Modeling Active Regeneration of a Diesel Particulate Filter – An Update on Research at Michigan Tech

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### **Outline**

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- Research Plan
- MTU CPF Model v3.5 Sub-models Used
- Experimental Data & Simulation Results
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### **Introduction**

- Research involving active regeneration of diesel particulate filters has been ongoing at MTU since 2004
- MTU has published literature work in SAE on the topic since 2006
- 1-D CPF Model (version 3.0) developed at MTU as part of PhD Research (SAE: 2009-01-1283)
- MTU 1-D CPF Model version 3.5 is discussed today
- Numerical modeling effort at MTU supported by *John Deere*
- Experimental data collection effort supported by *Cummins*
- Conversion of 1-D CPF Model (version 3.5) from FORTRAN to MATLAB/Simulink<sup>®</sup> supported by *Navistar*



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### CPF Model version 3.0\* to 3.5

Improvements in:

- Convergence criteria
- Adaptive time-step (relaxation) algorithm
- Code memory requirements (size of memory used has been reduced)
- Outputs & output file formats

\* SAE:2009-01-1283



### Planned Research Work in 2009

- Development of mass transport and coupling chemical reactions with transport (to be included in version 4.0)
- Development of a multi-channel model (CPF HT version 1.0) for including heat transfer and flow distribution, and thereby radial variations during active regeneration
- Analysis of John Deere experimental data using CPF model version 4.0 and CPF HT version 1.0



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## **PM Oxidation Model**

- PM oxidation occurs in PM cake and substrate wall
- Reaction rate constants follow modified Arrhenius form:

$$k_i = A_i T^{x_i} e^{\left(-\frac{E_{a,i}}{RT}\right)}$$

- Model can also include PM oxidation in inlet and outlet channels
- Oxidation occurs via 2 mechanisms:
  - 1. Thermal  $(C + O_2 \rightarrow CO + CO_2)$ , and
  - 2.  $NO_2$ -assisted (C + NO<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  CO + CO<sub>2</sub> + NO)
- 2-layer feature maintained for PM oxidation catalytic oxidation feature turned off for calibration of experimental data



### **PM Filtration Model**

- PM filtration occurs in PM cake and substrate wall
- PM cake efficiency at clean state is zero; Substrate wall is only filtration element
- PM cake efficiency is calculated as a function of local PM cake thickness:

$$\eta_{cake} = A_{\eta} \left( 1 - e^{\left[ -w_{cake} \frac{\eta_c}{d_{c,cake}} \right]} \right)$$

Substrate wall efficiency is a function of amount of PM collected and wall properties



### **PM Filtration – 2 Sequential Filters Approach**





### **PM Cake Permeability Model**

 PM Cake permeability is a function of molecular mean free path and in turn, local gaseous temperature (theory adapted from Versaeval et al, SAE, 2000)

$$k_p(t) = k_p(loading) \frac{\lambda(t)}{\lambda(loading)}$$

where:  

$$\lambda = \frac{\mu}{P} \sqrt{\frac{\pi RT}{2(MW_{exh})}}$$

 Packing density of PM in cake assumed constant (~130 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) according to Pe number (Konstandopoulos et al, SAE, 2002)



<u>Critical Elements of Modeling Pressure Drop</u> <u>During Active Regeneration</u>

- Permeability of PM Cake
- Oxidation of PM Cake
- Oxidation of PM in Substrate Wall
- Evolution of Filtration Efficiency



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### **Experimental Data**

(SAE:2009-01-1474, SAE:2009-01-1274)

#### Cummins ISM 2002 10.8 liter engine

- •Turbo-charged
- •After-cooled
- Fuel ULSF
  - API Gravity = 36.8 (at 15.5°C)
  - Cetane Index = 46.2
  - Sulfur content = 8-10 ppm

#### Cummins 2007 RPF (DOC+CPF) System

10.5x4/400 DOC (Pt alloy) (Vol.= 5.7 liters) and
10.5x12/200 CPF (Pt) (Vol. = 17.0 liters)



### Load-Case Description: Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)

#### Loading:-

- Start engine at 2100 rpm engine load and 20% engine load (exh. temp = 282°C);
- 5 hrs and 15 mins at 2100 rpm and 20% load to obtain 4.1 g/l target PM loading;
- Ramp down engine; shut off; weigh CPF substrate

#### Active regeneration:-

- Re-start engine at 2100 rpm and 20% load (~1 minute);
- Switch to 2100 rpm and 40% load (~3 minutes) (exh. temp = 341°C);
- Start doser fuel injection to achieve a target CPF inlet temperature of 600°C;
- ~7 minutes of active regeneration to achieve 70% (of the PM at end-of-loading) PM oxidation (UPDOC HC conc. = 19678 ppmC, UPCPF HC Conc. = 4223 ppmC);
- Ramp down engine (~4 minutes); shut off; re-weigh CPF substrate

#### Post-loading:-

- Re-start engine at 2100 rpm and 20% load;
- 1hr at 2100 rpm and 20% load;
- Engine shut-off; re-weigh CPF substrate



### **RUN17 Active Regeneration Overview**





### **Typical HC Concentration Measurements**

#### **Made During Active Regeneration**





### **Corrections for HC Concentration Data**

- Uses Steady-state Energy Balance
- Heat transfer to the ambient is assumed to be through free convection
- Temperature Data is Used to Better Estimate Concentrations of Hydrocarbons (as C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>24</sub>), First at Inlet to CPF and Then at Inlet to DOC



### **Energy Balance Approach**



# Estimated HC Concentrations During Active

### **<u>Regeneration</u>** – All Runs





### **CPF Pressure Drop during Active Regeneration**

#### Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)





## **Components of Overall Pressure Drop during**

### **Active Regeneration**

Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)





### **PM Mass Balance**

#### Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)





## **PM Filtration Efficiency**

#### Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)





### **CPF Outlet Gas Temperature Comparison**

#### Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)





# Axial Gas Temperature Profile during Active

### **Regeneration**

#### Run 17 (4.1 g/l, 600°C, 70% PM oxid.)





### CPF Pressure Drop During Loading and Post-Loading

Run 1 (1.1 g/l, 525°C, 60% PM oxid.)





## **CPF Pressure Drop Components During Loading**

### and Post-Loading

#### Run 1 (1.1 g/l,525, 60% PM oxid.)



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# Filtration Efficiencies During Loading and Post-

**Loading** 

#### Run 1 (1.1 g/l,525, 60% PM oxid.)

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### <u>Summary</u>

- 1-D Active Regeneration CPF Model version 3.5 developed; testing & calibration to experimental data ongoing at MTU
- Future work in CPF modeling including gas-solid mass transport to substrate from channels
- Improvements in PM cake filtration efficiency calculations
- Multi-channel approach to simulate radial variations in behavior of CPF during active regeneration is ongoing
- Integrated active regeneration DOC-CPF model validated using John Deere experimental data is final product of research work

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# **QUESTIONS?**

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