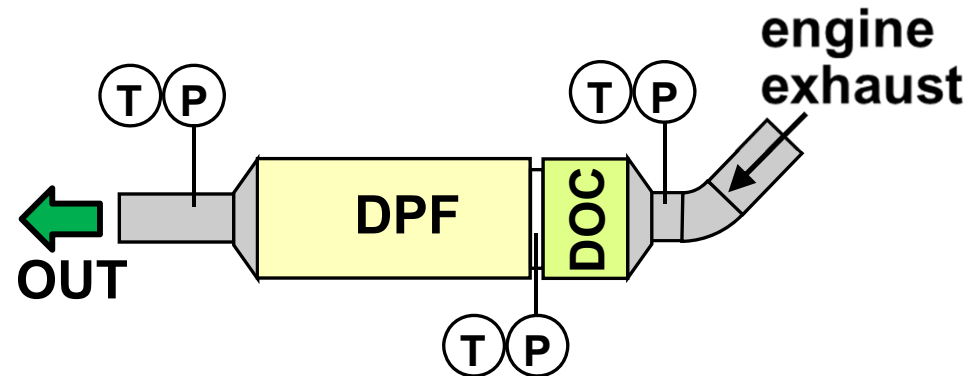
## Summary for ash depositions in DPF

- Ash forms powdery aggregates (**a few  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100s of  $\mu\text{m}$  large**), deposited at the rear part of the DPF and on channel walls along the DPF.

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- Ash consists of **Ca,P,Zn,Mg,S (lube oil-related)**, **Fe,Cr,Ni,Cu (engine wear)**, noble metals: **Pt,Pd (DOC)**, **Al,Mg,Si (DOC, intumescent mat)**.

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- The primary particle constituents of the ash aggregates range in size between  $\sim 170\text{-}60\text{nm}$ , down to  $\sim 7\text{nm}$ .

# RESULTS FROM SAMPLING DIRECTLY ON TEM GRIDS



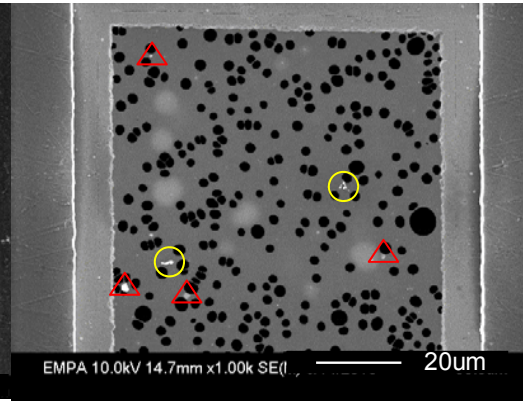
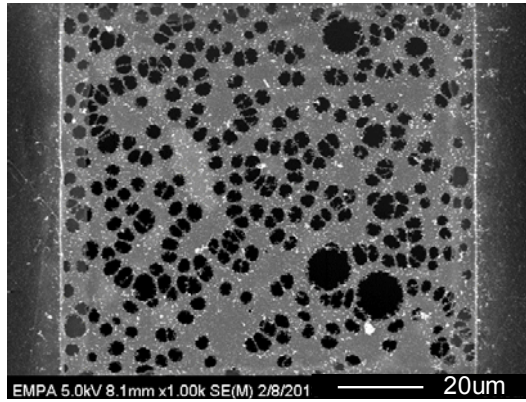
- DPF was new before the experiment; efficiency > 99%
- SiC, uncoated
- Degreened - Loaded with soot for ~2000 km (speed: 70 km/h, 5<sup>th</sup> gear)
- Sampling: normal operating conditions, at steady state operation.

pre-DPF (3 min-diluted)

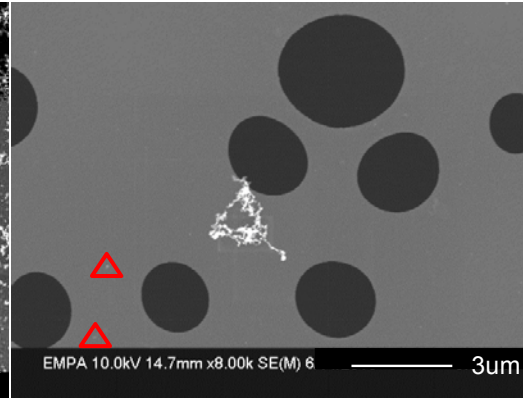
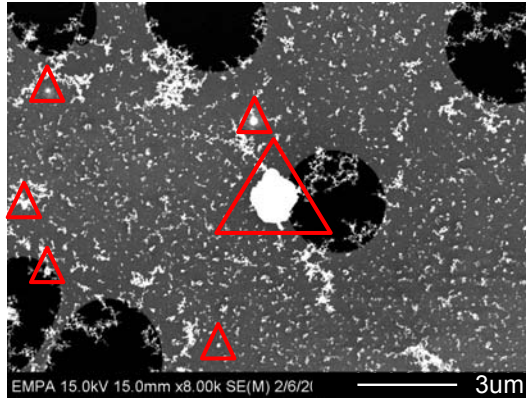
post-DPF (5-10min-undiluted)

**Dramatic decrease of PM after the DPF**

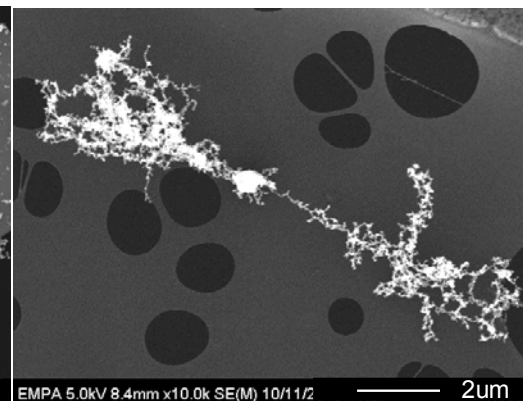
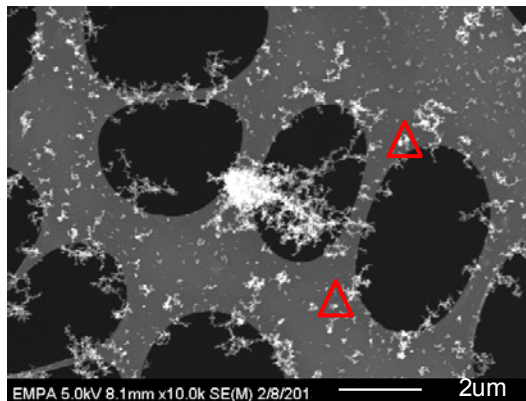
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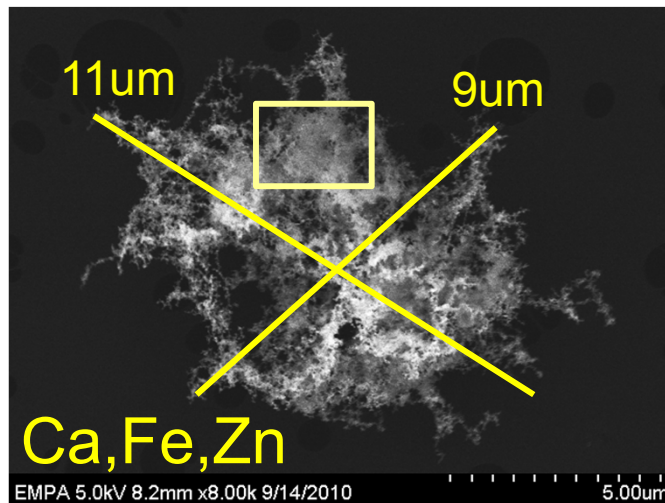
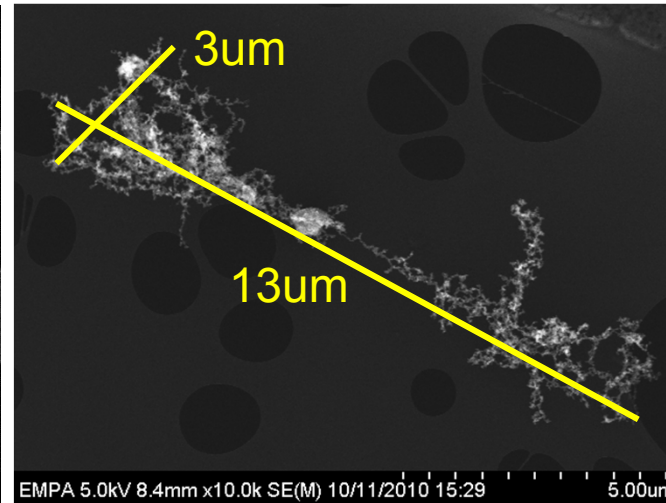
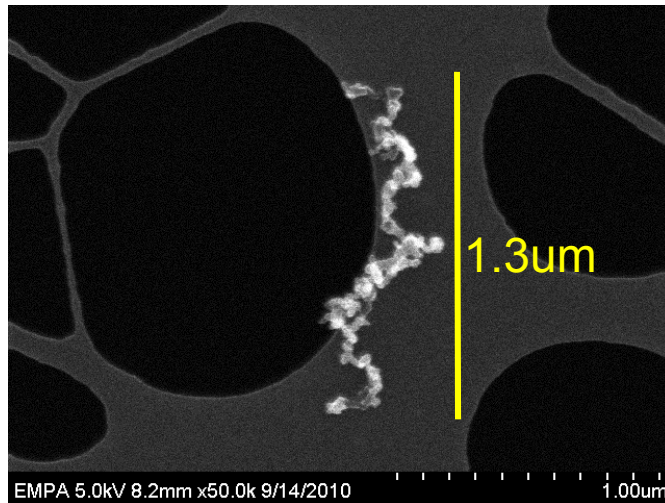
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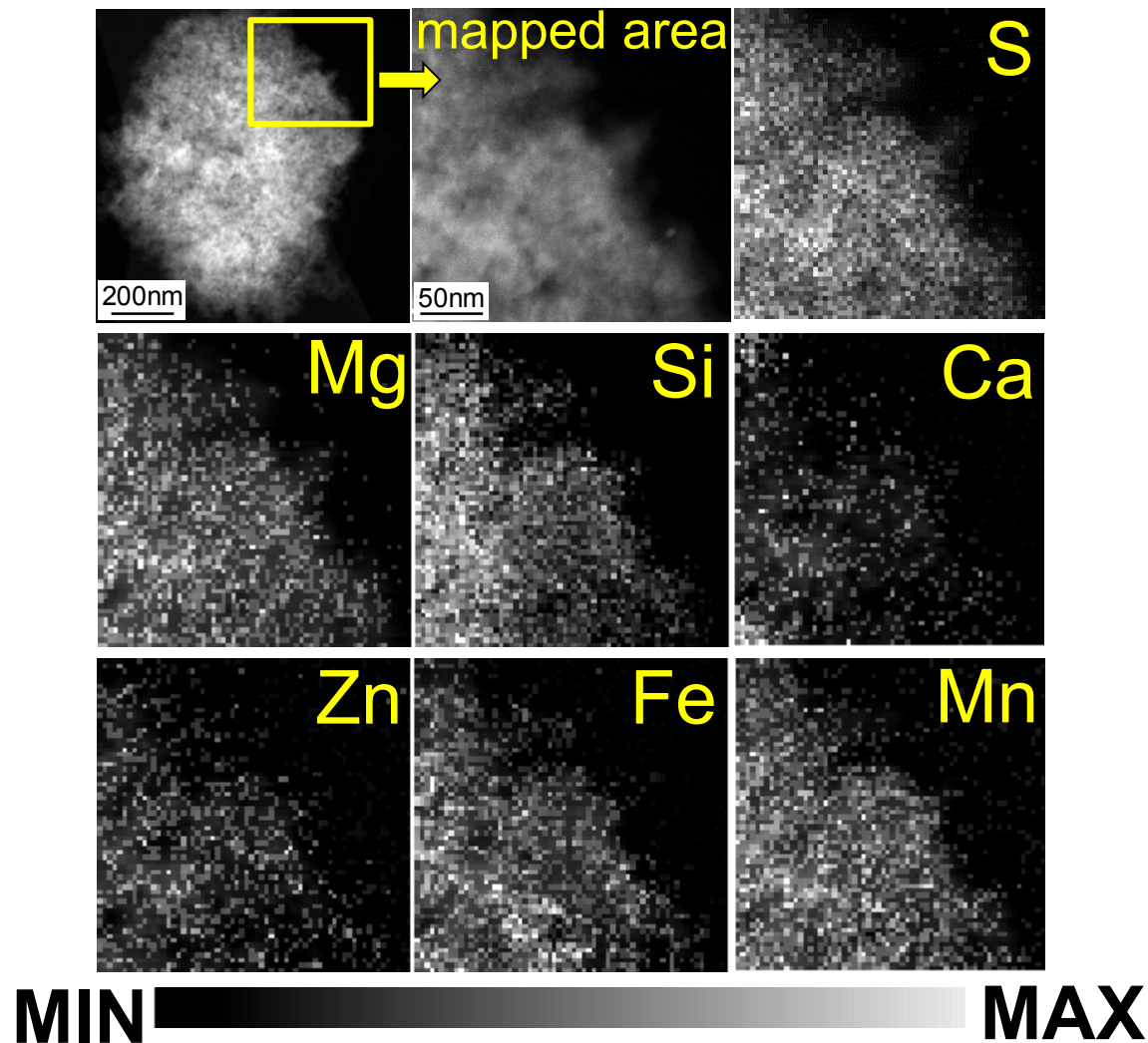


# Soot agglomerates that escape the DPF are usually large and ash-bearing



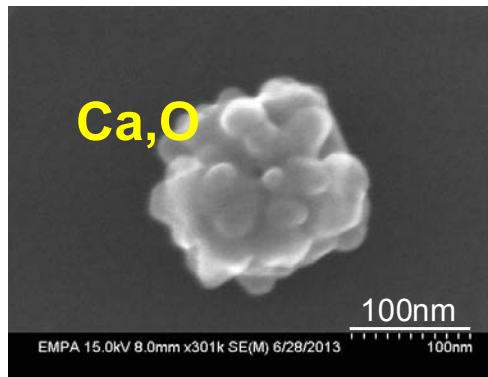
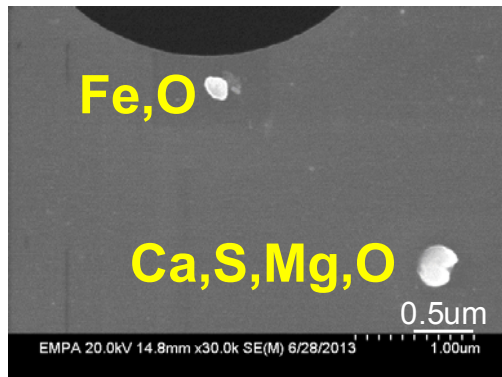
SEM images of samples collected downstream of the DPF (5-10 min sampling time – undiluted).

# TEM-element mapping of aoot agglomerate with attached ash (S,Mg,Si,Ca,Zn,Fe,Mn)

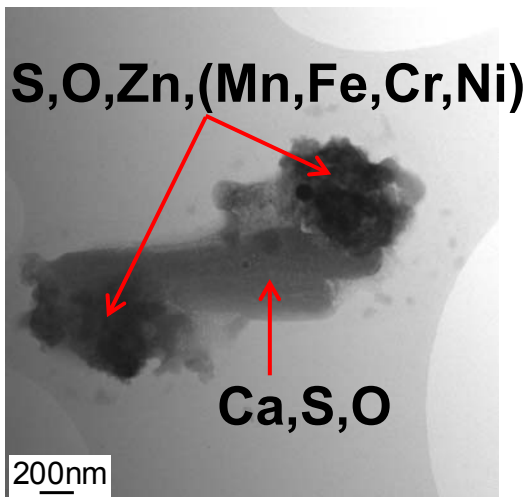
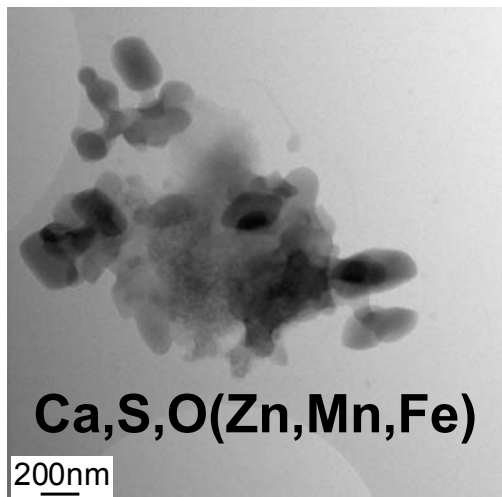




# Ash aggregates not attached onto soot can escape the DPF



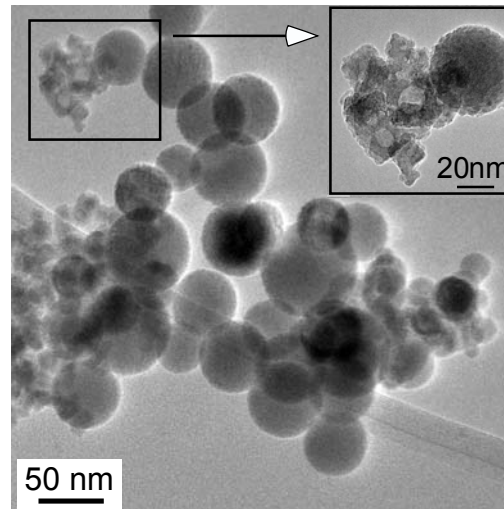
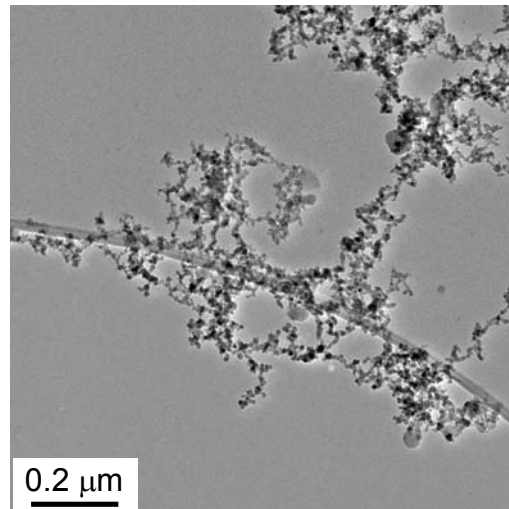
SEM images of ash  
collected downstream  
of the DPF



TEM images of ash  
collected downstream  
of the DPF

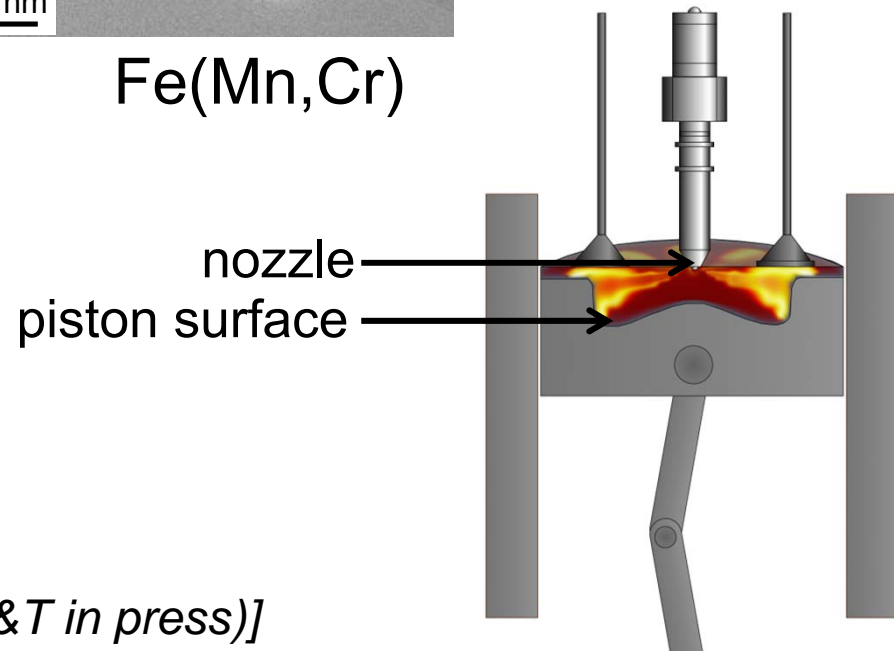
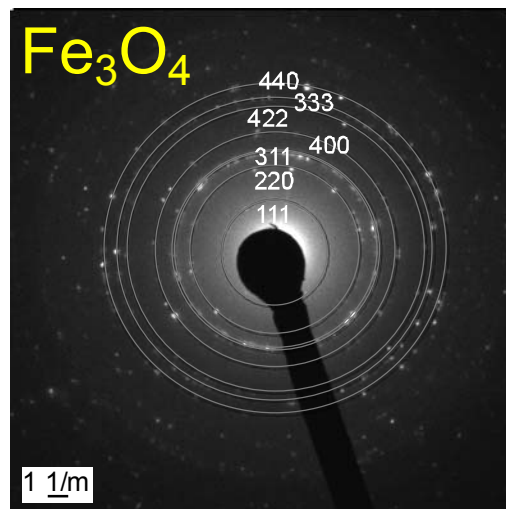
# Fe-oxide nanoparticles can form by in-cylinder melting of steel fragments

TEM images



Fe(Mn,Cr)

diffraction pattern

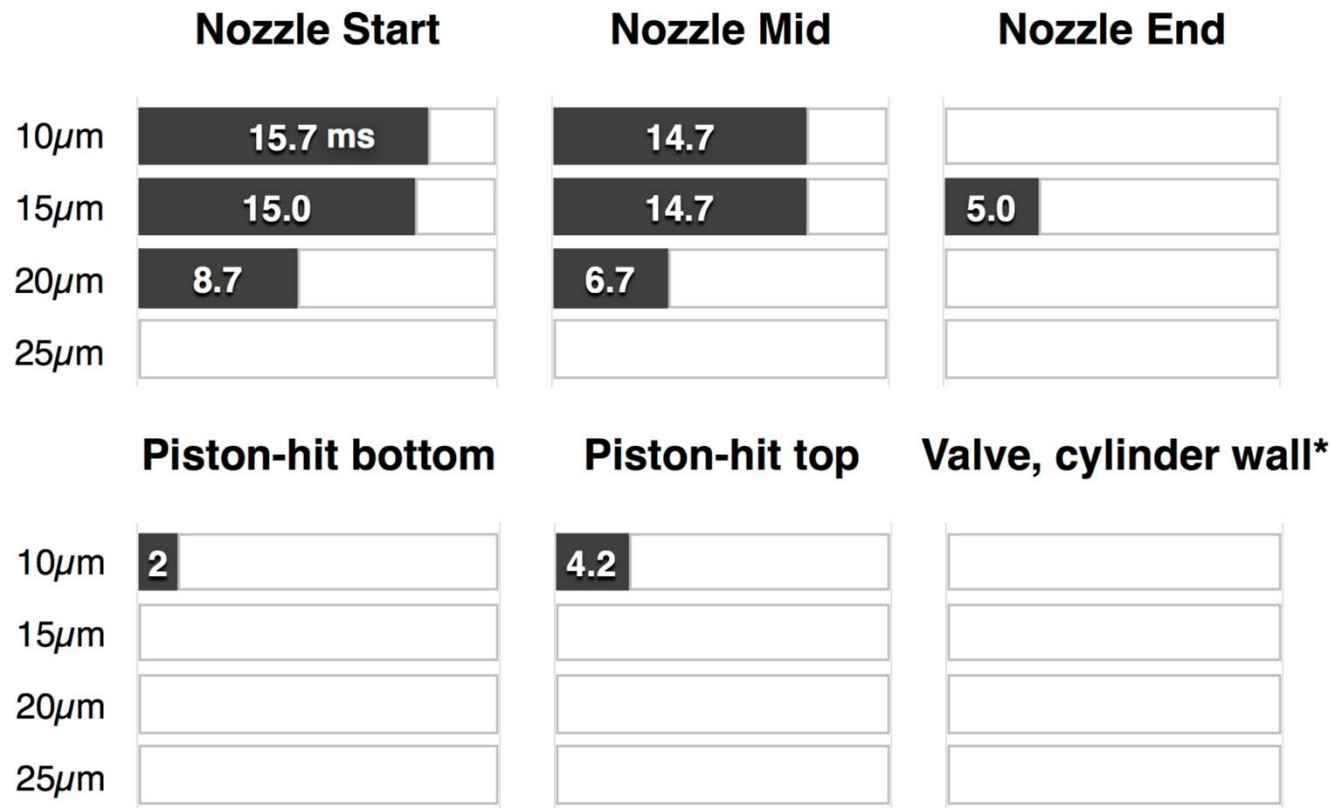


[Liati, Pandurangi, Boulouchos et al. (ES&T in press)]



CFD simulations on steel fragment transport: steel fragments, 10-20 $\mu\text{m}$  in size, dislodged from the piston surface or from the fuel nozzle can be transported to hot areas of the combustion chamber where they can melt.

### Time spent by the steel fragments at $T \geq 1800$ K in O-rich conditions



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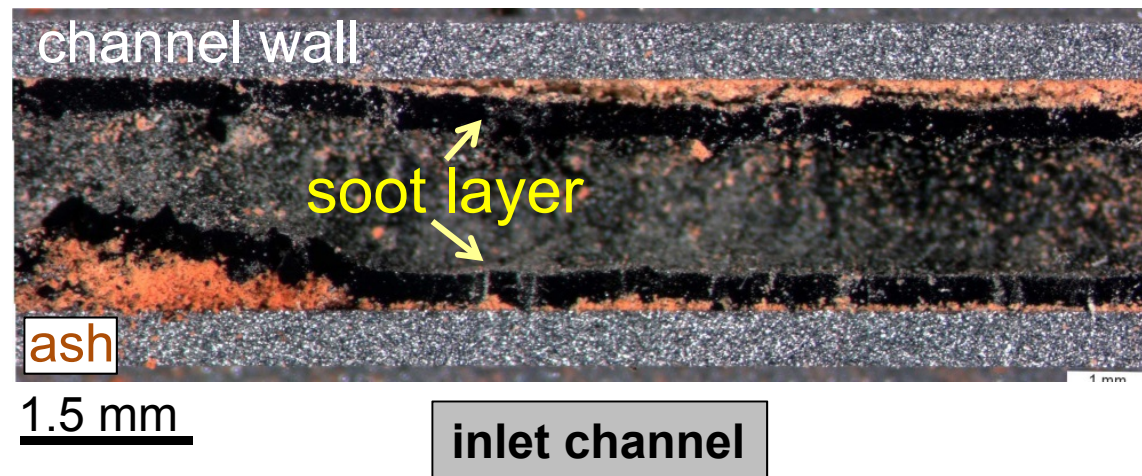
## Summary for ash collected directly from the exhaust stream

- Ash aggregates escape even high efficiency DPF (>99%) ; escaping ash aggregates are commonly attached onto large soot agglomerates

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- Size of ash aggregates escaping filtration: 0.2-2 $\mu$ m; size of primary ash particles: 20-400nm.

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- The DPF can promote breakout of large (ash bearing) soot agglomerates

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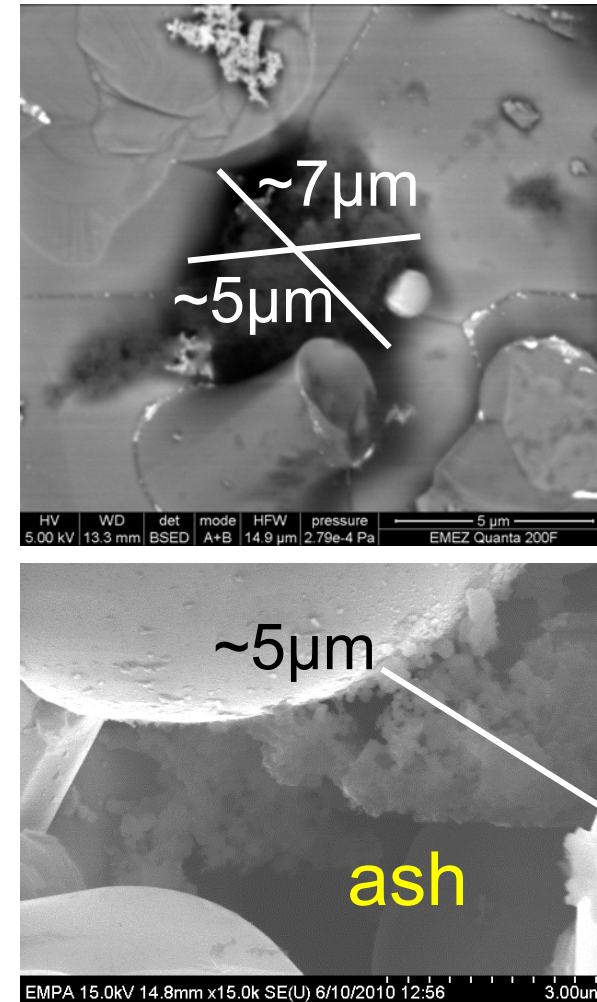
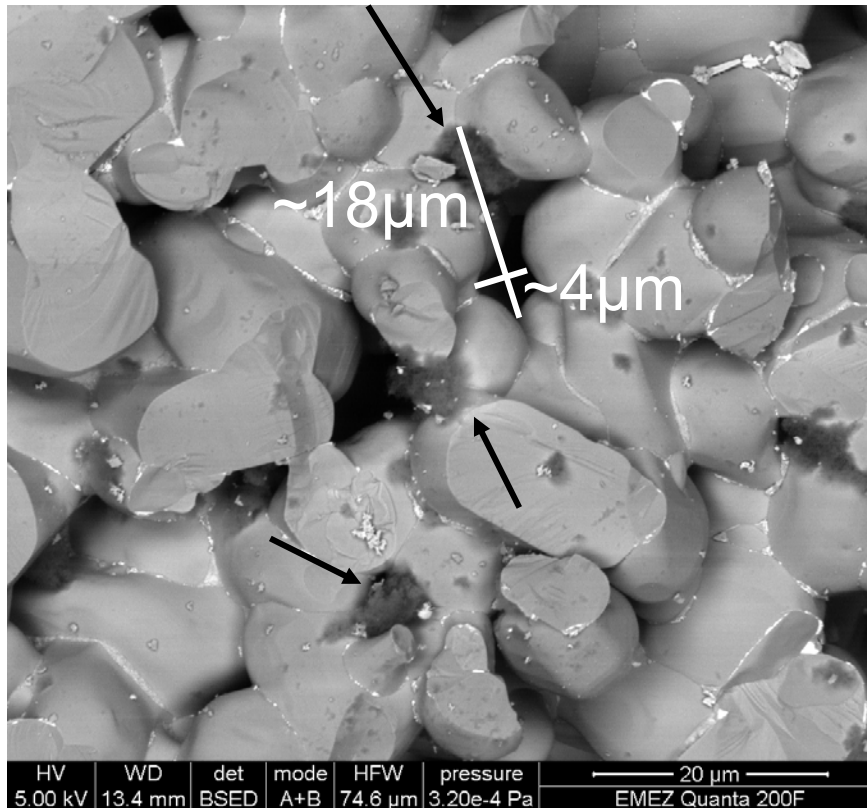


## Summary for ash collected directly from the exhaust stream

- Trace amounts of steel fragments can detach from the piston surface and/or fuel nozzle, melt and form new Fe-oxide nanoparticles.
- Environmental concern also for cars other than diesel

Thank you for listening!

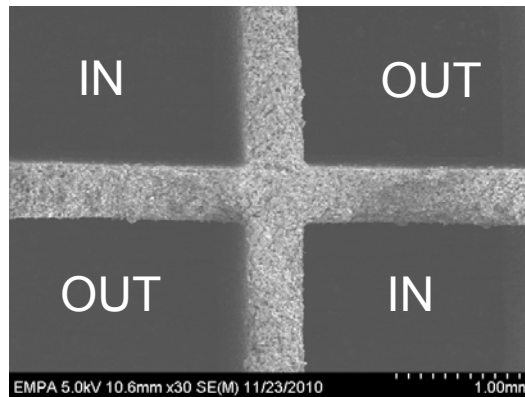
Soot agglomerates may block filter wall pores and increase the  $\Delta P$  between inlet and outlet channel



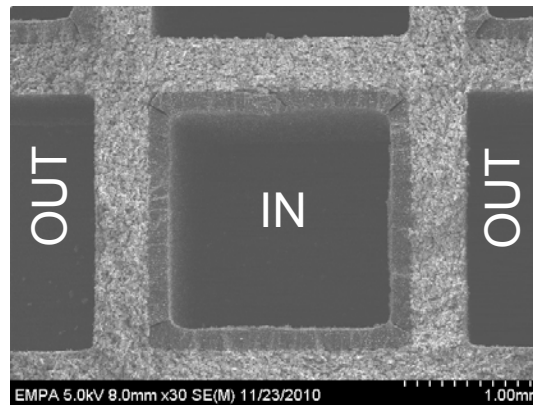
SEM – BSE images from the channel wall

# Biofuel (RME) produces very little soot

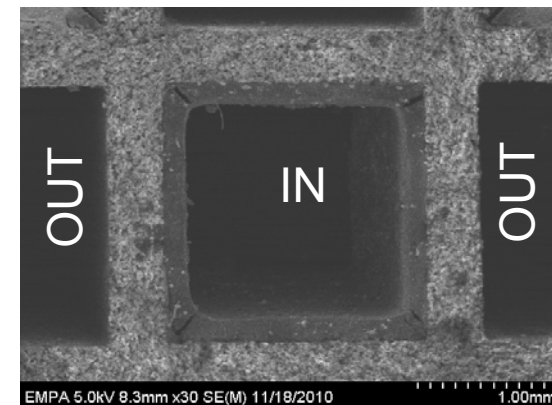
RME100



RME20

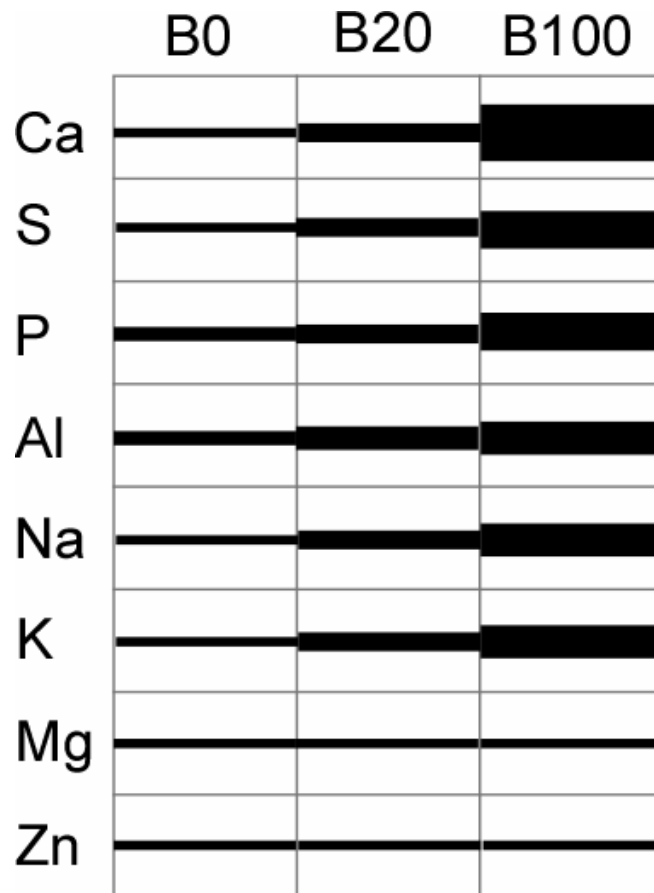


RME0





DPF operating with 100% biofuel (RME) shows most ash deposition ➡ besides lube oil also biofuel contributes to ash production



- Mainly Ca, S and part of P derive from biofuel;
- Part of Ca, S, P, as well as Mg, Zn from lube oil;
- Na, K, part of Al from transesterification

Liati et al. (2012) J Nanopart Res 14:1224

