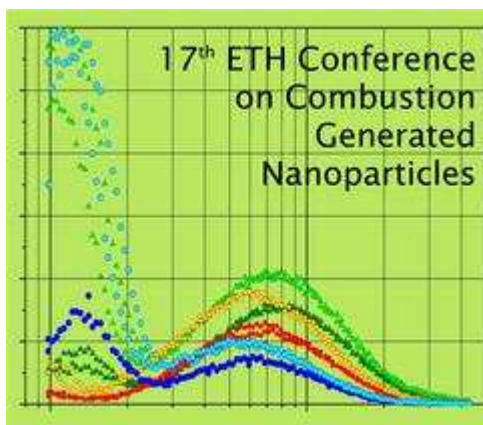
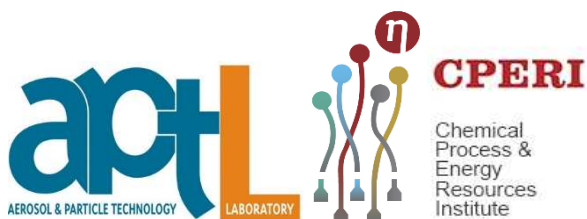




Asymmetric and Variable Cell Geometry Diesel Particulate Filters

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Outline



- **Motivation**

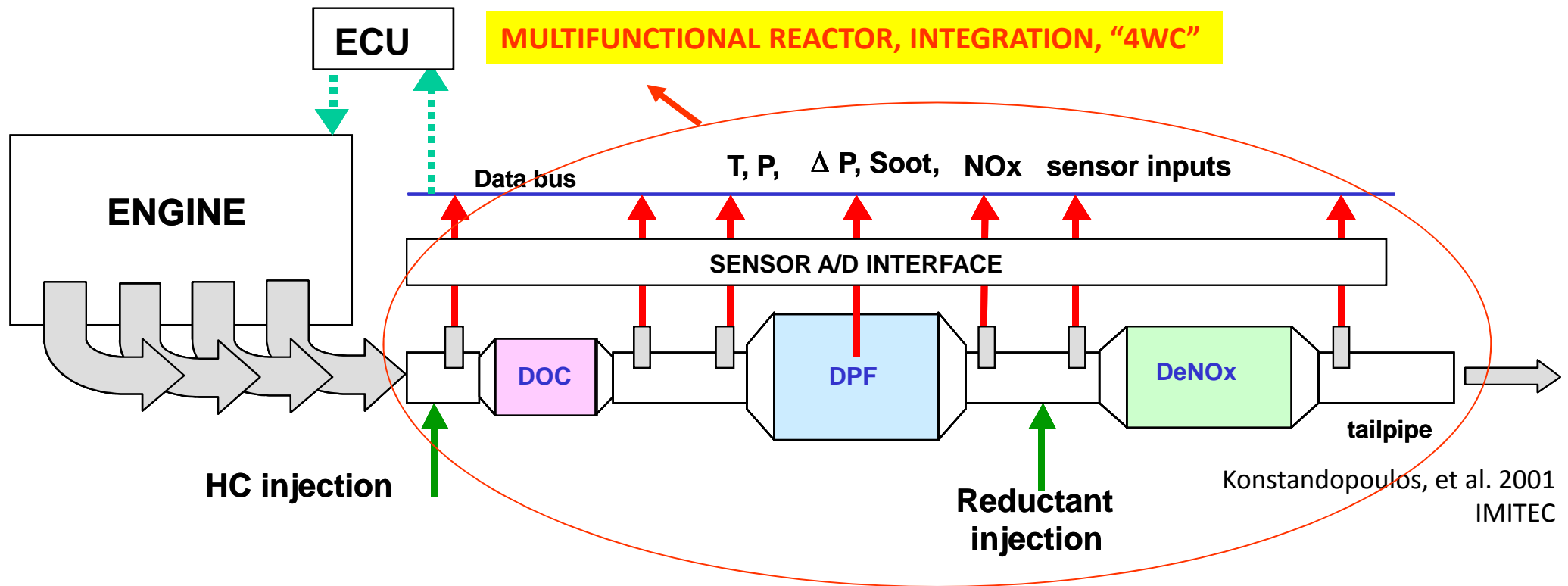
- **Theoretical Analysis**

 - Pressure drop and soot deposit growth

- **Validation with Experiments**

- **Conclusions**

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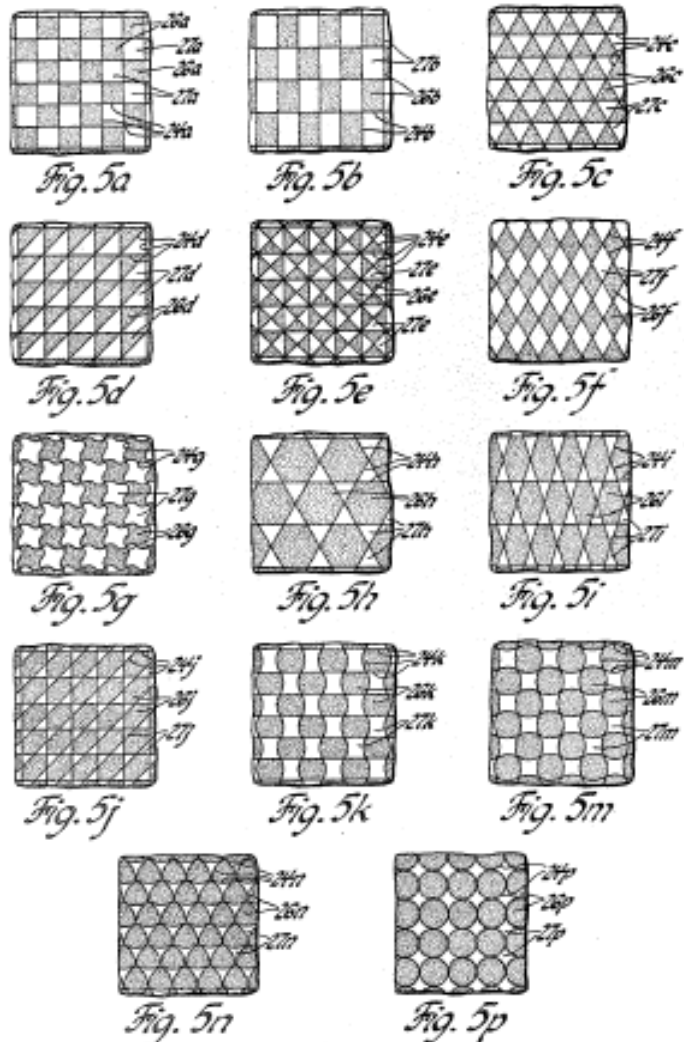


- **Adding devices** = more pressure drop, more space in system layout
- **Increasing catalyst loads** = more pressure drop, less space in device
 - ✓ Optimization requires overcoming these constraints
 - ✓ Focus on **cell geometry and layout**

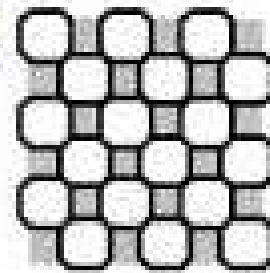
Evolution of DPF Cell Geometries

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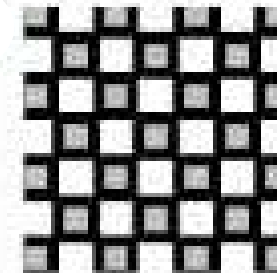
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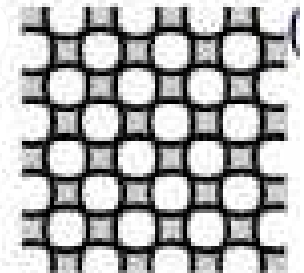
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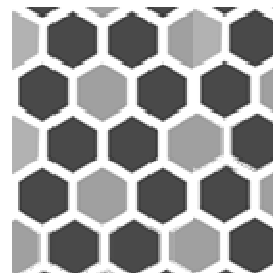
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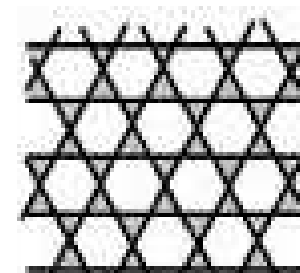
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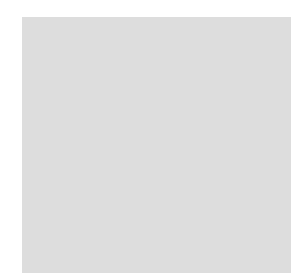
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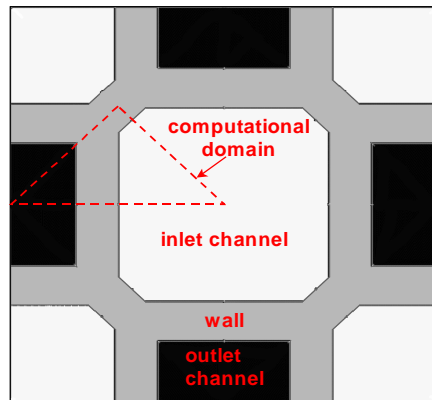


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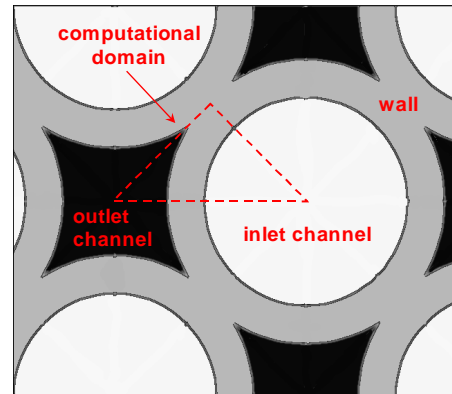


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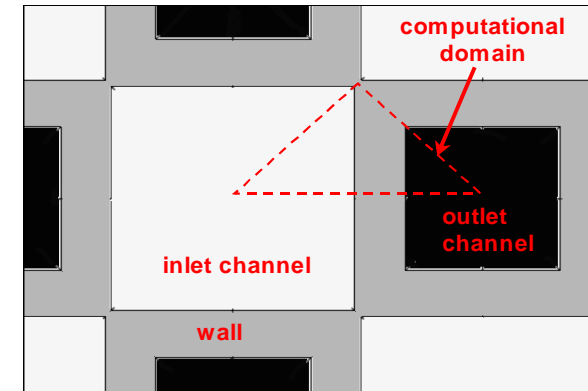
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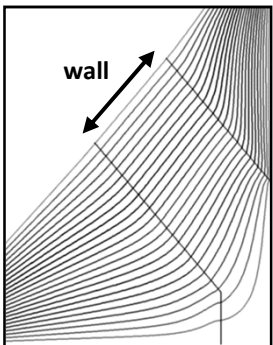
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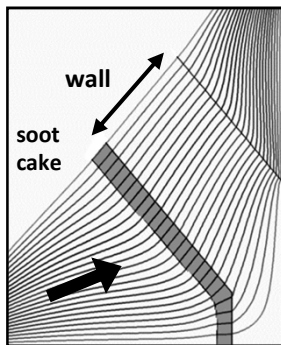
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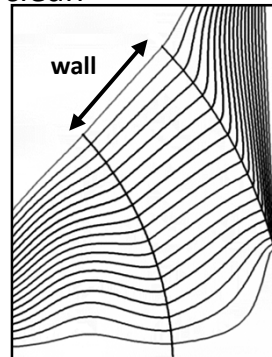
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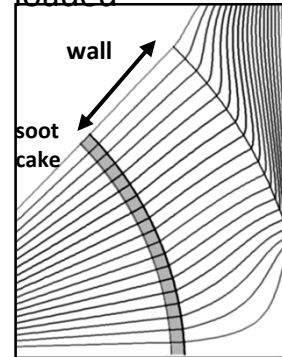
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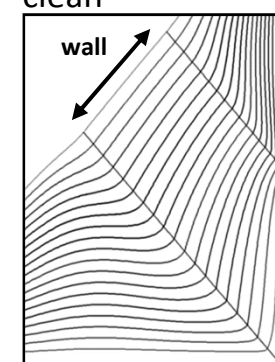
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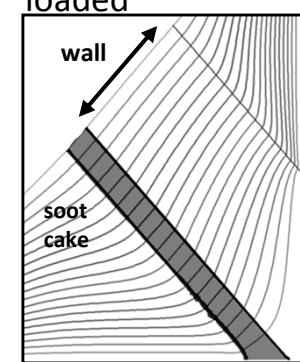
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- Flow continuously readjusts according to the wall resistances
- Soot deposits form on all walls

Flow Re-adjustment in Asymmetric Cells

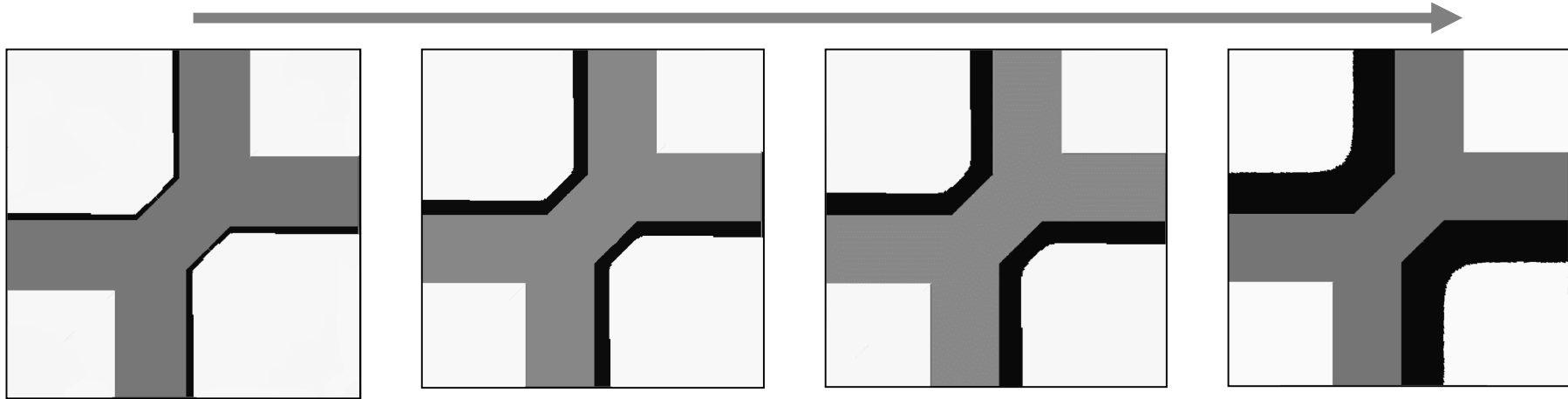


Clean filter

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Time



- Follow up studies (e.g. Wurzenberger et al SAE 2007-01-1137, Tang et al SAE 2009-01-127, Aravelli et al 2007-01-0920) have addressed modeling aspects of asymmetric cell DPFs, with varying degrees of simplification.
- In all cases a *single valued “wall/filtration velocity”* is adopted without explicit considerations of additional flow paths over the cell geometry.

Cell Geometries Studied

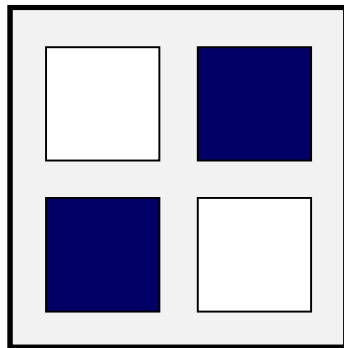


Same inlet and outlet cell

1 type of inlet
1 type of outlet cells

2 types of inlet
1 type of outlet cells

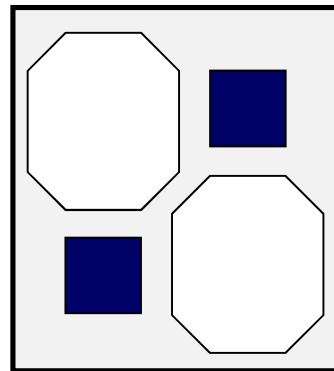
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Octo-Square

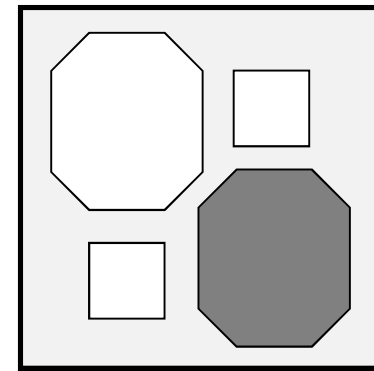


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“Valuable Plugging Layout”



VPL

Nakamura et al
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General model for VPL which can be reduced to one for OS

Model Formulation: Two Types of Inlet Channels-1



Exhaust gas mass balances for each channel (1, 2, 3)

$$A_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial z} = -\Pi_1 v_{w12} - \Pi_1 v_{w13} - \Pi_2 v_{w2}$$

$$A_2 \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial z} = \Pi_1 v_{w12} - \Pi_1 v_{w23} - \Pi_3 v_{w3}$$

$$A_3 \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial z} = \Pi_1 v_{w13} + \Pi_2 v_{w2} + \Pi_1 v_{w23} + \Pi_3 v_{w3}$$

where u_1, u_2, u_3 are the cross section averaged velocities

Axial Momentum Balances for each channel (1, 2, 3)

$$\frac{\partial P_1}{\partial z} = -\alpha_1(t) \mu u_1 \frac{A_1}{A_{1t}(t)}$$

$$\frac{\partial P_2}{\partial z} = -\alpha_2(t) \mu u_2 \frac{A_2}{A_{2t}(t)}$$

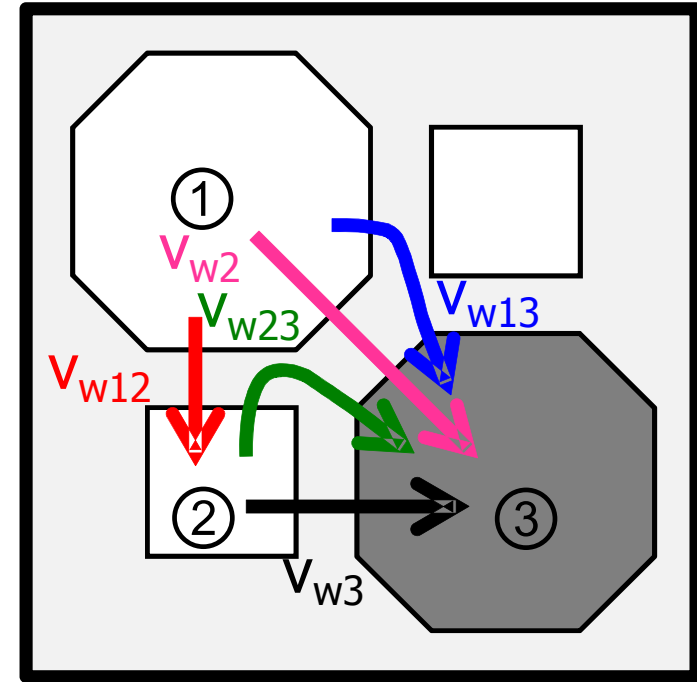
$$\frac{\partial P_3}{\partial z} = -\alpha_3 \mu u_3$$

Π_i : Perimeter of each channel, i

A_i : Cross section of each channel, $A_{it}(t)$: evolving area of cell

$\alpha_i(t)$: Evolving friction coefficient of each cell

5 flow paths/velocities



Model Formulation: Two Types of Inlet Channels-2

Wall Momentum Balances (Pressure Drop through each flow path)

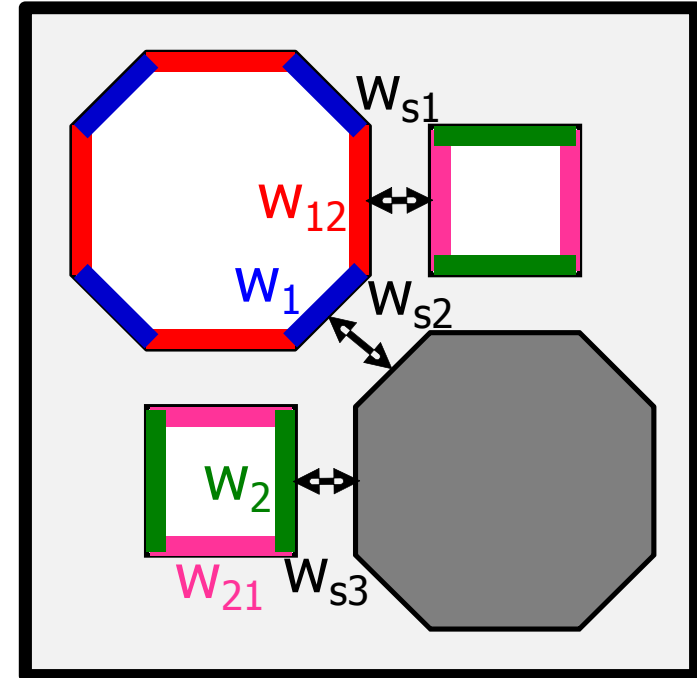
$$v_{w12} = \left(\frac{\mu w_{s1} k_w}{k_s} + \frac{\mu (w_{12} + w_{21})}{k_s} \right)^{-1} (P_1 - P_2)$$

$$v_{w13} = \left(\frac{\mu w_{\text{eff}}}{k_w} + \frac{\mu w_{12}}{k_s} \right)^{-1} (P_1 - P_3)$$

$$v_{w2} = \left(\frac{\mu w_{s2}}{k_w} + \frac{\mu w_1}{k_s} \right)^{-1} (P_1 - P_3)$$

$$v_{w3} = \left(\frac{\mu w_{s3}}{k_w} + \frac{\mu w_2}{k_s} \right)^{-1} (P_2 - P_3)$$

$$v_{w23} = \left(\frac{\mu w_{\text{eff}}}{k_w} + \frac{\mu w_{21}}{k_s} \right)^{-1} (P_2 - P_3)$$



w_{eff} : is determined by a separate flow problem over the wall cross-section

Model Formulation: Two Types of Inlet Channels-3

Soot Deposits Evolution

$$\frac{\partial w_{12}}{\partial t} = \frac{v_{w1} \rho_g \phi_1}{\rho_s}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_{21}}{\partial t} = \frac{\Omega(-v_{w12} + v_{w23}) \rho_g \phi_2}{\rho_s}$$

$\Omega(x)=x$ for $x>0$ and $\Omega(x)=0$ for $x \leq 0$.

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial t} = \frac{v_{w2} \rho_g \phi_1}{\rho_s}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial t} = \frac{v_{w3} \rho_g \phi_2}{\rho_s}$$

Soot Transport and Deposition

$$A_1 u_1 \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial z} = -\phi_1 \Pi_1 \Omega(-(v_{w12} + v_{w13}))$$

$$A_2 u_2 \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial z} = -\phi_2 \Pi_2 U(v_{w12} - v_{w23})$$

ϕ_1, ϕ_2 : the local soot mass fraction in gas phase

Cell cross-section evolution

$$A_{1t}(t) = A_1 - \Pi_1 w_1 - \Pi_2 w_2$$

$$A_{2t}(t) = A_2 - \Pi_1 w_{r1} - \Pi_3 w_3$$

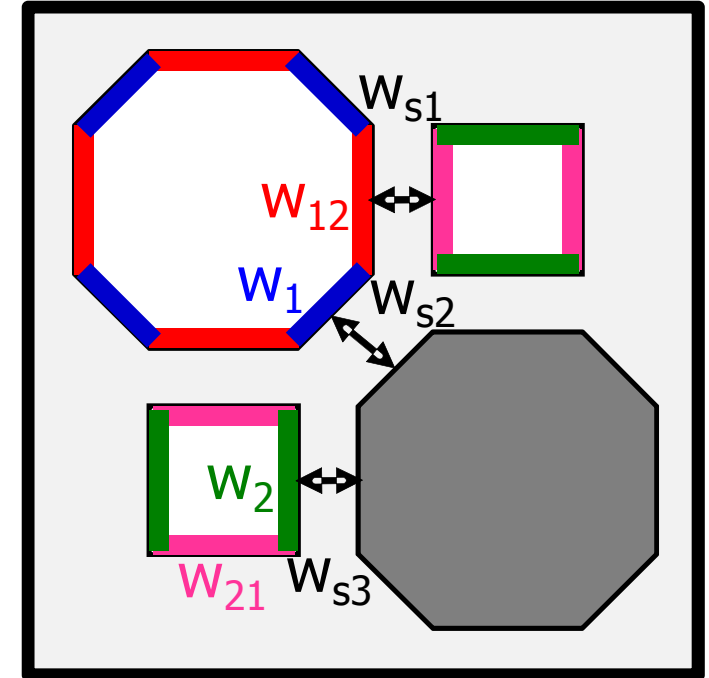
Boundary conditions

$P_3 = P_{\text{atm}}$ at $z=L$,
 $A_1 u_1 + A_2 u_2 = (A_1 + A_2) u_o$,
 $\phi_1 = \phi_2 = \phi_{\text{in}}$ at $z=0$

where

u_o is the average inlet velocity

ϕ_{in} is the inlet soot mass fraction.



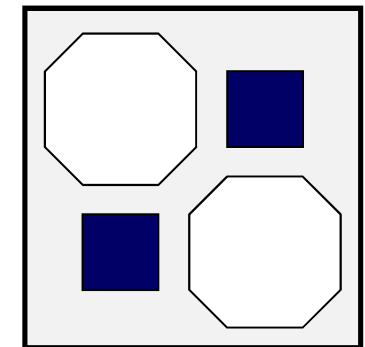
Solution procedure

- Outer initial value problem (evolution equations of the deposits) explicit integration
- Inner boundary value problem (flow and soot transport) solved at each step of outer problem, fulfilling BC with Newton-Raphson
- Advance soot deposit thickness and evolve cross section

Samples Used for Validation – 4 OS DPFs



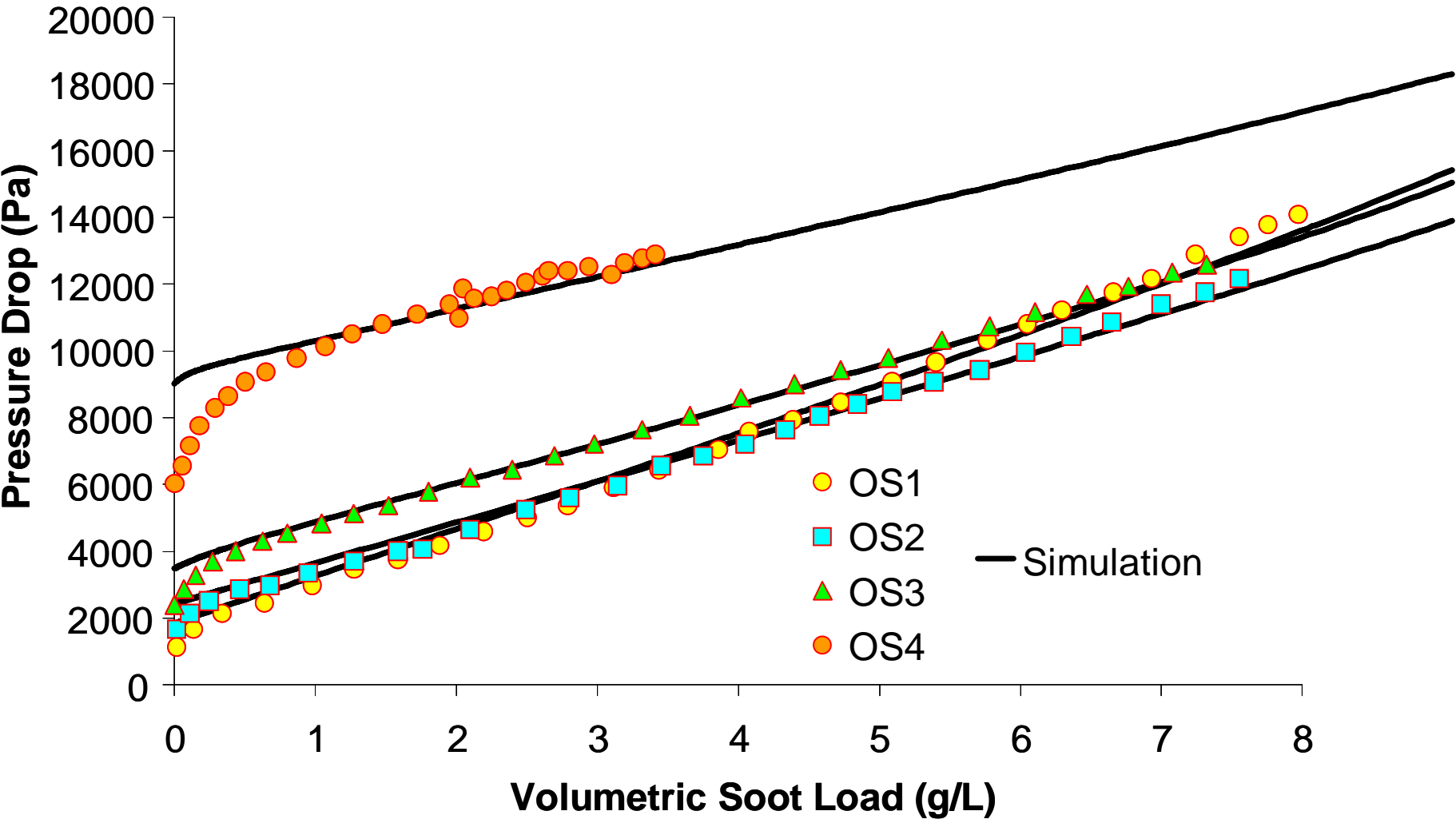
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Length	mm	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Wall permeability (x1E12)	m ²	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00
Oct-Sq wall thickness, w1	mm	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Oct-Oct wall thickness, w2	mm	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Oct side, C _{w1}	mm	1.77	1.96	2.17	2.44
Sq side, C _{w2}	mm	1.42	1.23	1.02	0.75



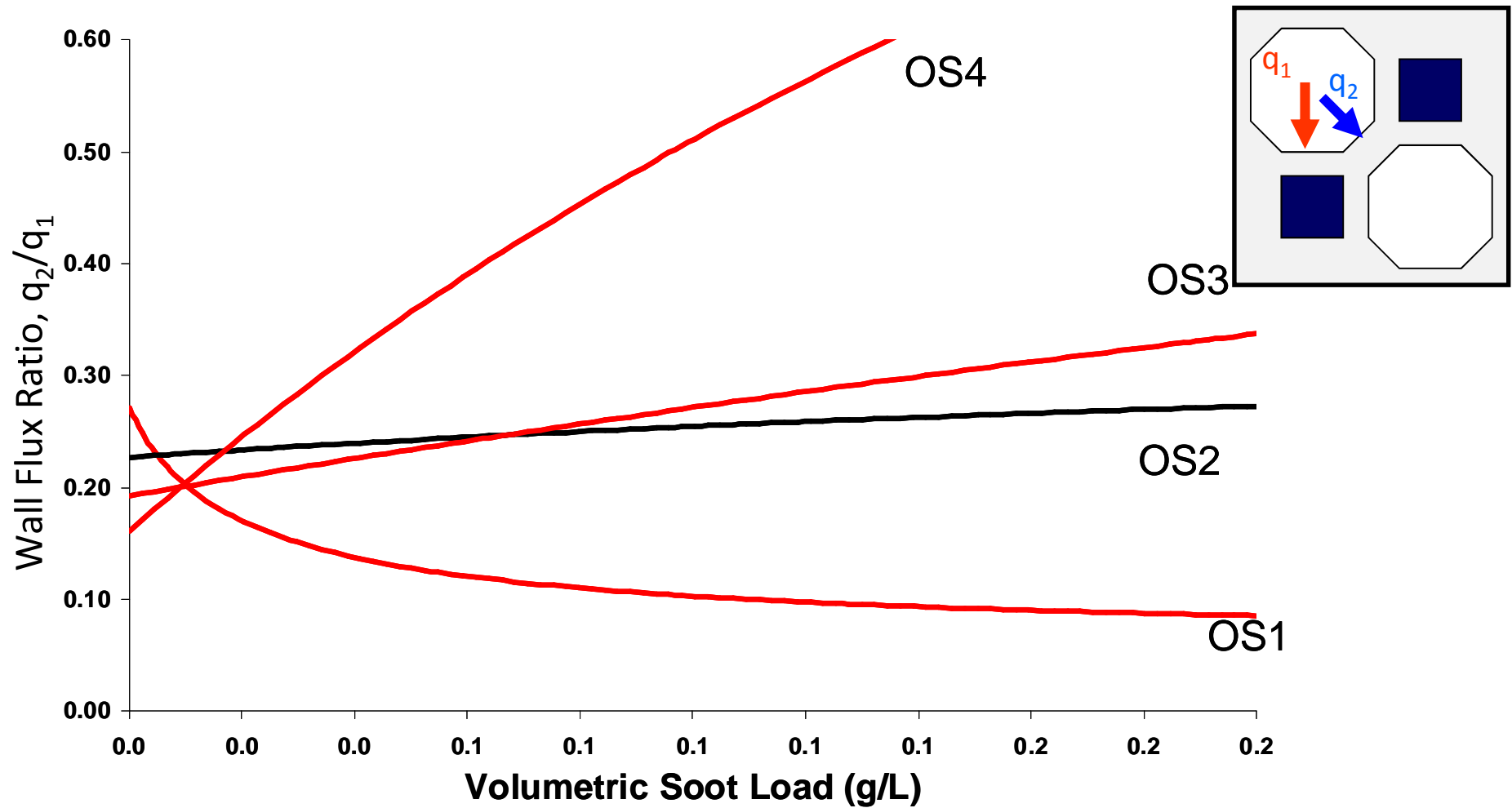


Soot loading of OS samples: Experiment and Model

Deep bed calculation not-included to see intrinsic curvature effects of Pressure Drop curve



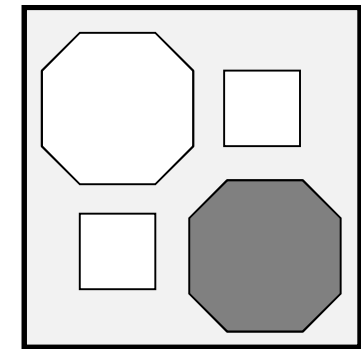
Evolution of Wall Mass-Flux Ratio: (O to O / O to S)



Samples Used for Validation – 4 VPL DPFs

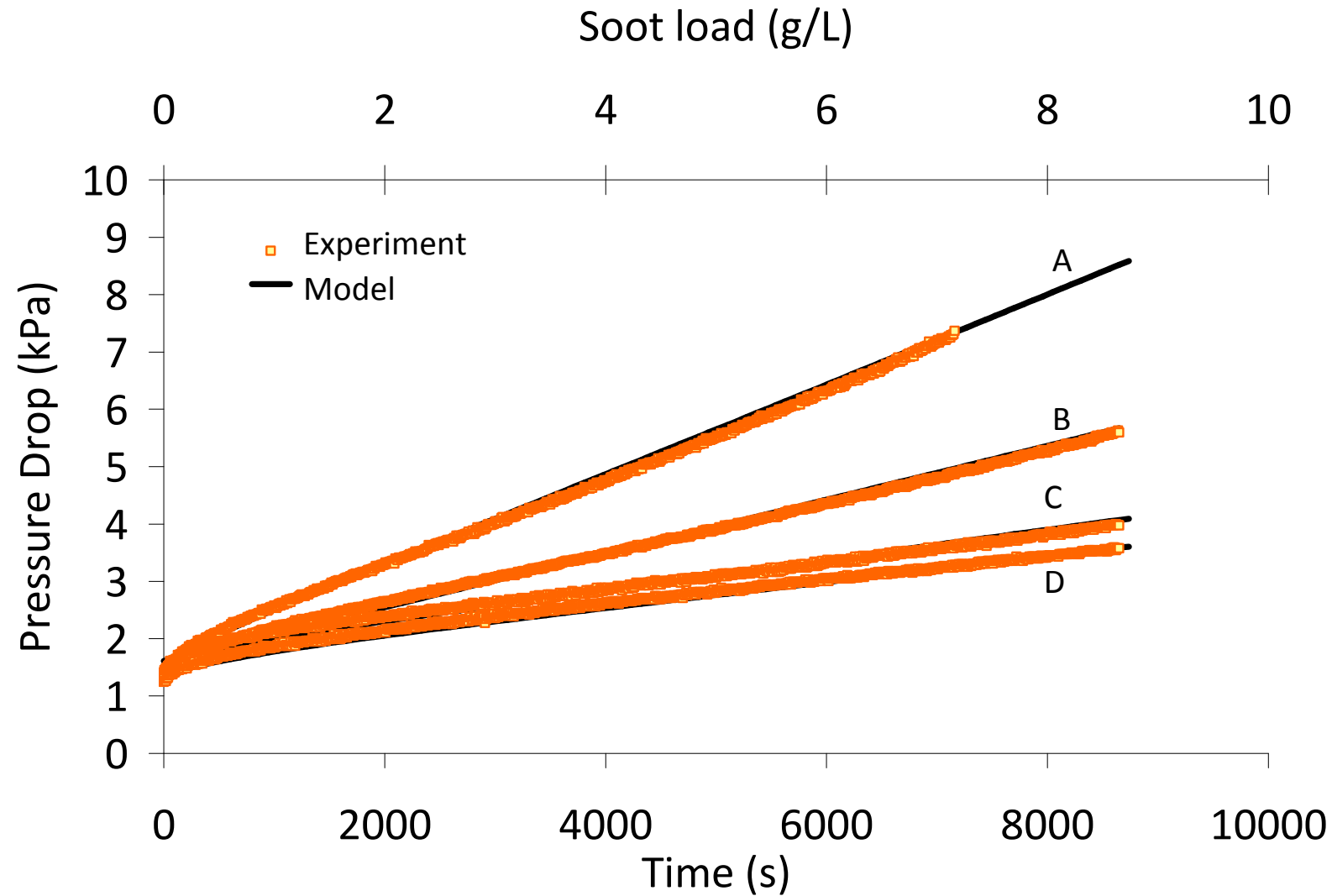


FILTER TYPE	VPL	A	B	C	D
Diameter	mm	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8
Length	mm	108.0	140.5	193.2	193.2
Wall permeability (x1E13)	m ²	4.00	4.00	3.203	3.203
Oct-Sq wall thickness, w_1	mm	0.254	0.254	0.254	0.176
Oct-Oct wall thickness, w_2	mm	0.359	0.359	0.359	0.251
Oct side, C_{w1}	mm	1.497	1.497	1.497	1.575
Sq side, C_{w2}	mm	0.962	0.962	0.962	1.039

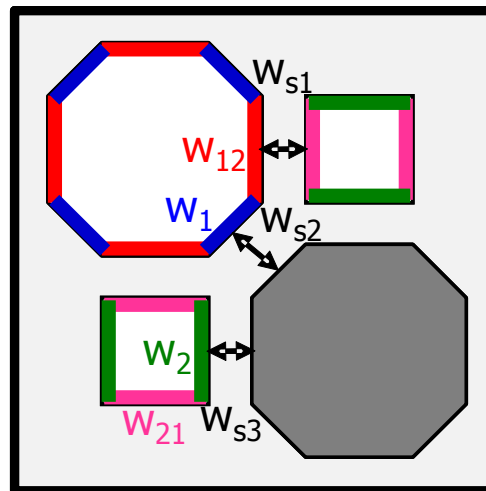
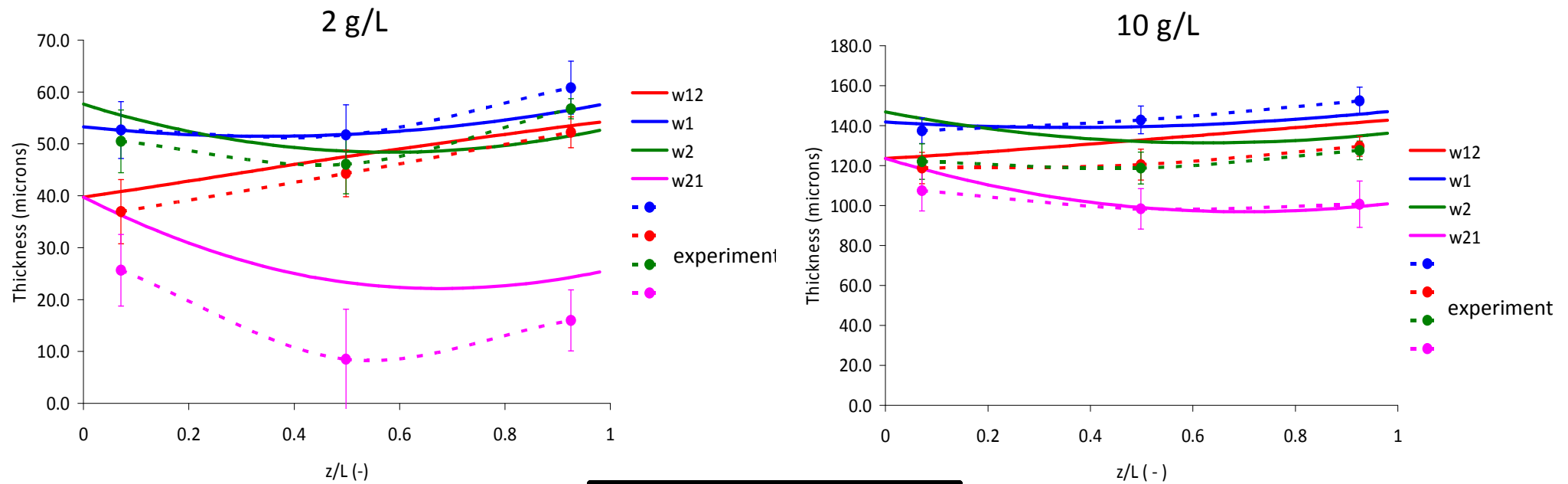




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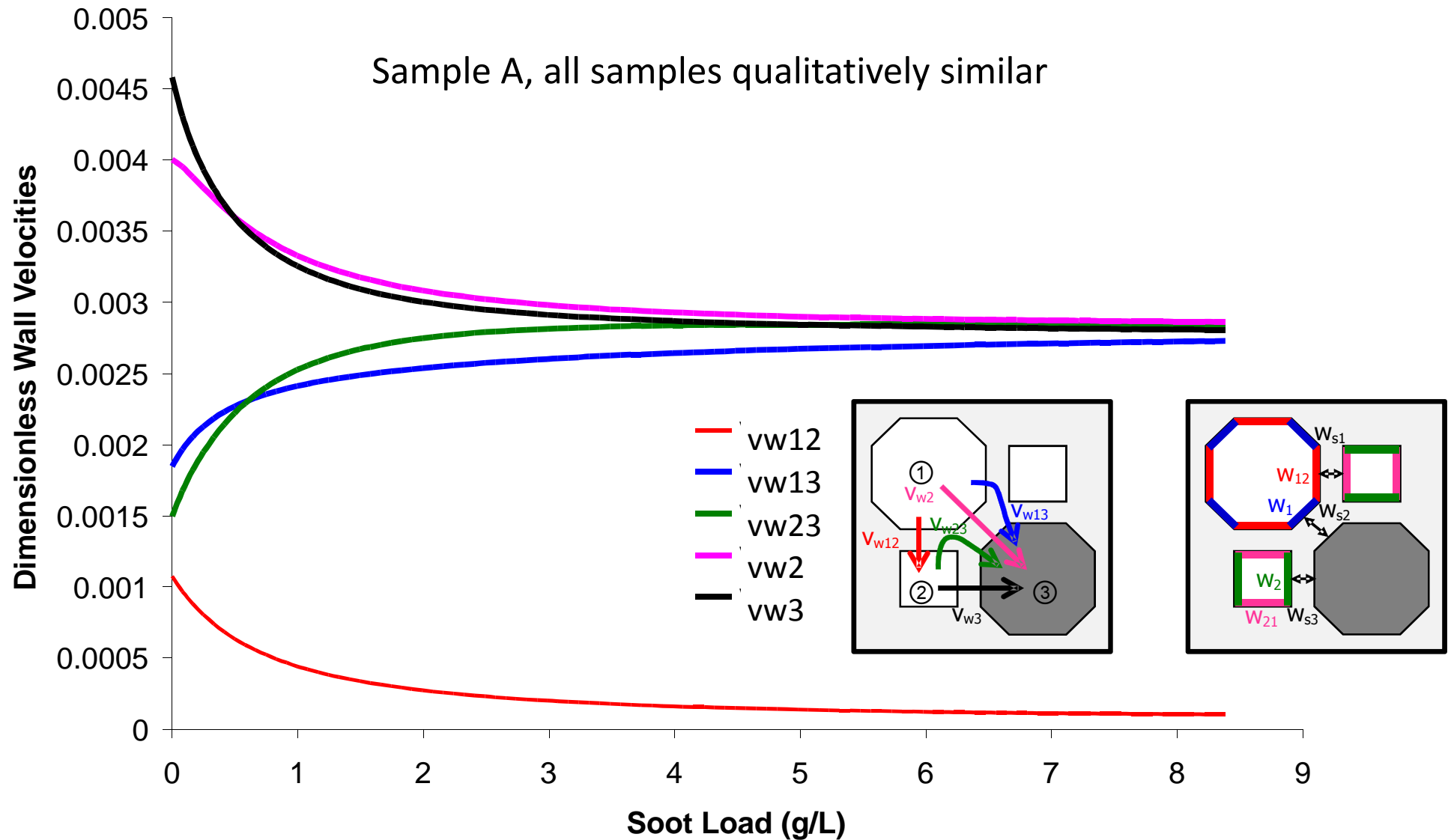


Soot deposits of VPL samples: Experiment and Model





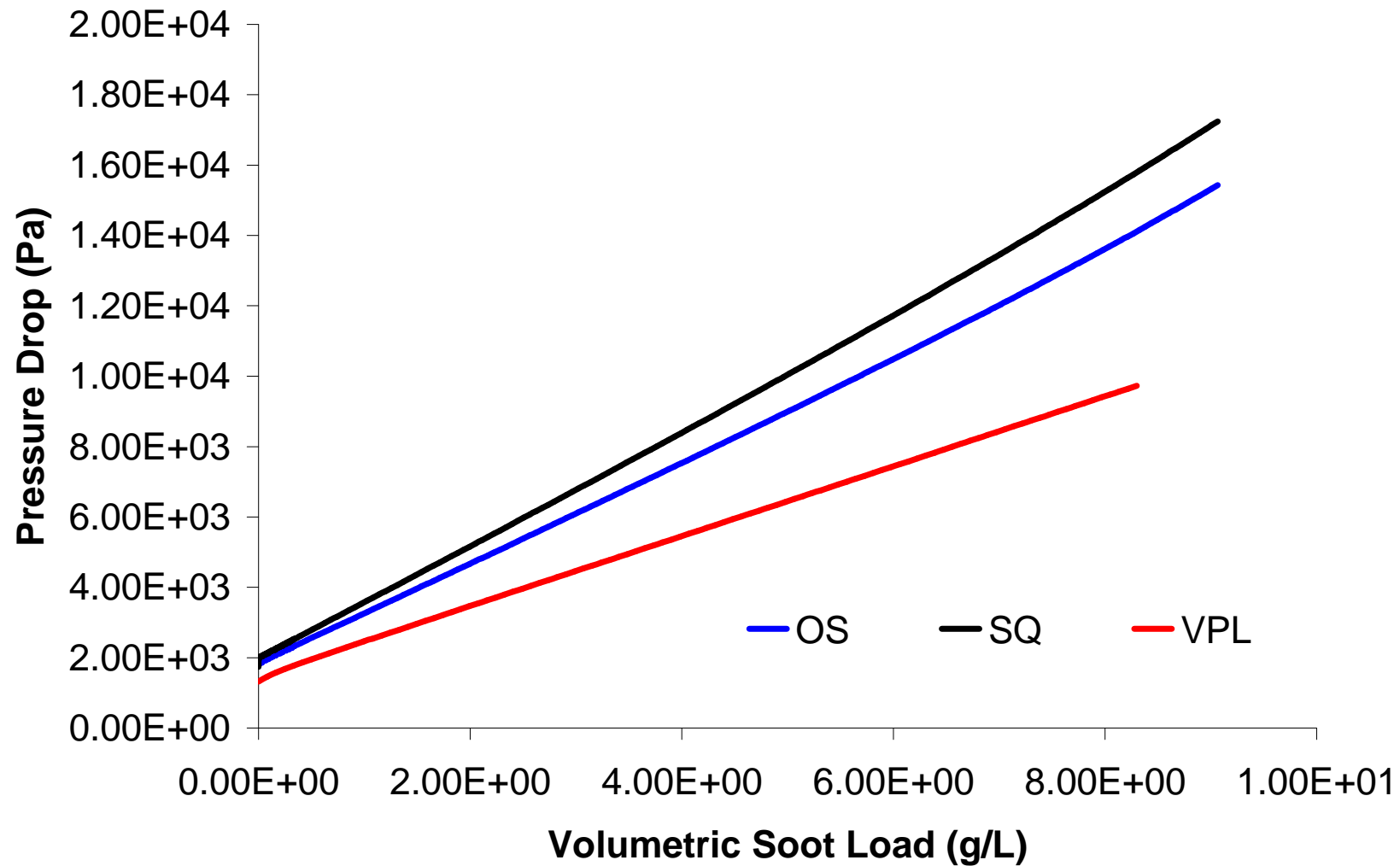
Evolution of filtration velocities in VPL DPF



Optimization of DPF designs for constant volume



All samples 2.5 L simulated at identical flow, temperature and soot concentration conditions



Conclusions



- Asymmetric and Variable Cell geometry DPFs introduce **many complexities** into the standard simulation framework of DPFs by requiring the explicit treatment of **additional flow paths** in order to properly capture the flow dynamics through the structure.
- Relevant wall fluxes and velocities have been identified and simulated. Their evolution at long times (high values of soot loading) indicates that **in the case of OS design a constant wall flux ratio is established and can be used as a metric to select DPFs with lower pressure drops**. In the more complex case of the **VPL design a clustering of all but one filtration velocity towards a common value** is observed as a result of the complex interactions among the different flow paths.
- Pressure drop in the OS and VPL DPFs still follows **a linear evolution with respect to soot load** as the different flows through the common (inlet-inlet) and conventional (inlet-outlet) flow paths **readjust to transport and deposit the soot particles through the path of least resistance**.
- The advent of AVC DPF designs with many degrees of freedom with respect to filtration/wall velocities, **leads to DPF systems with substantially reduced pressure drop compared to the state-of-the-art**.

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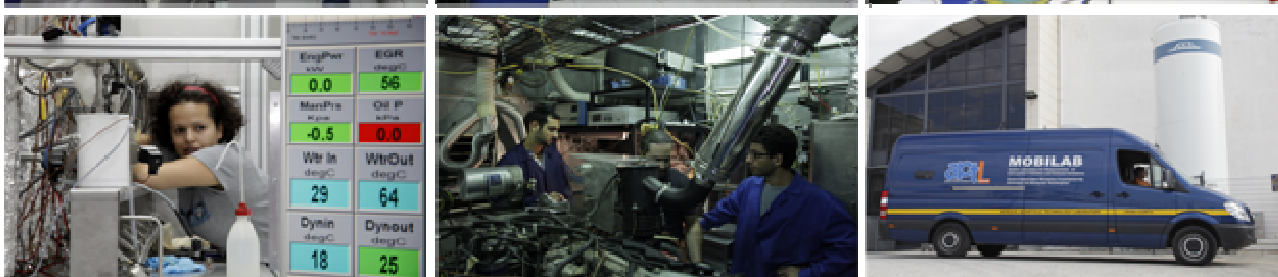
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