



# Phosphorous Aging Model

*Catalyst Deactivation due to Phosphorous in Oil*



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# ***Section I***

## ***Model formulation, inputs and assumptions***

# Phosphorous deactivation mechanism

- Non selective, surface phenomena
- Phosphorous compounds carried to surface of the catalyst, where they deactivate catalytic activity, primarily through physical masking of active sites
- Physical blockage of micro pores on catalyst also reduces total catalyst surface area
- Impact of phosphorous on catalyst performance is a function of aging temperature, concentration of phosphorous in exhaust gas and space velocity

## Deactivation of Diesel Oxidation Catalysts by Oil-Derived Phosphorus

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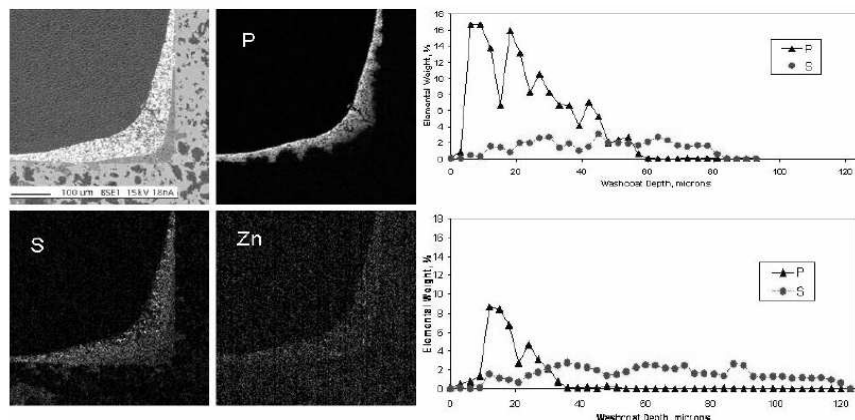


Figure 6: Elemental maps for ZDDP-doped fuel injection at 0.64 cm from inlet and line-scans 0.64 cm from DOC inlet and exit sections (Top – Front, Lower – Rear)

Modeling of Phosphorus Poisoning Phenomena over Diesel Oxidation Catalysts	2010-01-0884 Published 04/12/2010
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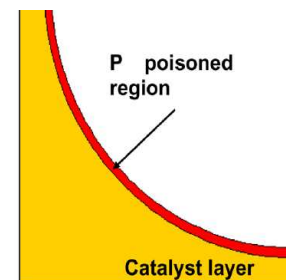


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of a general P concentration profile at the cross section of a P poisoned catalyst.  
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## The Roles of Phosphorus and Soot on the Deactivation of Diesel Oxidation Catalysts

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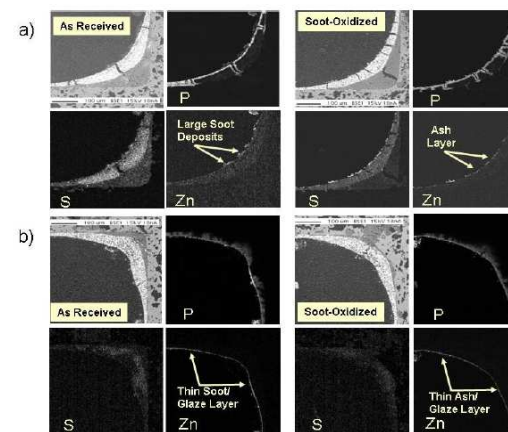
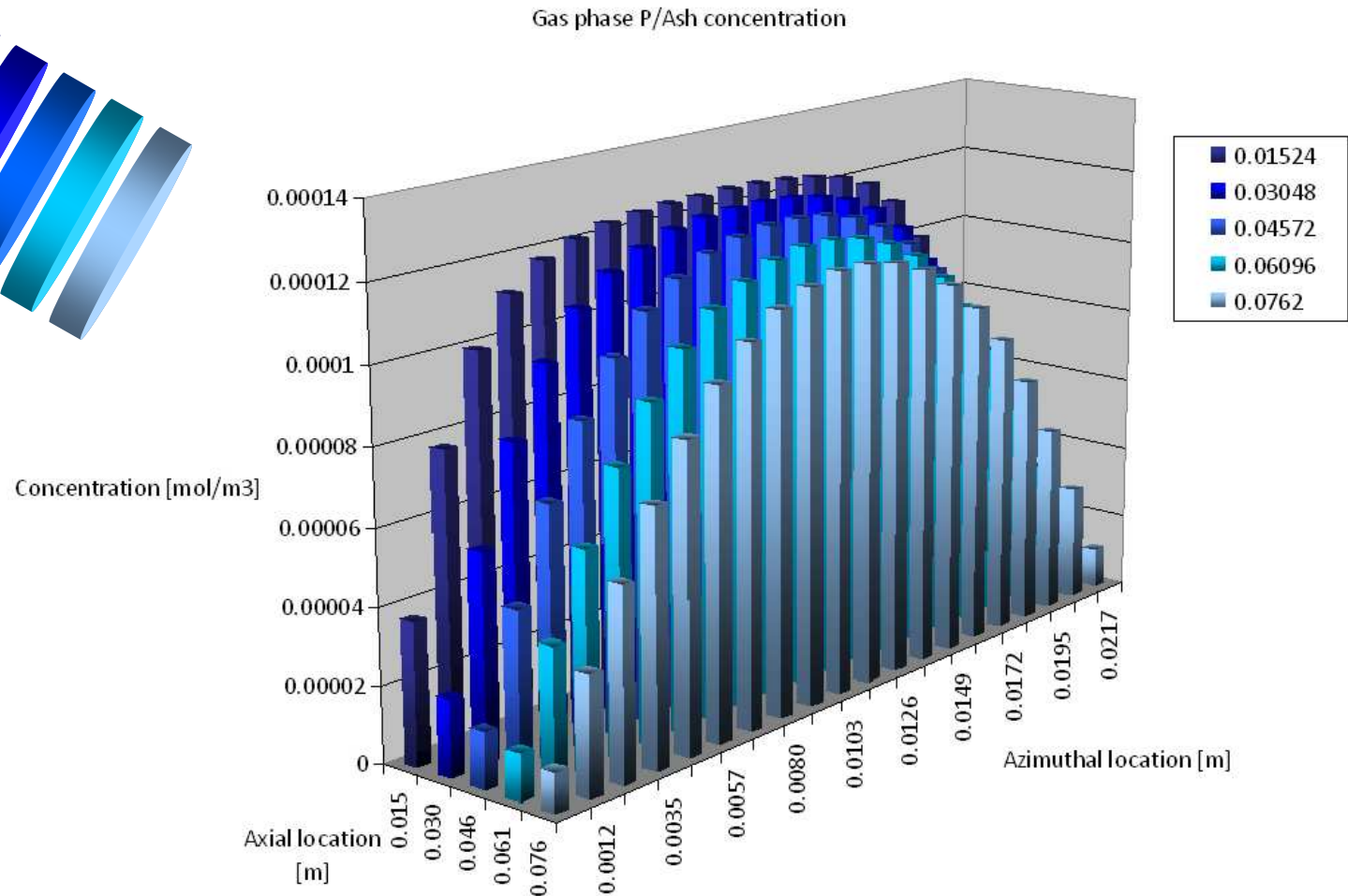
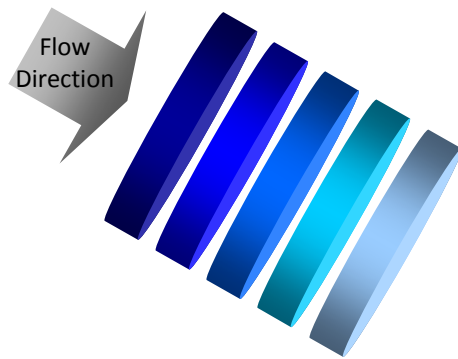


Figure 6: EPMA micrographs of washcoat contamination before and after soot oxidation at 500 °C for a) a representative field-retained DOC (28656N-front) and b) AEA-Exhaust DOC taken at a location approximately 5mm from the device inlet.

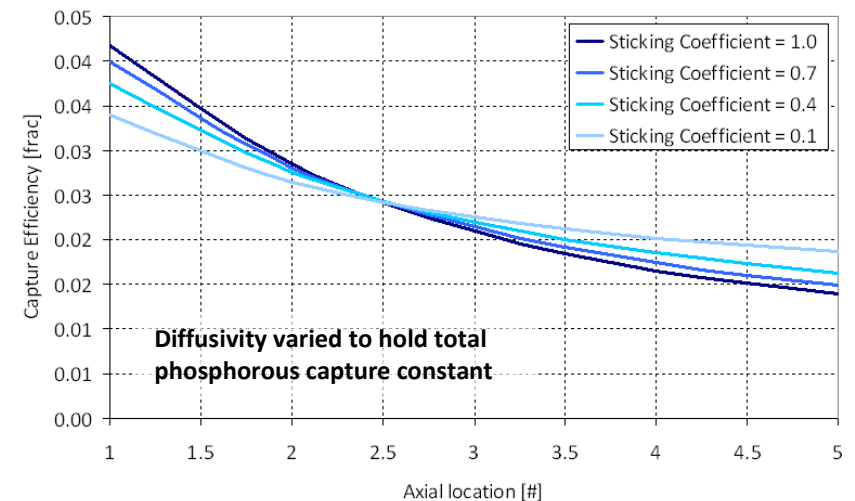
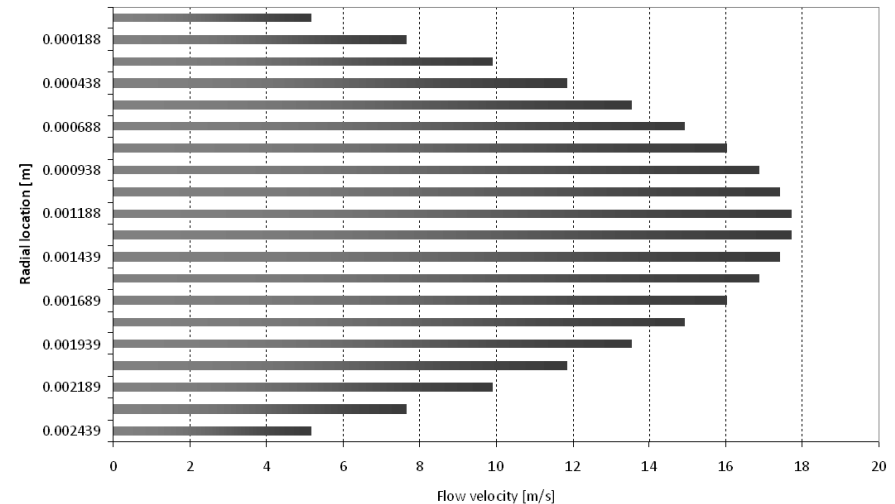
# Example output

*Gas phase Phosphorous profile*



# Model Inputs

- Flow velocity profile in catalyst channel
  - Axially invariant, fully developed laminar flow velocity profile
- Specific area of catalyst washcoat
  - Input from supplier regarding BET surface area of washcoat for various technologies
- Masking molecule
  - Oil that is exposed to combustion conditions results in formation of oxides of phosphorous ( $P_2O_5$ ,  $P_4O_{10}$ )
  - Oxides of phosphorous are fairly strong desiccants, expected to hydrolyze to form phosphoric acids
- Sticking coefficient of deactivating molecule
  - Potential question over validity of a 100% sticking coefficient
  - Modified model to enable a non-perfect (less than 100%) sticking coefficient
  - Data on phosphorous deposition profile on catalyst appears to indicate close to 100% sticking coefficient – lower sticking coefficients result in flatter phosphorous distribution profiles



## ***Section II***

### ***Phosphorous distribution on Catalyst surfaces***



# Validation of model predictions

## Phosphorous loading

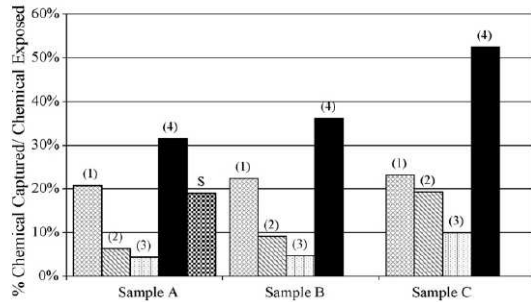


Fig. 1. Axial chemical profiles of P within the monolith channels of each sample, analyzed via XRF: (1) front third; (2) middle third; (3) rear third; (4) total for each monolith core. (S) is total sulfur captured by Sample A, determined via LECO sulfur analyzer. No sulfur analysis was performed for Sample C.



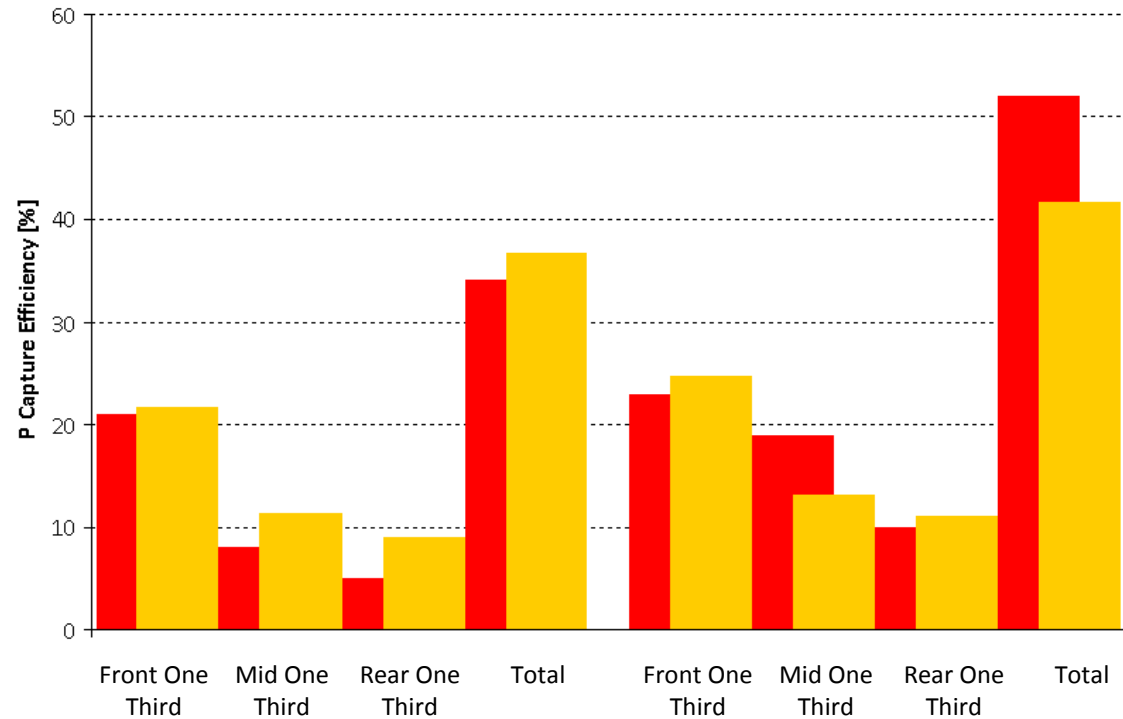
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## A study of chemical aging effects on HDD Fe–zeolite SCR catalyst

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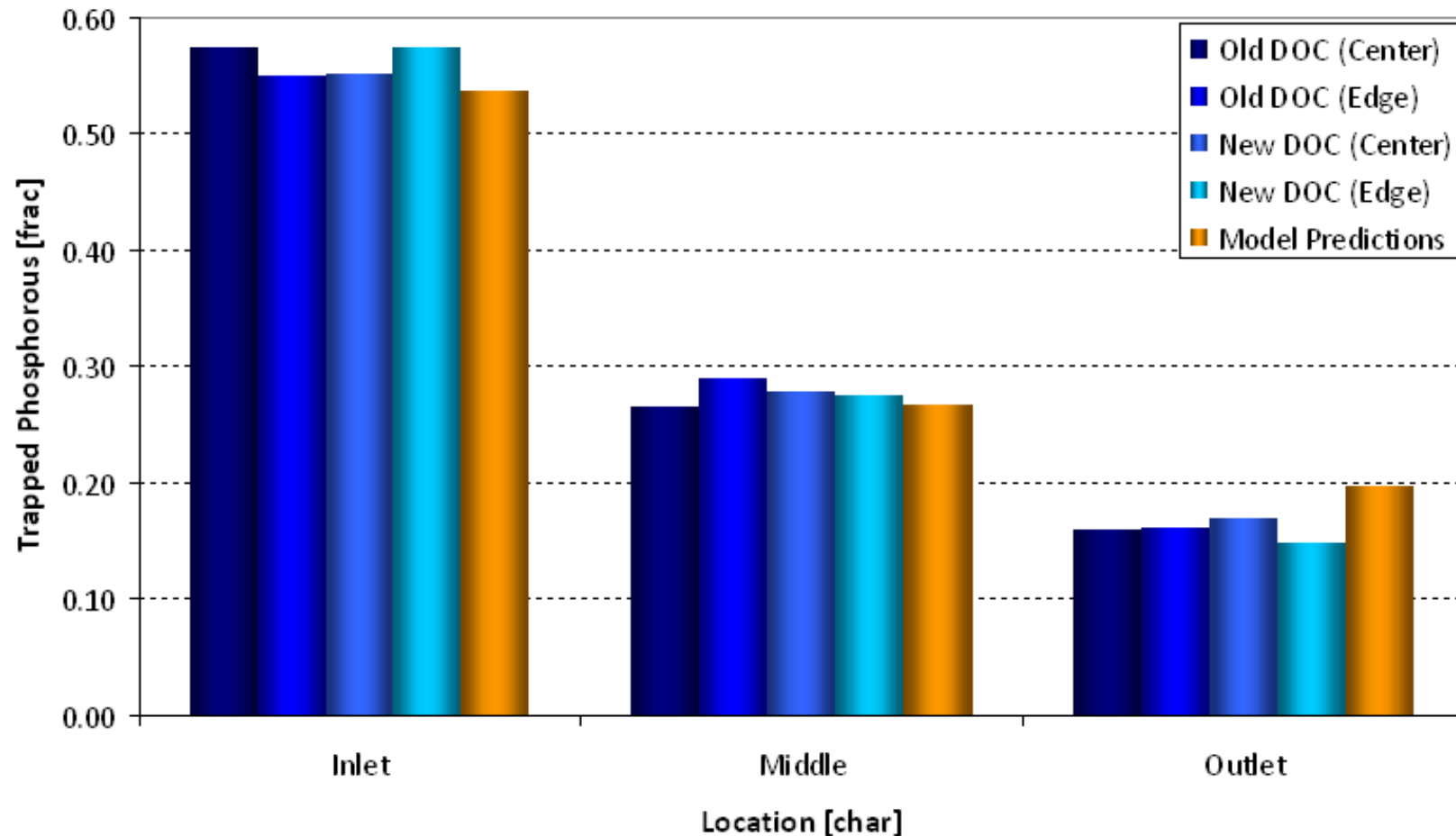


■ Experimental Data  
■ Model Predictions



# Validation of model predictions

*Phosphorous loading (Accelerated DOC aging)*



Dual leg system, one fresh DOC ("new") and one 100 hr aged DOC ("old") (prior to being exposed to phosphorous aging)

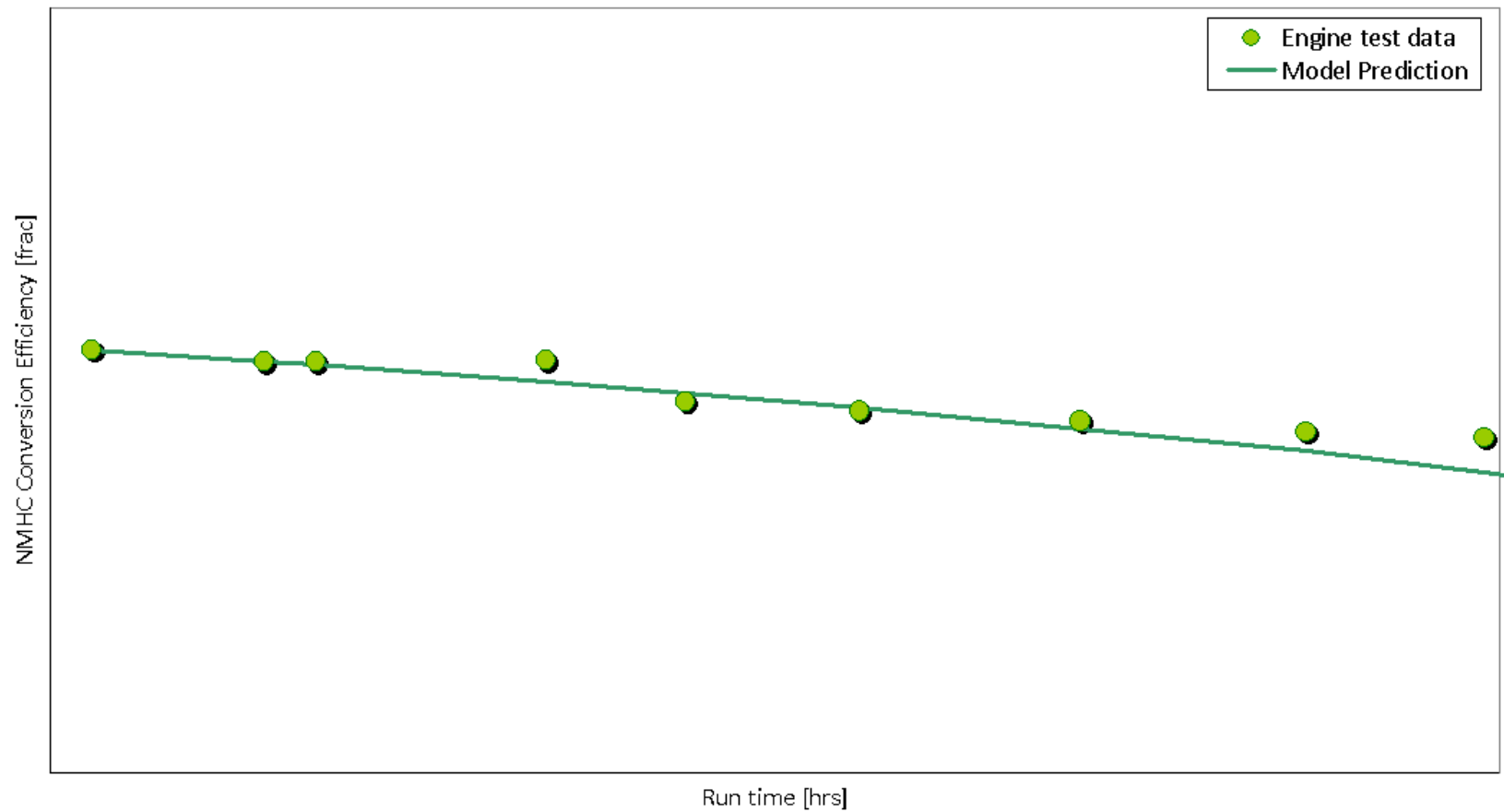
298 C average temperature, 831 kg/hr (per leg), Aging time: 2250 hrs

## ***Section III***

### ***Impact of Phosphorous on Catalytic Activity***

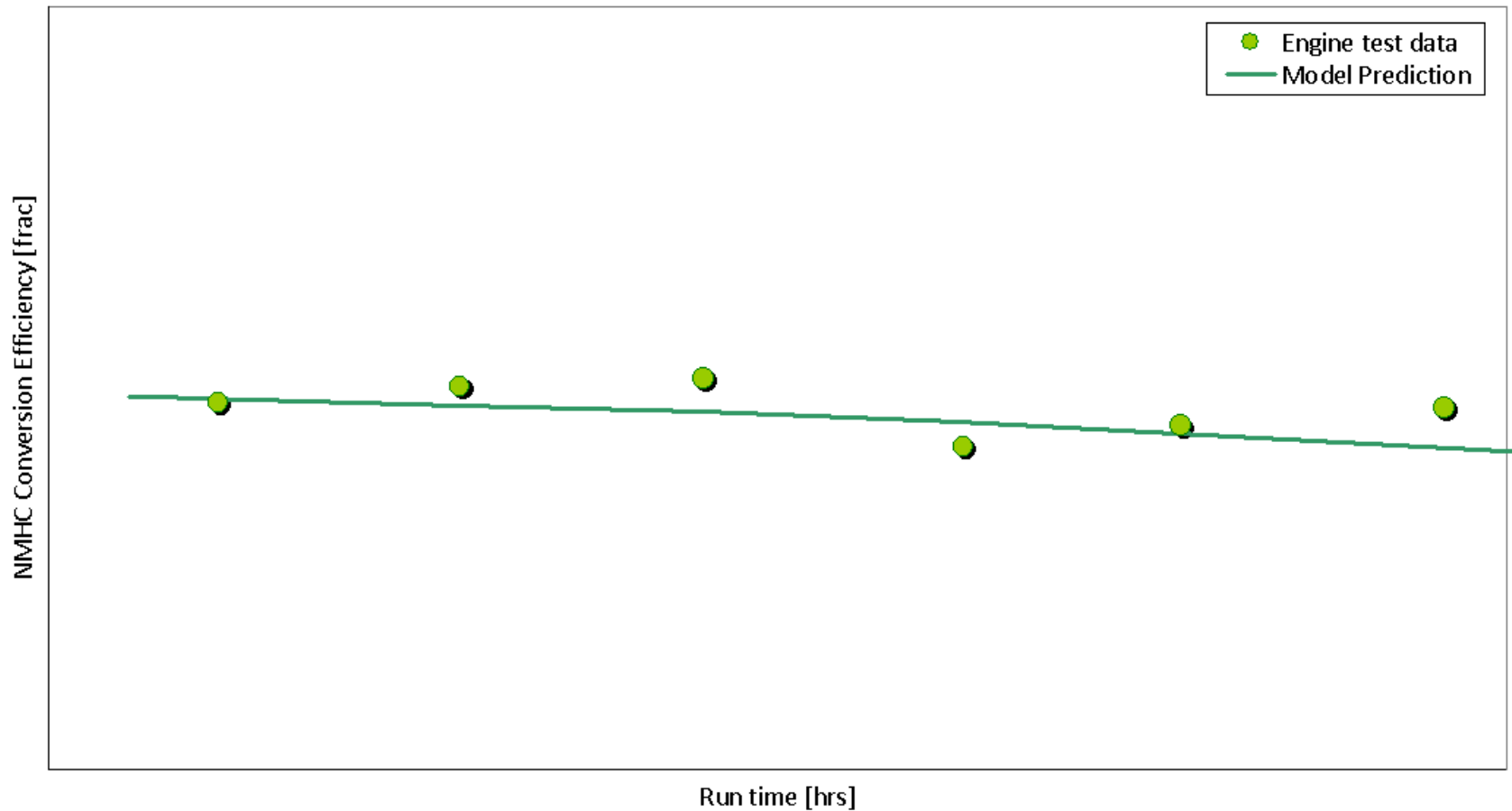
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*DOC NMHC Oxidation*



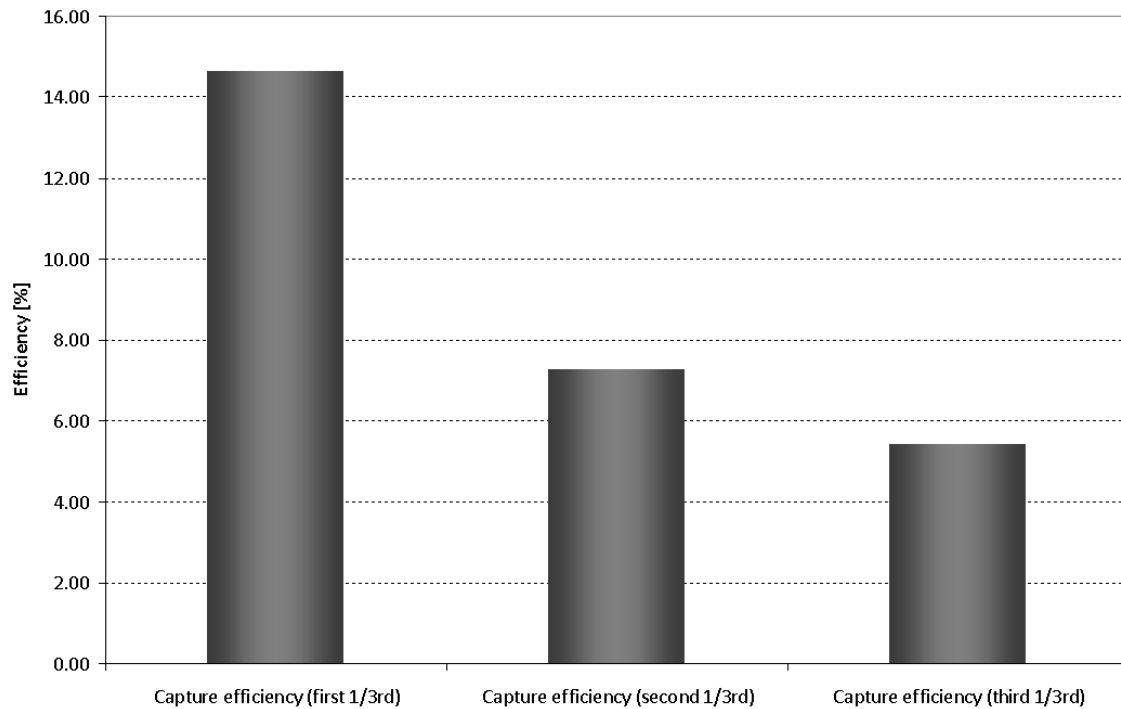
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*DOC NMHC Oxidation*



# Caterpillar® Engine Test 2

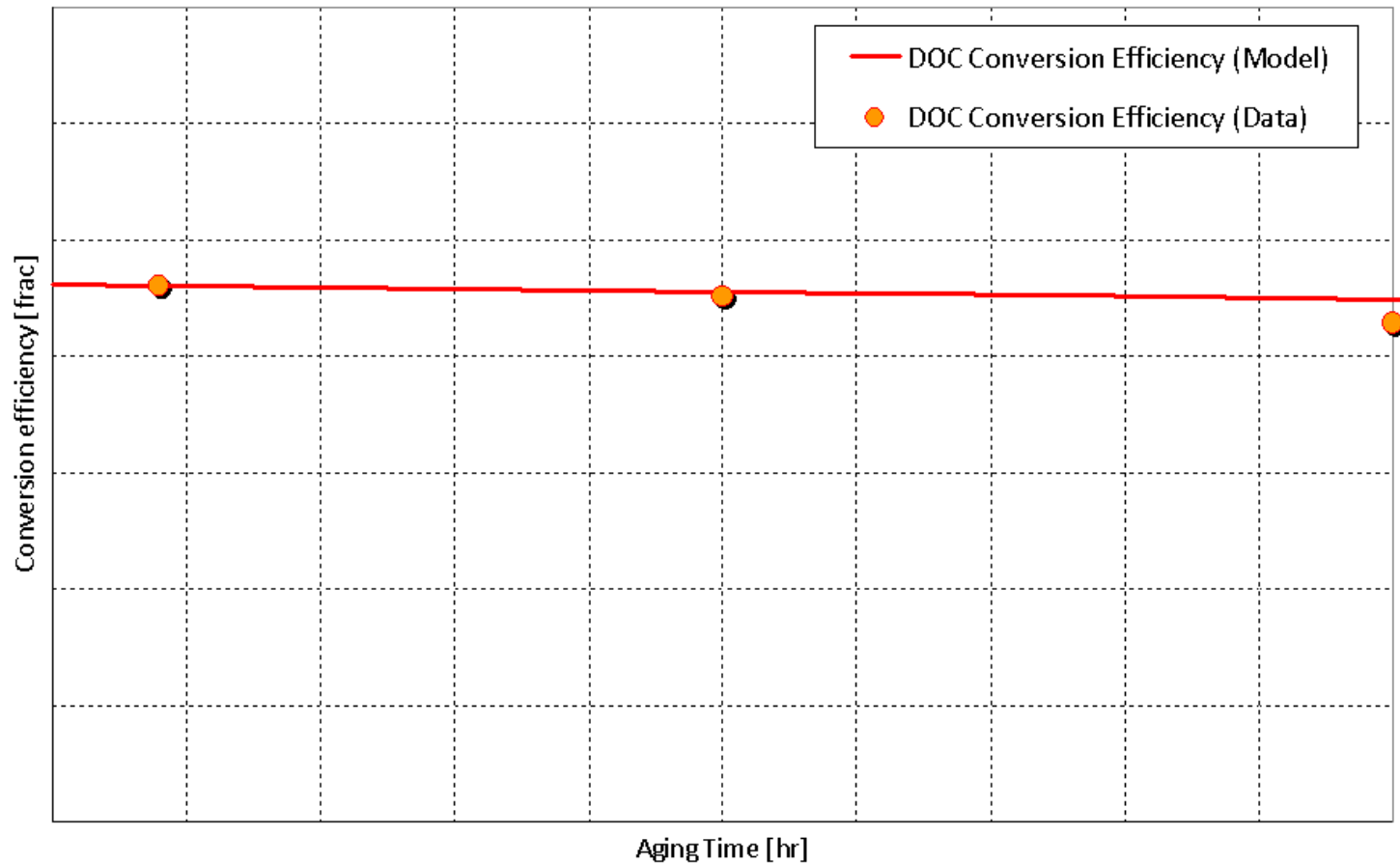
*DOC NMHC Oxidation*



Phosphorous Distribution			
	Phosphorous Exposure	[g/L]	10.24
	Capture efficiency (first 1/3rd)	[%]	14.64
	Capture efficiency (second 1/3rd)	[%]	7.26
	Capture efficiency (third 1/3rd)	[%]	5.43
	Capture efficiency (total)	[%]	25.14

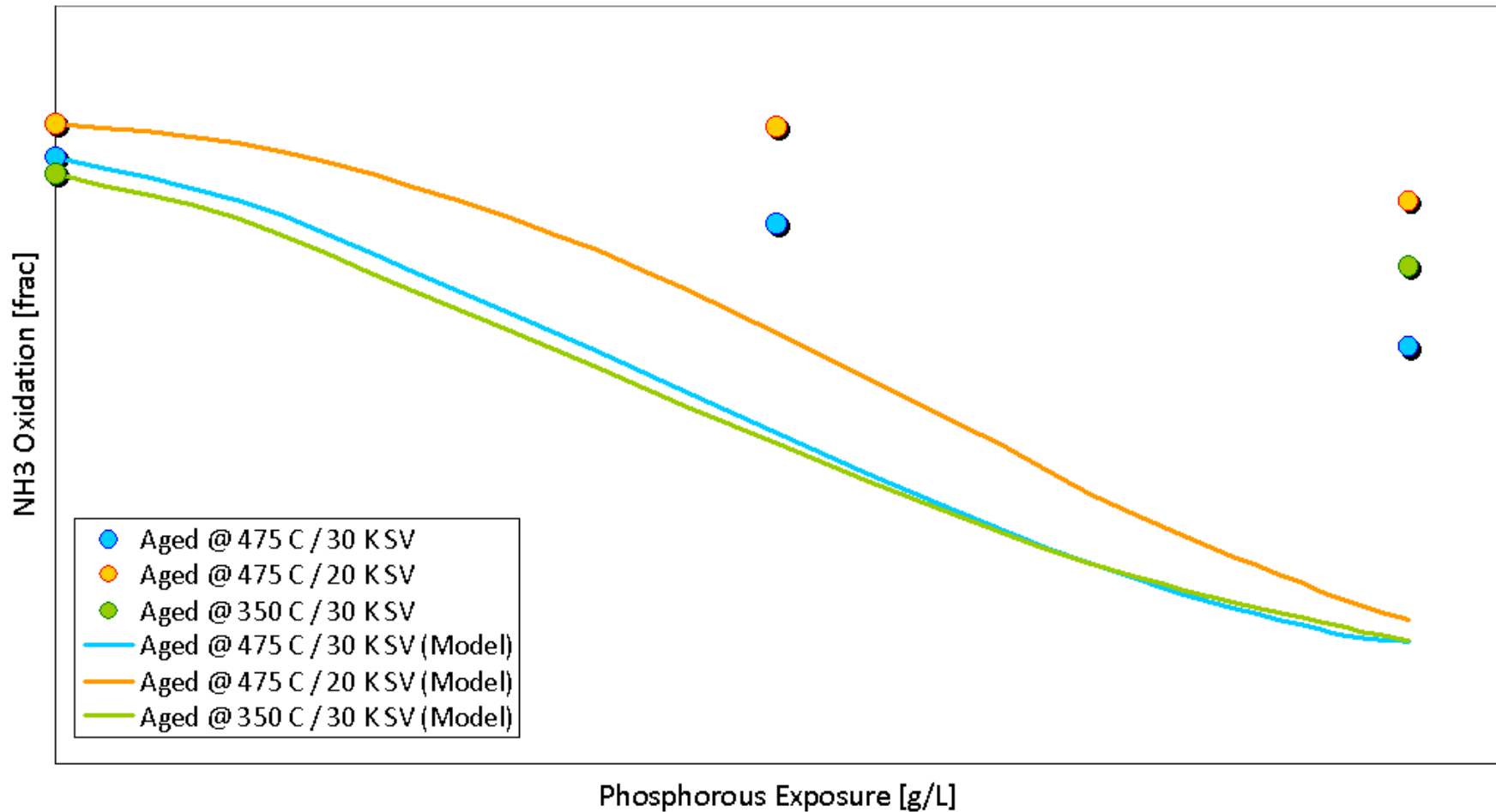
# Caterpillar<sup>®</sup> Engine test

*Model predictions versus test data (DOC HC conversion)*



# Caterpillar<sup>®</sup> accelerated bench aging

*Zeolite SCR*



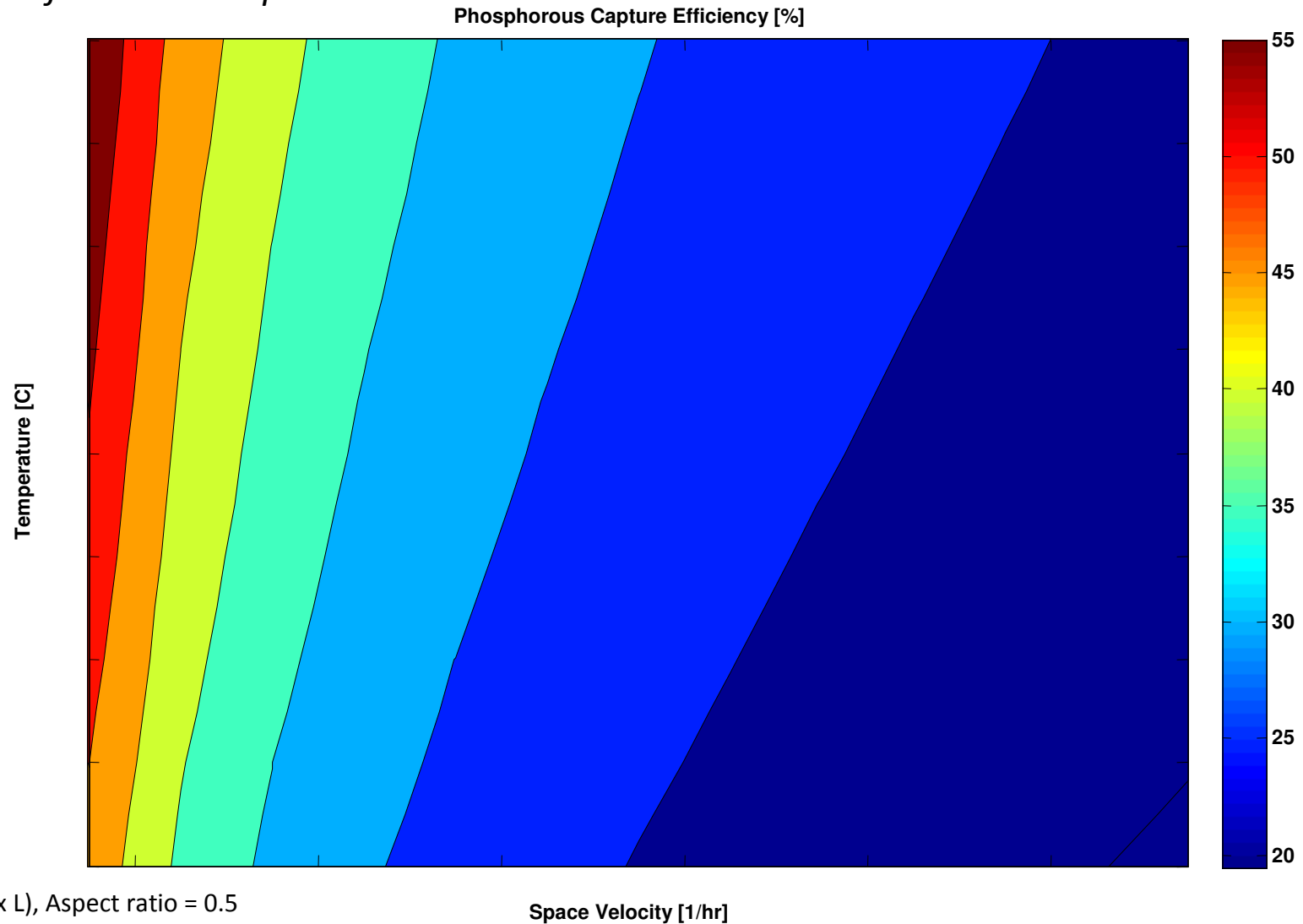


## ***Section IV***

### ***Parametric study of catalyst deactivation***

# Phosphorous Capture Efficiency

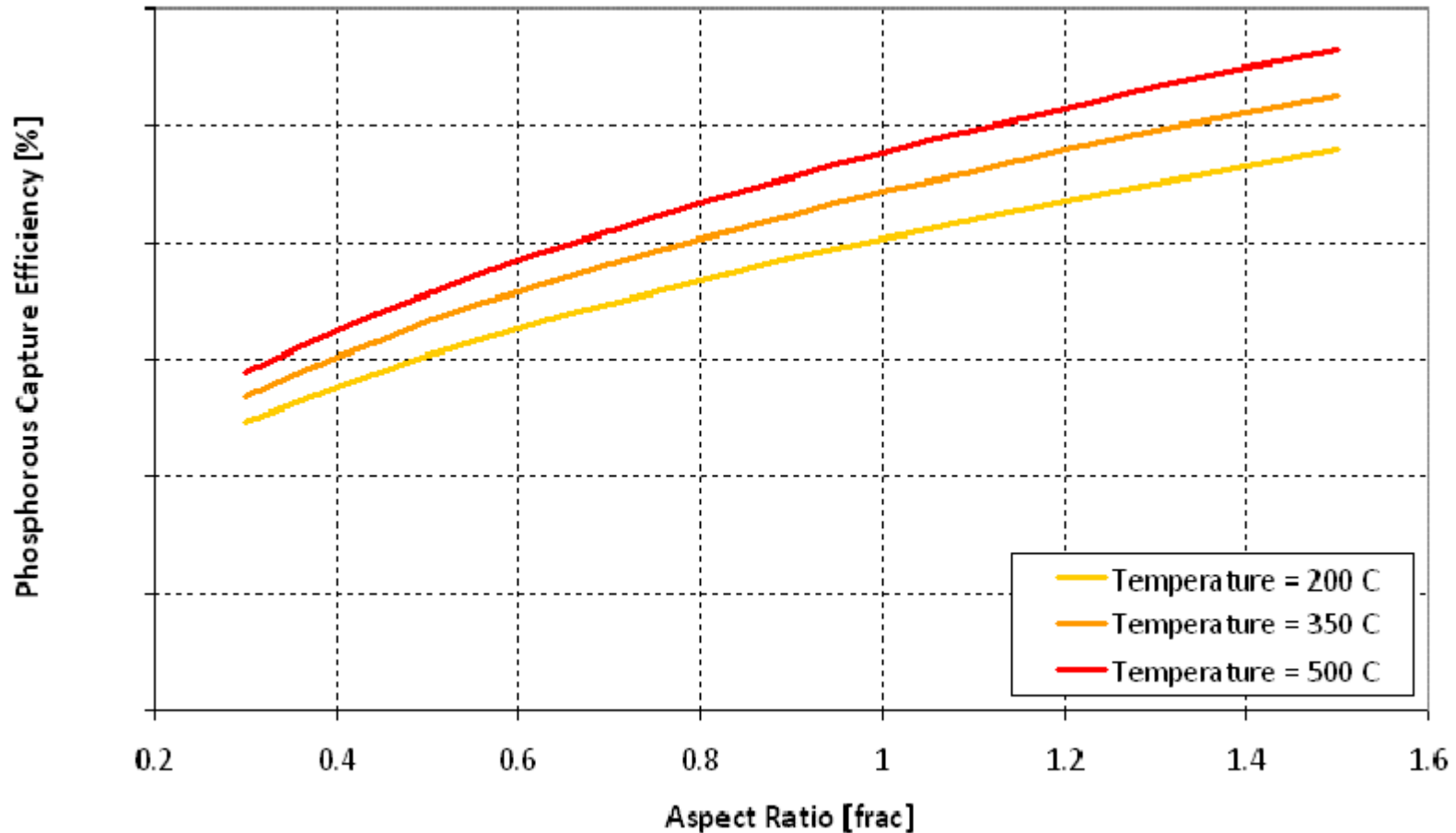
*Impact of SV and Temperature*



13" x 6.5" (D x L), Aspect ratio = 0.5  
400 cpsi, 5 mil wall thickness, variable flow rate

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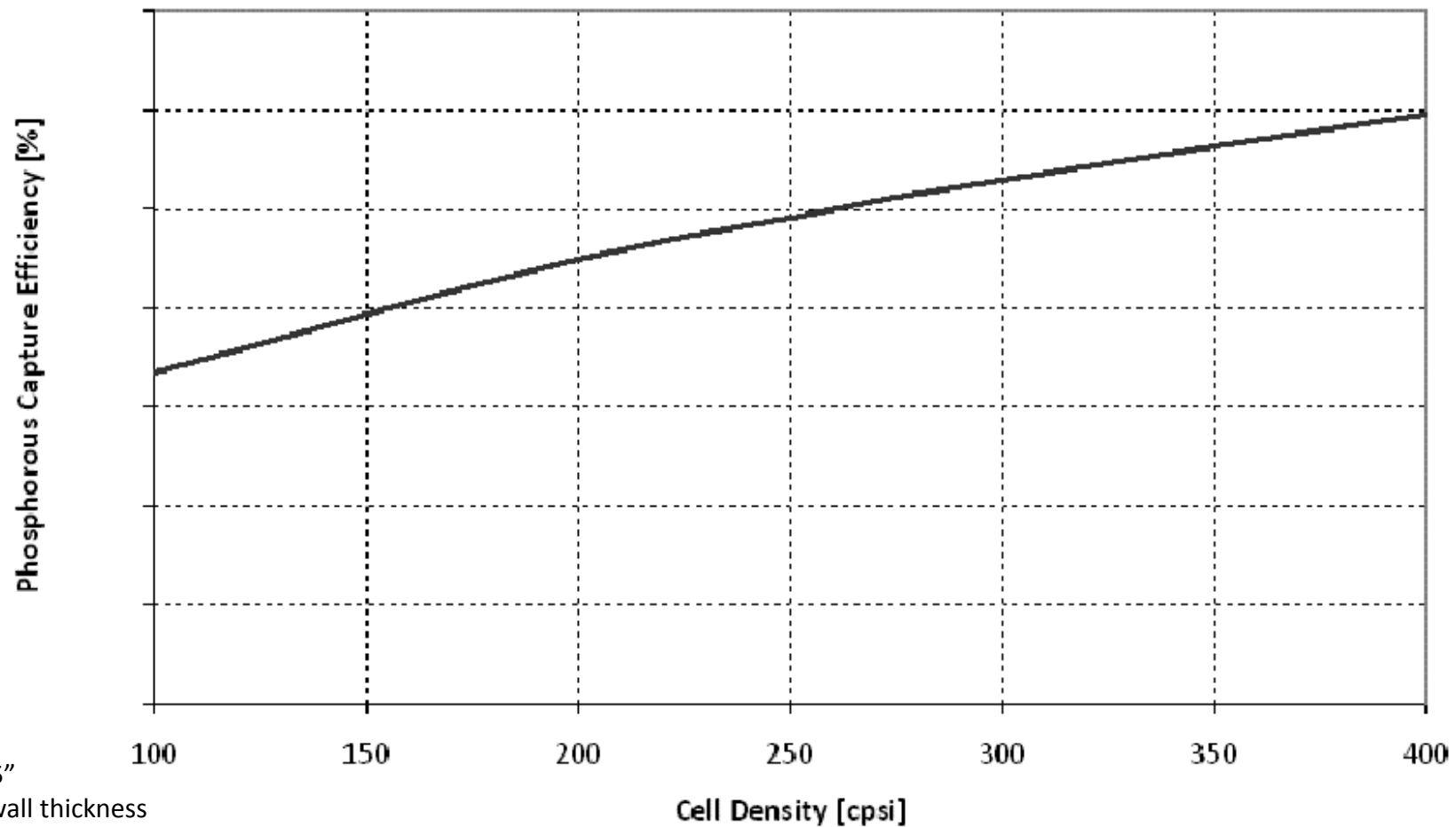
*Impact of Catalyst Aspect Ratio*



13" x 5"  
400 cpsi, 5 mil wall thickness  
60,000 1/hr SV

# Phosphorous Capture Efficiency

*Impact of Cell Density*



13" x 5"

5 mil wall thickness

60,000 1/hr SV

Note: Net washcoat loading is held constant

# Summary

- Model predictions agree well with test data for distribution of phosphorous within catalysts for both oxidation catalysts and SCR
- Model predictions agree with available DOC performance data, will continue to validate against any data that will become available
- Model predictions for zeolite SCR over predict deactivation compared to accelerated bench aging data
  - Method of aging? P doping of fuel to accelerate aging?
  - Aging mechanism for zeolite
  - Temperature profile on bench
  - Other reasons?

# Backup Slides

# Domain Discretization

