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**Mutagenic Potential of Particulate Matter
Emissions from a Diesel Engine Operating on
Diesel No. 2 and Fischer-Tropsch Fuel: Effect
of PM Size and Engine Operating Conditions**

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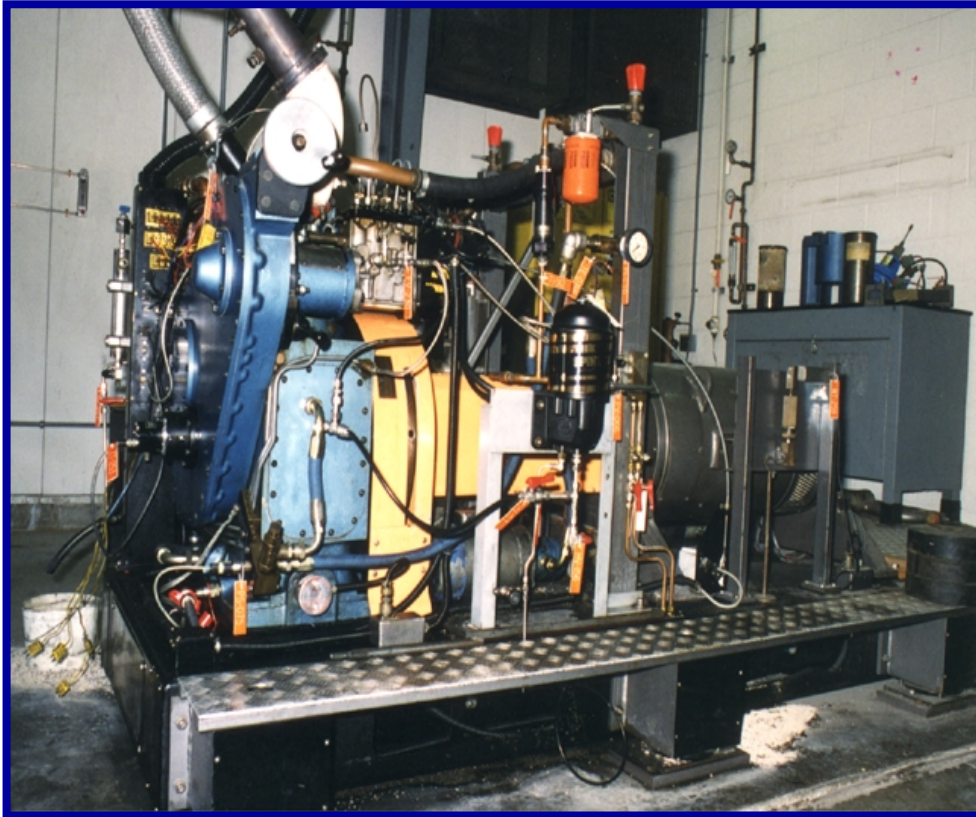
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Objectives

- Determine mutagenicity of natural gas derived Fischer-Tropsch (FT) fuel at seven steady-state engine operating conditions and compare to low sulfur Federal Diesel No. 2.
- Determine mutagenicity as a function of particle size.
- Compare particulate matter concentration and size distributions and determine the origin of PM emissions.

NETL Engine Test Bed



Bore: 130 mm (5.1 in.)

Stroke: 150 mm (6.0 in.)

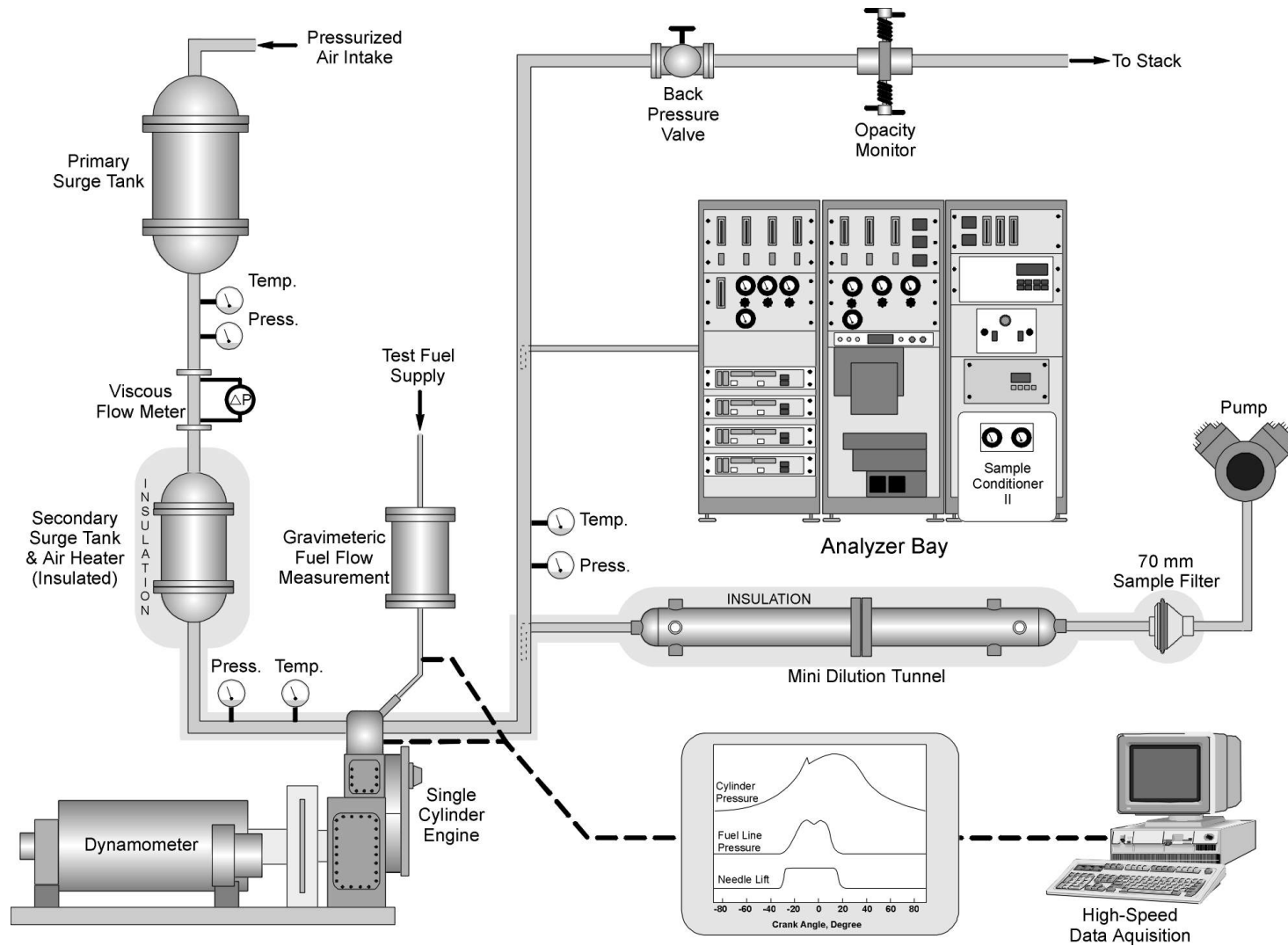
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Output: 55KW (74 hp) @ 2200 rpm

FIE: Bosch A700 PLN, 3850 psi NOP

Ricardo Proteous Single-
Cylinder 2-liter, direct-injected
Diesel Engine

NETL Engine Test-bed Schematic



How do we determine *Mutagenicity*?

- Soluble organic fraction of the diesel particulate matter (DPM) is analyzed using the Ames method (Maron and Ames, 1983; and Wantanabe, 1990)
 - ≡ TPM filters
 - ≡ Micro-orifice Uniform Deposition Impactor (MOUDI)
 - Size dependent Ames bioassay analysis at two key operating states
 - Key State 2 and 4 (representing low speed-low load and intermediate speed-high load conditions respectively) for each fuel are collected

- Concentration (dosage) ranges are from very low dosages to, in some cases, levels at which toxicity effects are apparent.

- Experiments use four replicates, and dose-adjustment confirmation tests.

- Known mutagens and the solvent dichloromethane (DCM) are used as positive controls and the dispersants, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and Tween 80, are used as a negative controls.

Ames Method

- **YG1024 and YG1029 bacterial tester strains in the presence and absence of 10% concentration of S9, a preparation made from the livers of laboratory rats**
 - ⌘ **Strains accounts for both frameshift and basepair substitution types of mutation.**
 - ⌘ **S9 demonstrates whether the mutagens cause genetic damage directly or whether they require activation by metabolic enzymes produced in mammalian livers.**

- **In the Ames test, the relationship between revertant count (bacteria lack ability to metabolize histidine) and dosage is used to develop a measure of mutagenicity.**
 - ⌘ **For small dosages, the mean revertant count is typically assumed to be a linear function of the dose of a mutagenic substance and the slope of the line relating revertant count to dose is a measure of the mutagenicity of the substance.**
 - ⌘ **At large doses, Salmonella death begins to dominate due to PM sample extract toxicity. This effectively reduces the revertant count and reduces the slope of the revertant-vs-dose curve and the data will be biased downward.**

- **Toxicity effects are removed using the statistical method of Bernstein et al; 1982 in which a full data set of dose response slopes are compared with successively reduced data sets with the largest remaining dose removed. This process is repeated until no toxicity effects are indicated or until there are only three remaining doses. Then:**
 - ⌘ **Test for mutagenic effect**
 - ⌘ **Test for remaining toxicity effects**

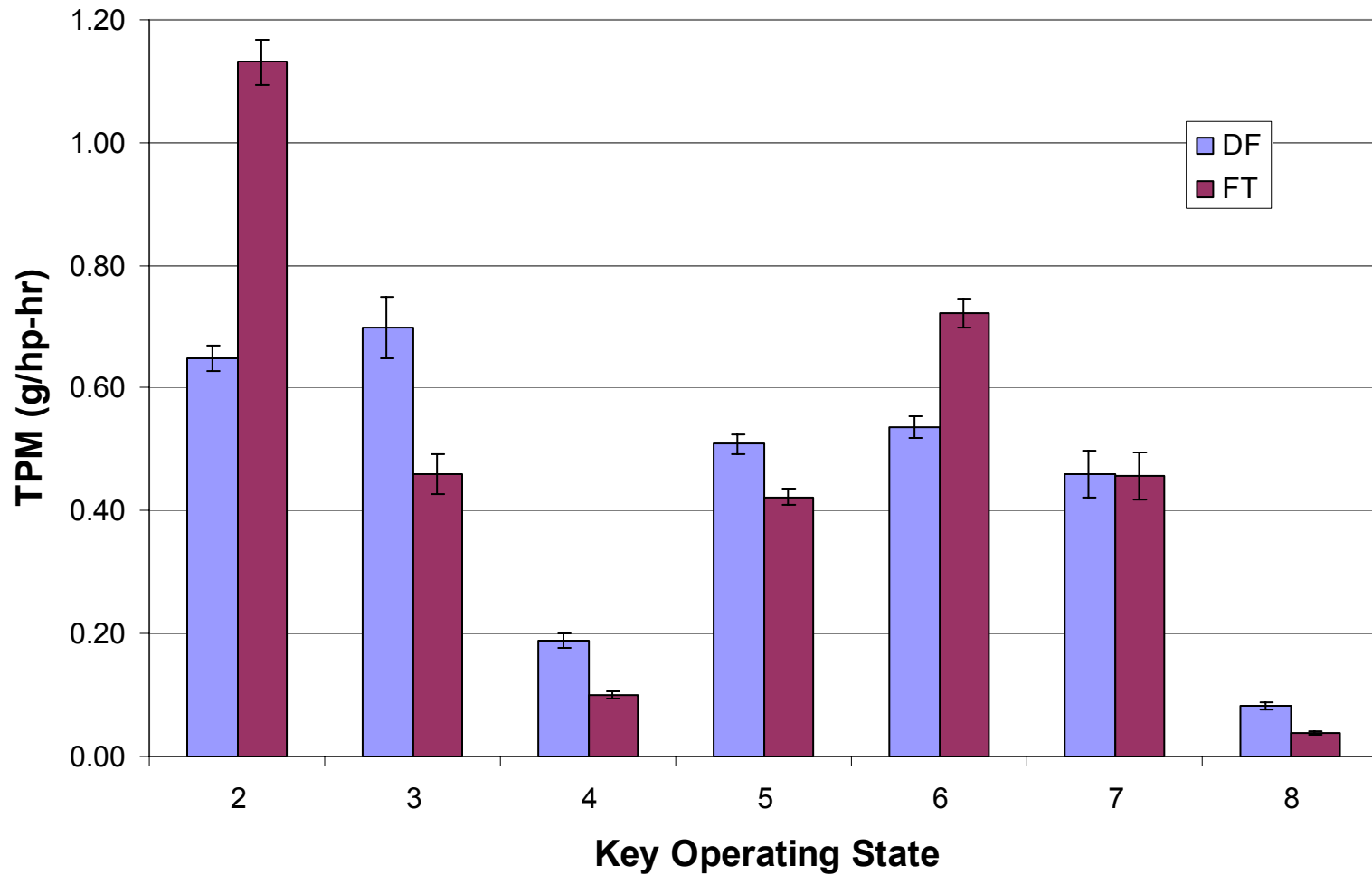
Steady State Operating Conditions (Key States)

Table 2. Steady-State Engine Operating Conditions

Key State	Engine Speed (Hz)	Engine BMEP (bar)	Torque (Nm)	Boost (Kpa G)	Inlet Air (C)	Static Timing @	Exhaust (Kpa G)
2	16	2	31.8	0	40	11	0
3	16	10	158.9	30	40	13	10
4	24	16	254.3	125	40	17	42
5	24	2	31.8	0	40	10	0
6	32	2	31.8	15	40	16	5
7	32	12	190	160	40	22	53.5
8	24	10	158.9	70	40	15	23.5

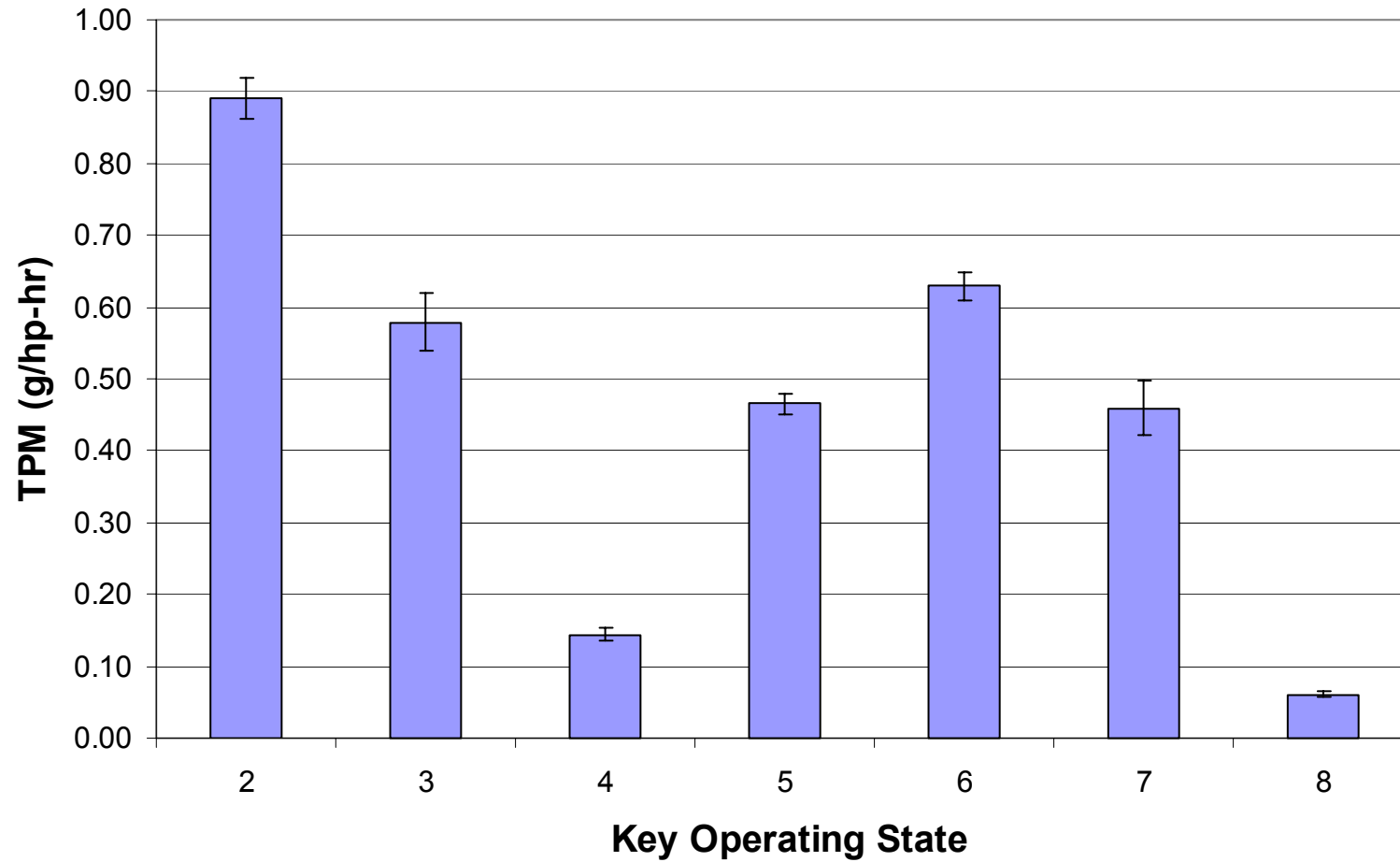
@ The same static timing was used for each fuel.

TPM by Fuel Type and Key State

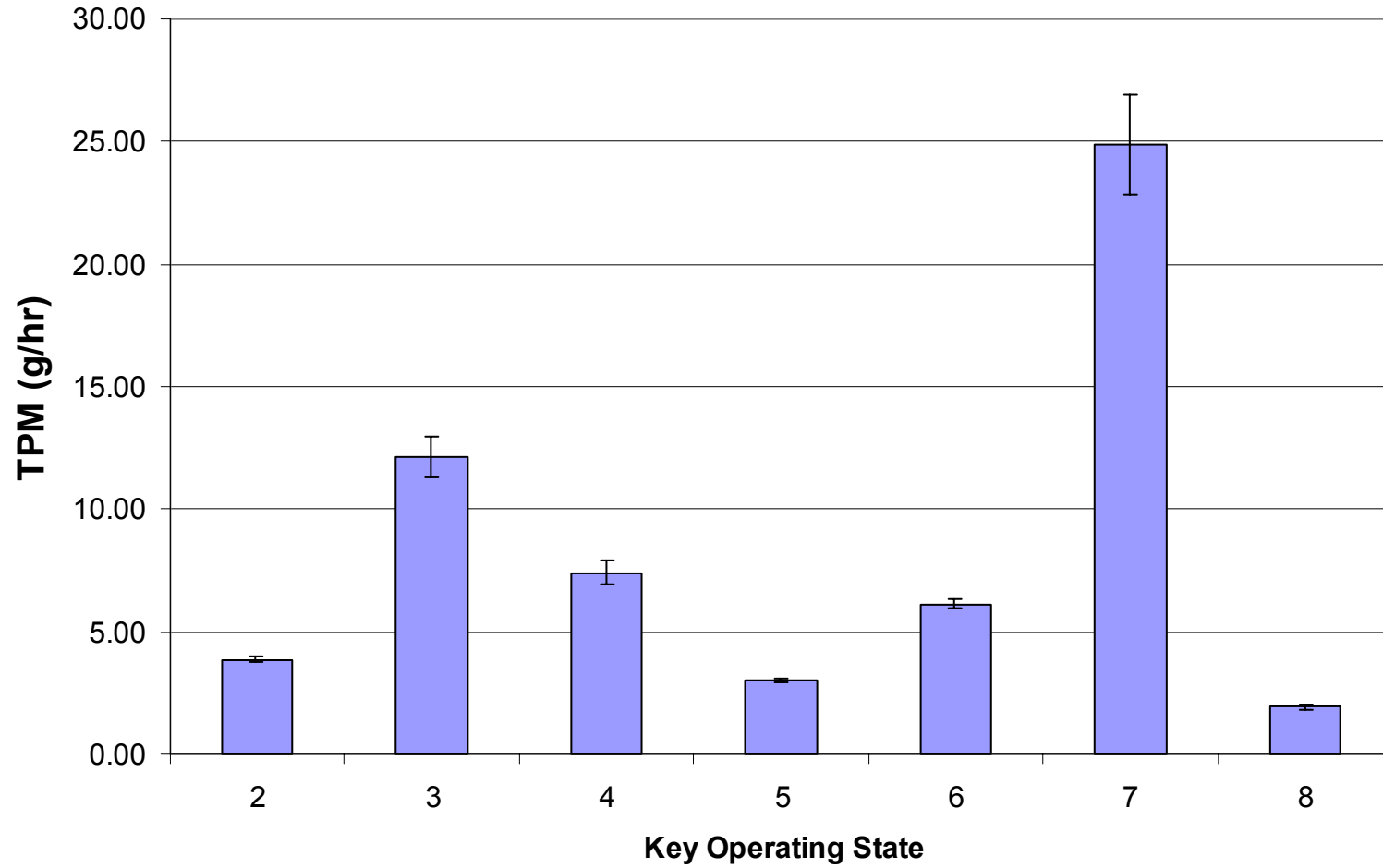


TPM

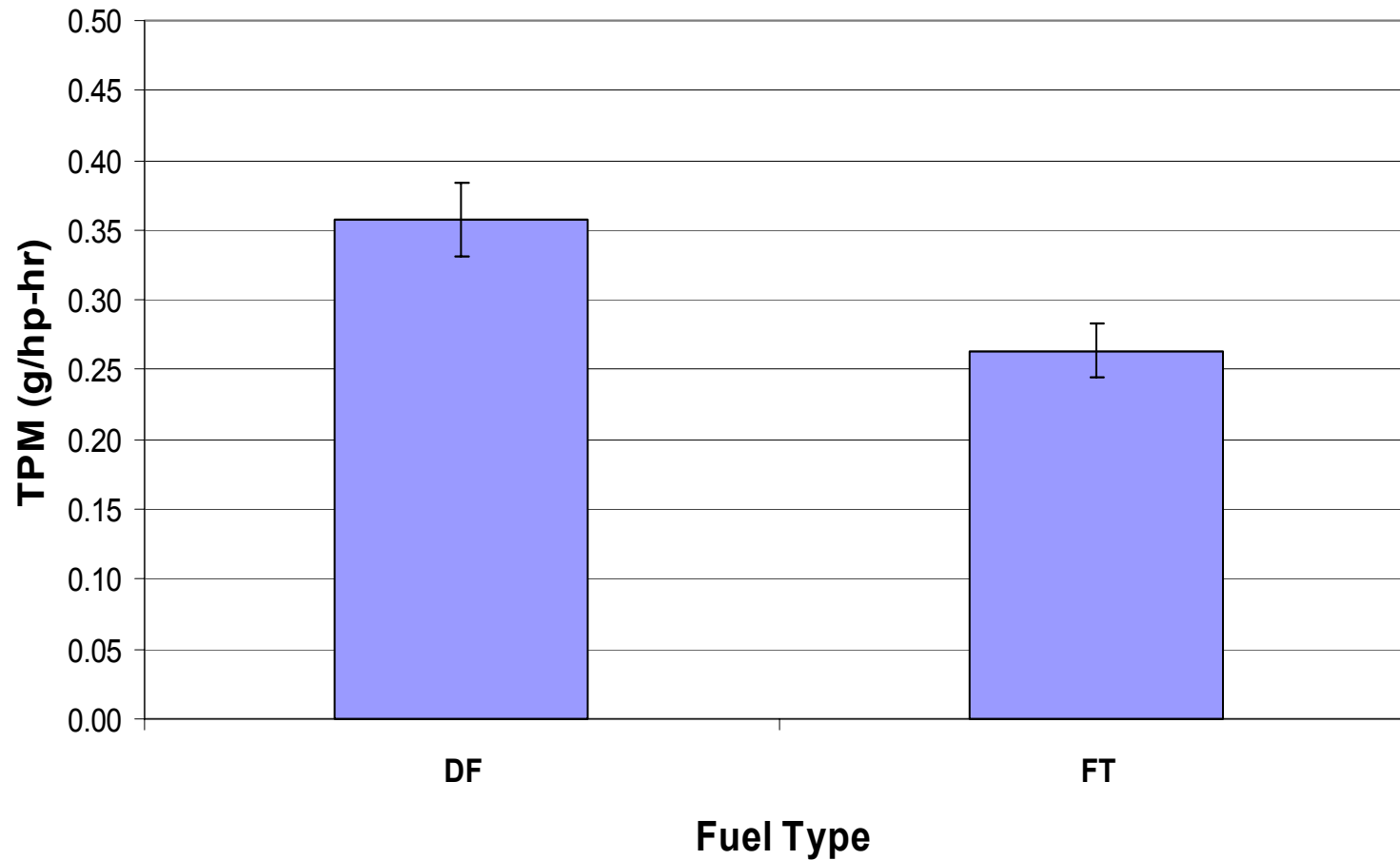
(Average by Key-state)



TPM (g/hr)

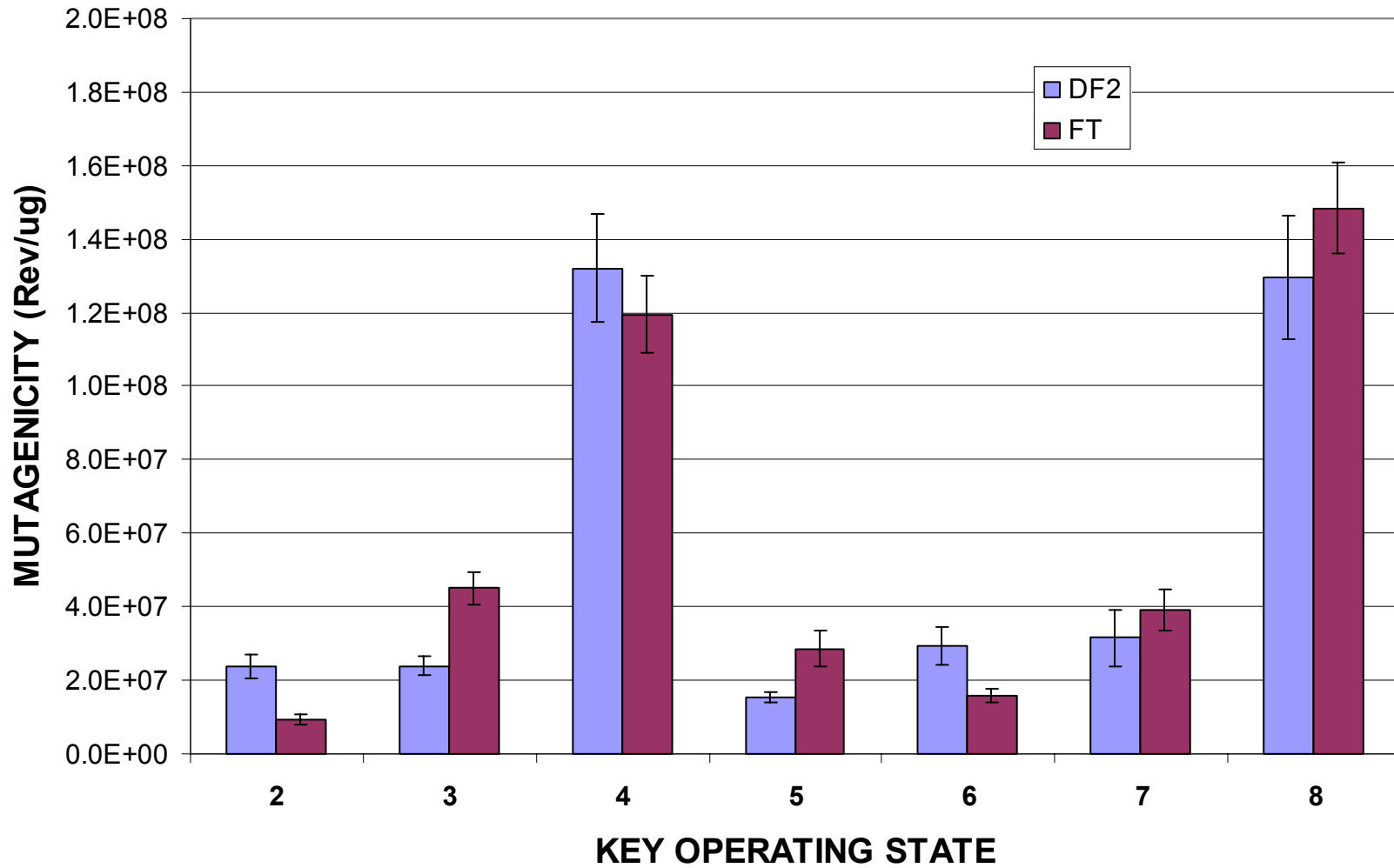


Average (Med & High Load) TPM (g/hp-hr)

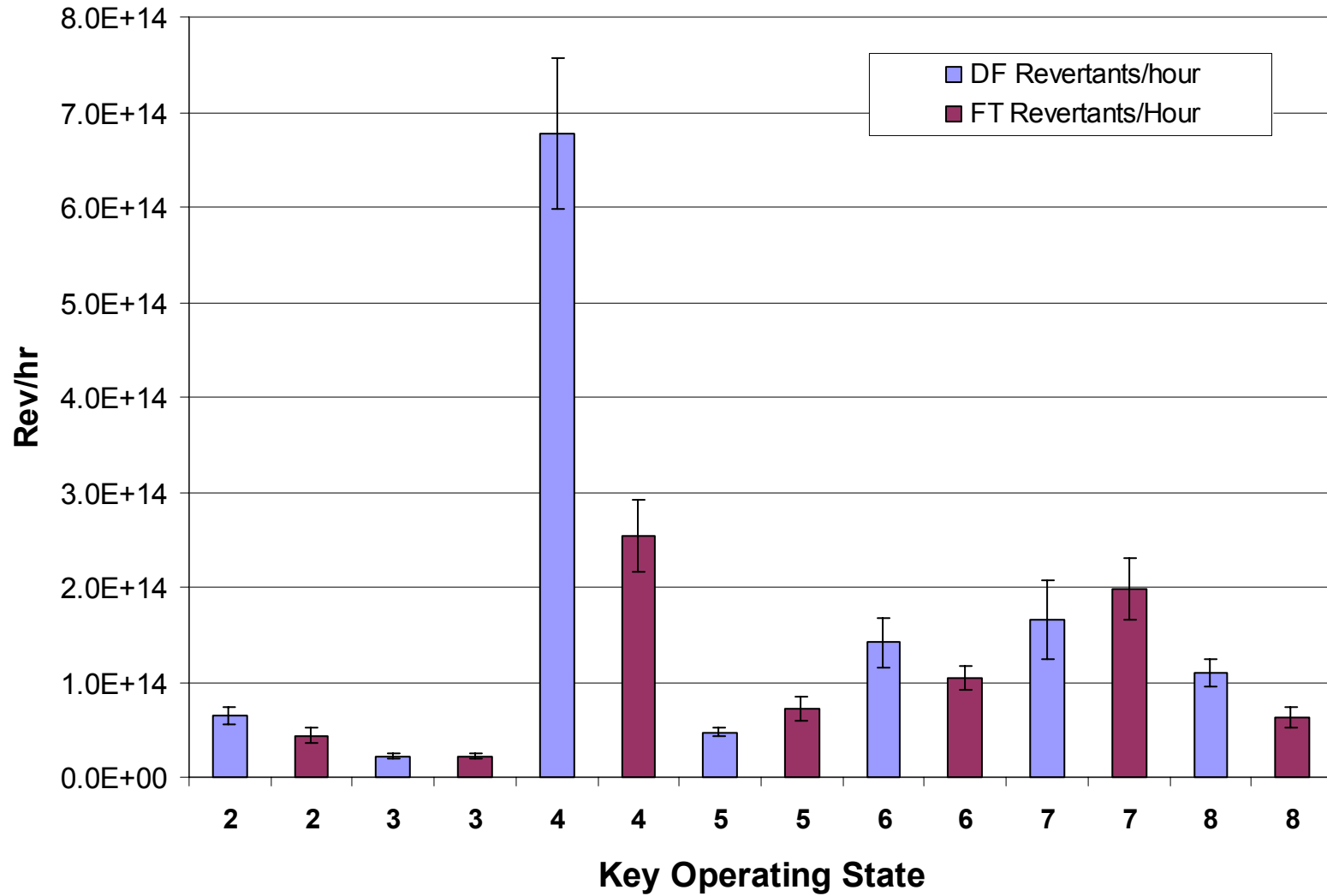


Medkum: Modes 3 & 4
High: Modes 7 & 8

Average Mutagenicity (Rev/ μg) (Key-state and Fuel Type)



Mutagenicity (Rev/hr)



Quadratic Response Surface of Mutagenicity as Function of Engine Speed and Load

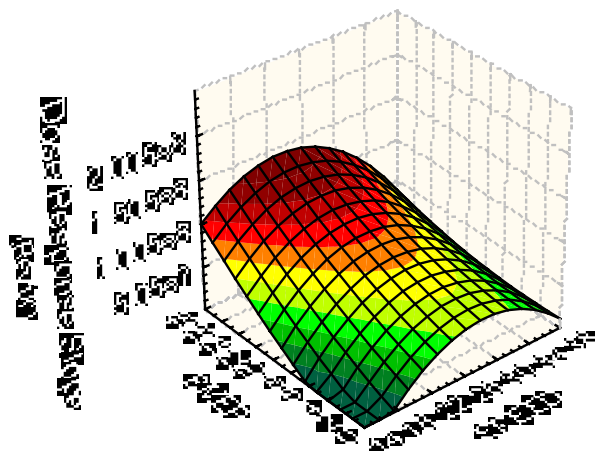
Dose Response vs Engine Speed and Load

FUEL: DF2: $Z = -3.212e8 + 2.692e7 \cdot x + 9.162e6 \cdot y - 4.783e5 \cdot x^2 - 2.544e5 \cdot x \cdot y + 1.186e5 \cdot y^2$

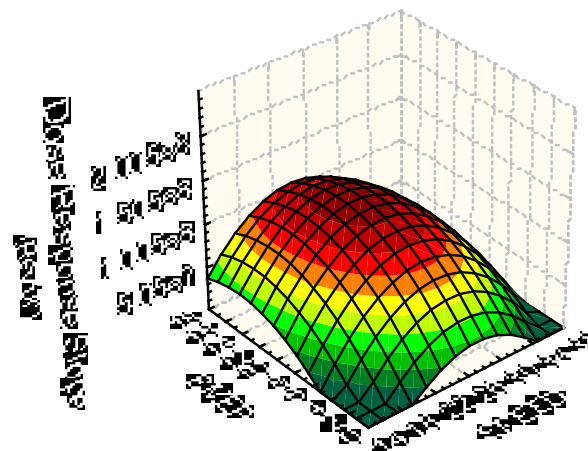
FUEL: FT: $Z = -4.321e8 + 3.487e7 \cdot x + 1.937e7 \cdot y - 6.486e5 \cdot x^2 - 1.844e5 \cdot x \cdot y - 5.983e5 \cdot y^2$

X-axis: Speed

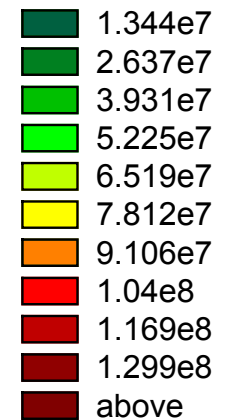
Y-axis: BMEP



FUEL: DF2



FUEL: FT

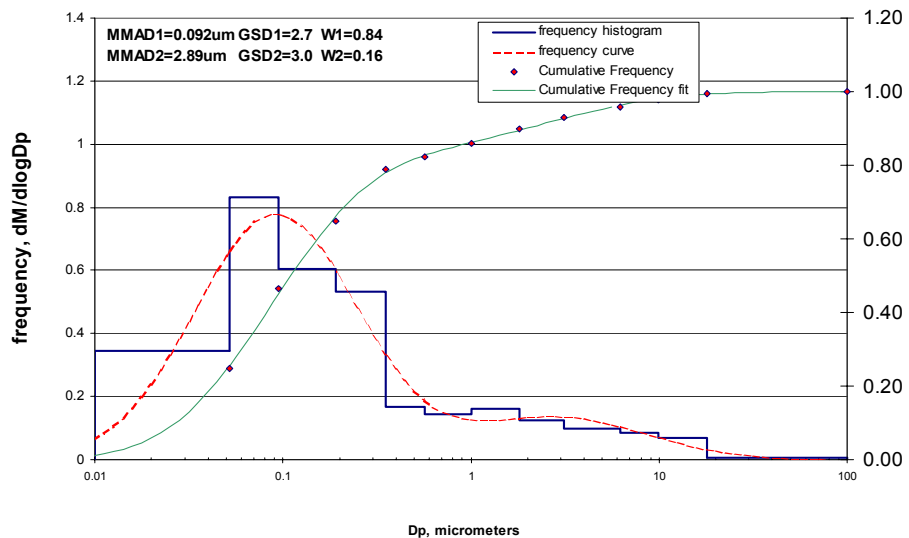


Operating Conditions for MOUDI Sampling

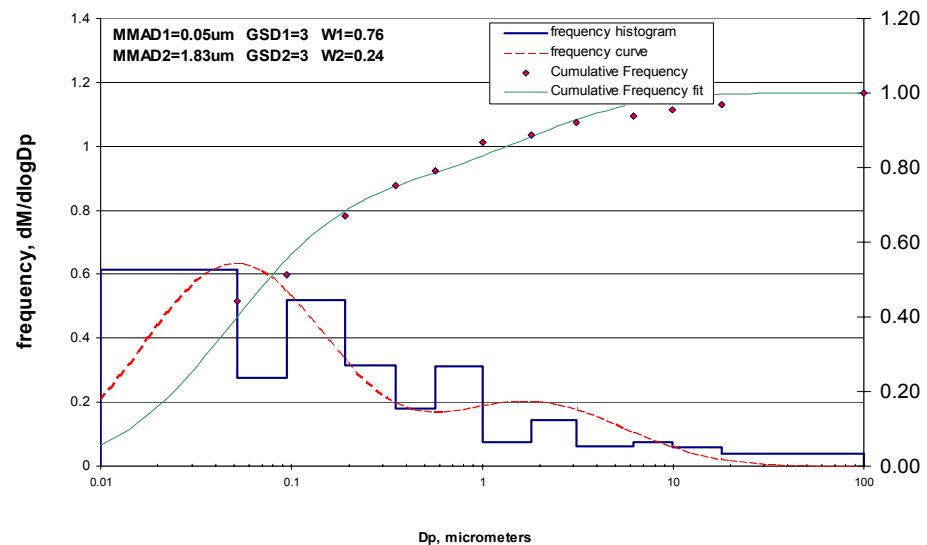
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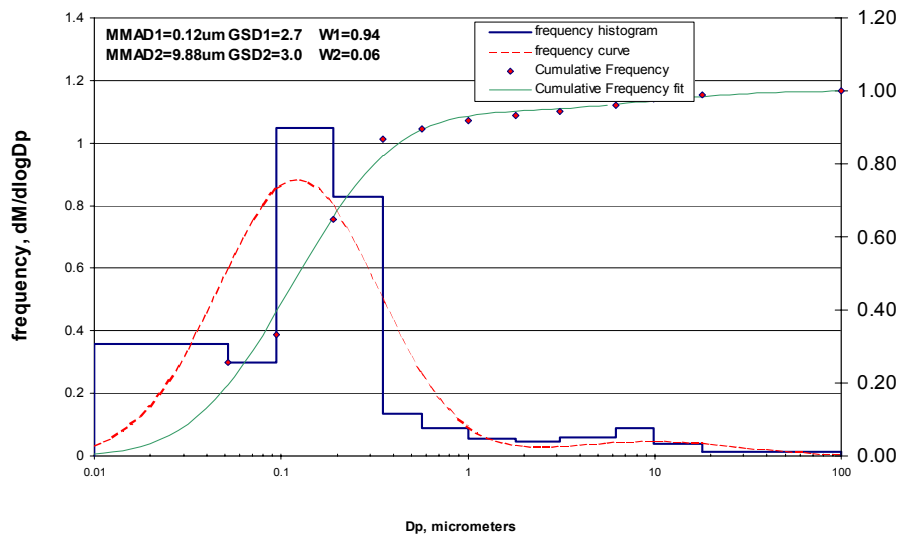
MOUDI Size Distribution
16 rps, 2 bar bmep, Standard Diesel Fuel



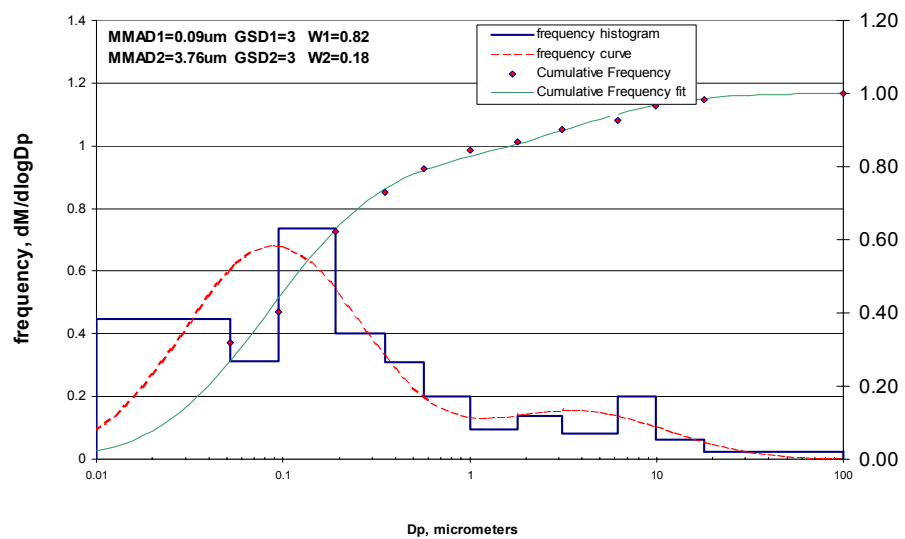
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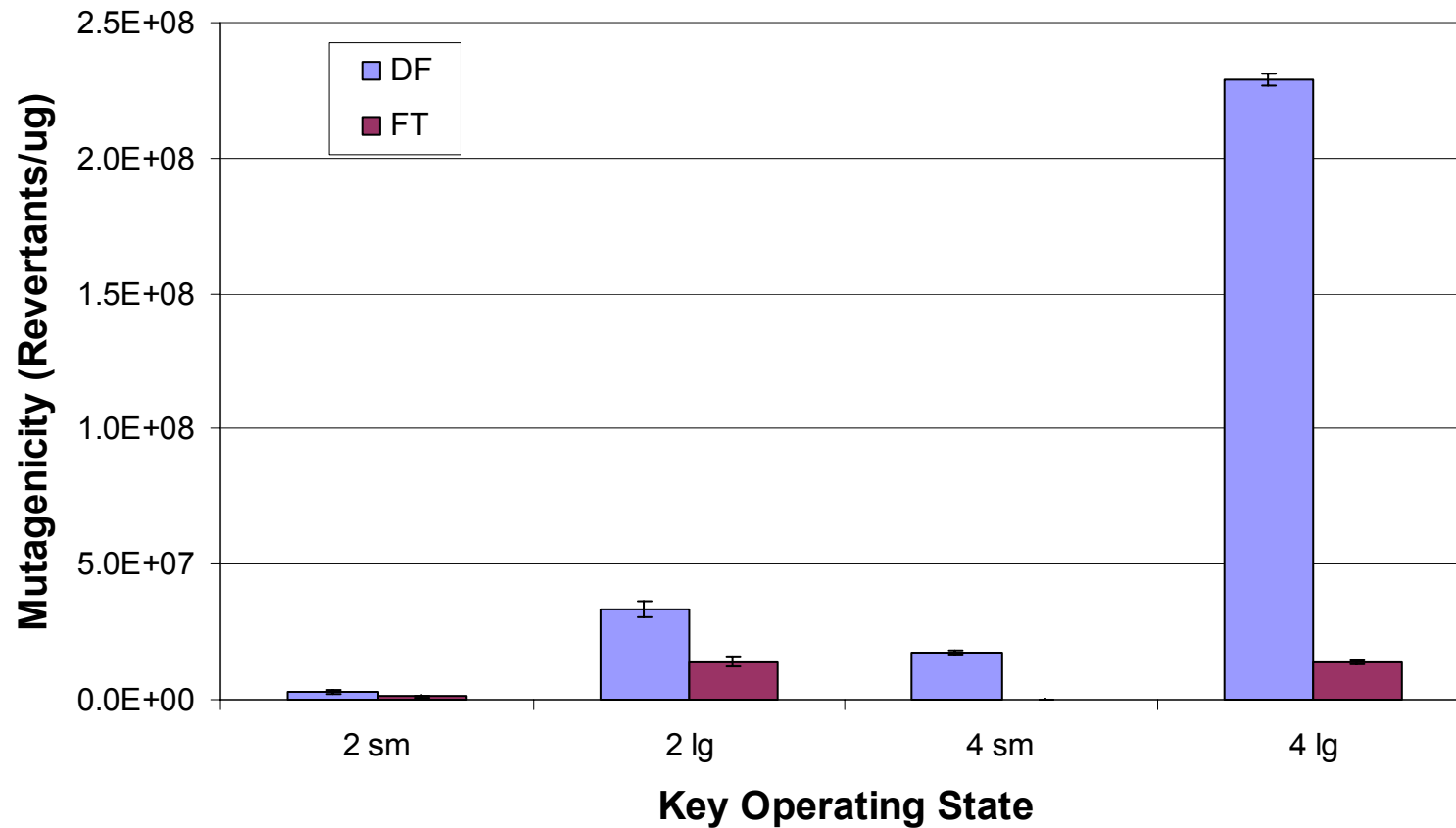
MOUDI Size Distribution
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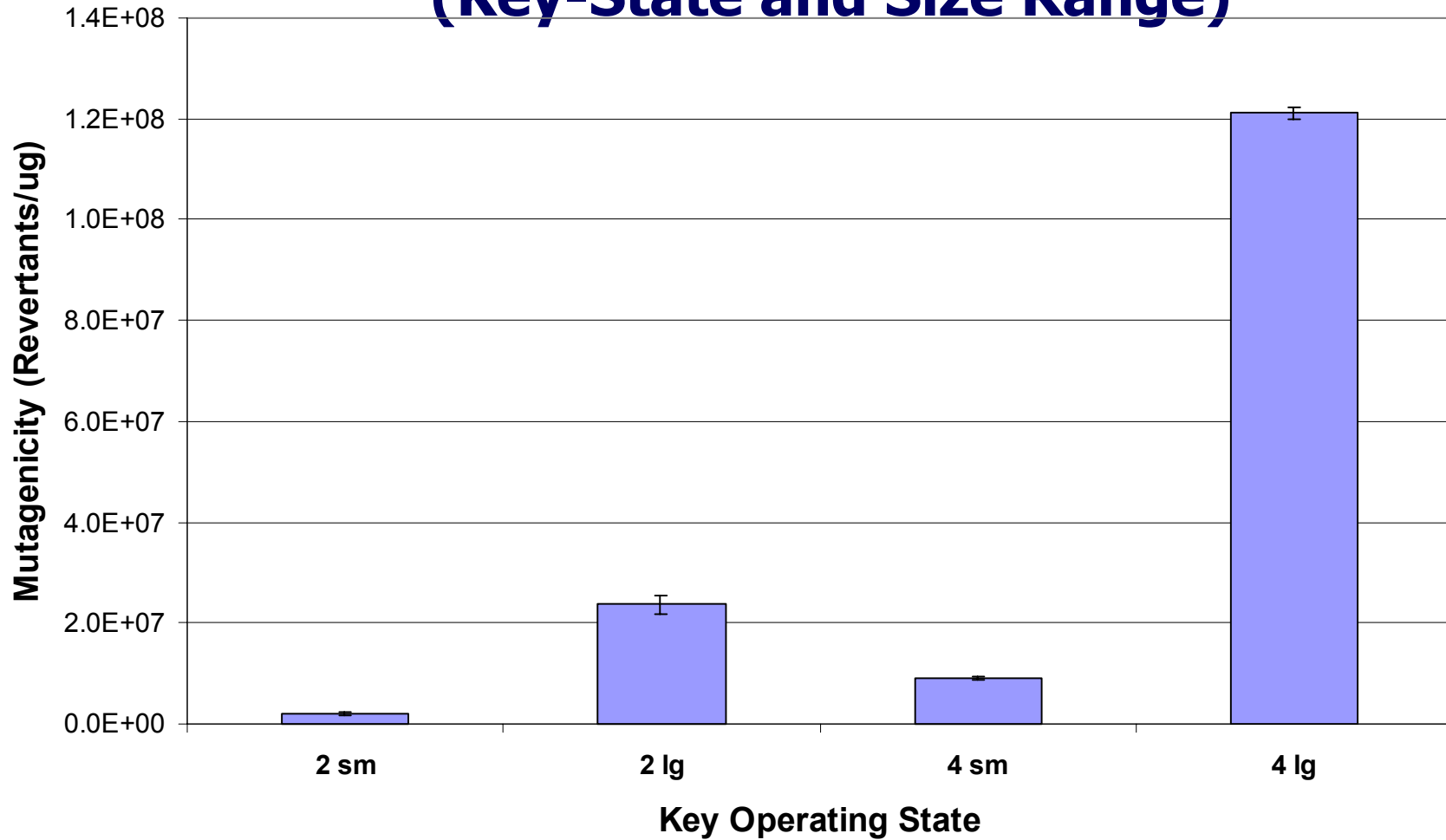
MOUDI Size Distribution
24 rps, 16 bar bmep, FT Fuel



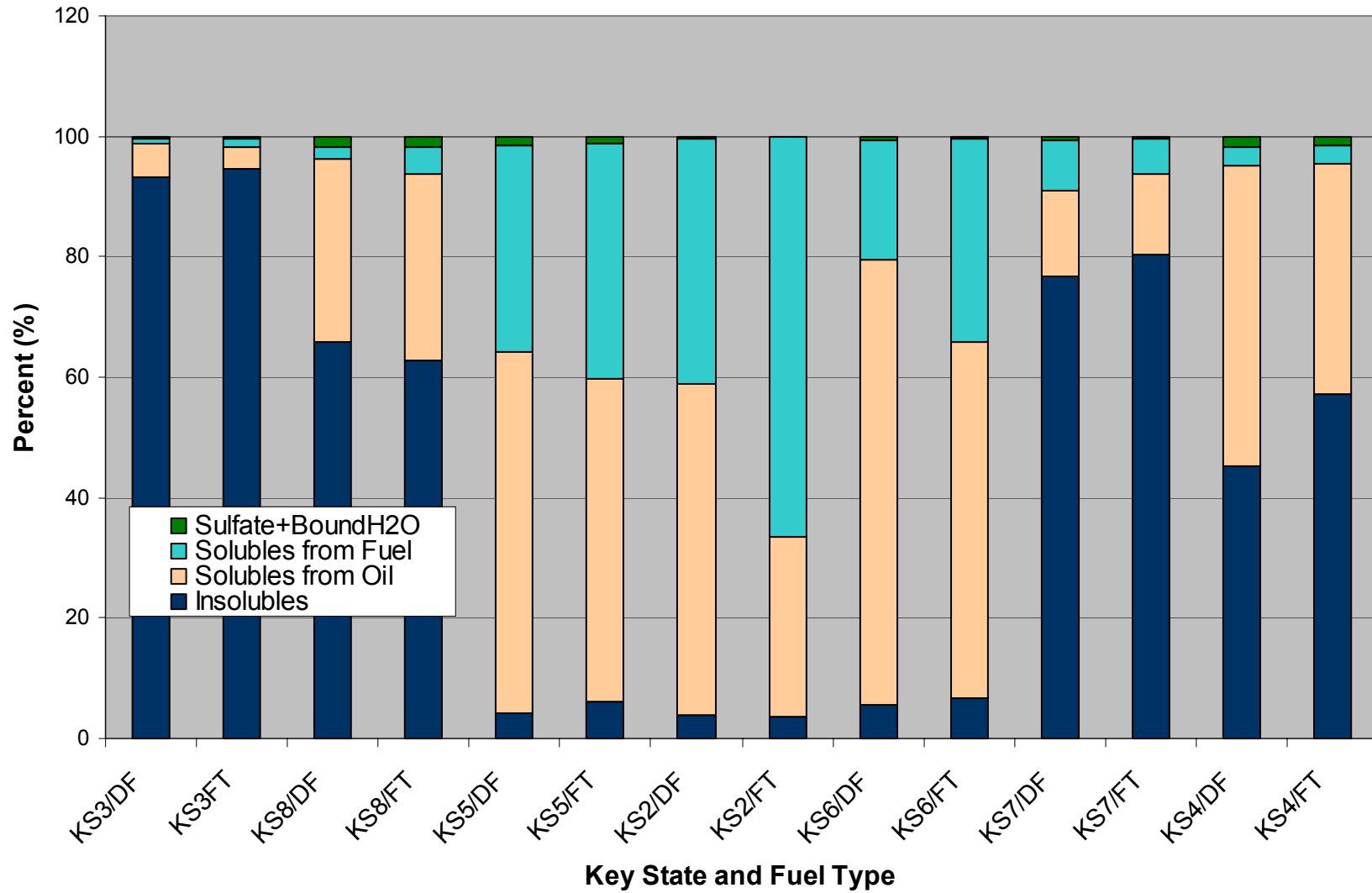
Mutagenicity (Fuel Type, Key-State and Size Range)



Mutagenicity (Key-State and Size Range)



Diesel Particulate Composition



Conclusions

- **When considering cases other than low-load conditions the relative reduction in brake-specific TPM emissions from FT fuel was 26% over the DF fuel.**
- **When coupled with TPM production rate (rev/hr), the FT fuel provided a 45% reduction in revertant rate (rev/hr) over the DF fuel averaged over intermediate and high-load operating conditions and 38% over all operating conditions (key states).**
- **Significant differences between fuel type and key state as well as strain and activation type was indicated.**

Conclusions cont.

- **The measured mass weighted size distributions obtained on the MOUDI substrates, expressed in a log-normal form $dM/d(\log D)$ and fitted to a bimodal distribution gave:**
 - ⌘ **FT fuel mass distributions that were larger than DF in the smaller sized mode (120 nm vs. 92 nm for DF for low-speed, low-load operation.**
 - ⌘ **Overall larger FT MMAD for the ultrafine (smaller size) mode with less material in the larger mode than the Federal diesel No. 2 fuel.**
- **Significant differences in mutagenicity between fuel type, key state and particle size was indicated as were second order interactions between fuel, key state and particle size.**
- **Larger particles (>100 nm) tend to exhibit a significantly greater mutagenic response than smaller (ultrafine) size particles (<100 nm).**
- **The mutagenicity was not as sensitive to fuel or particle size low-speed low-load as it was medium-speed high-load where it was very responsive to fuel type and size fraction.**