



# Sustainability, Efficiency & Reliability in Fleets of the Future

The Importance of Fuel & Lubricant Technology

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# Why Fuels & Lubricants Matter

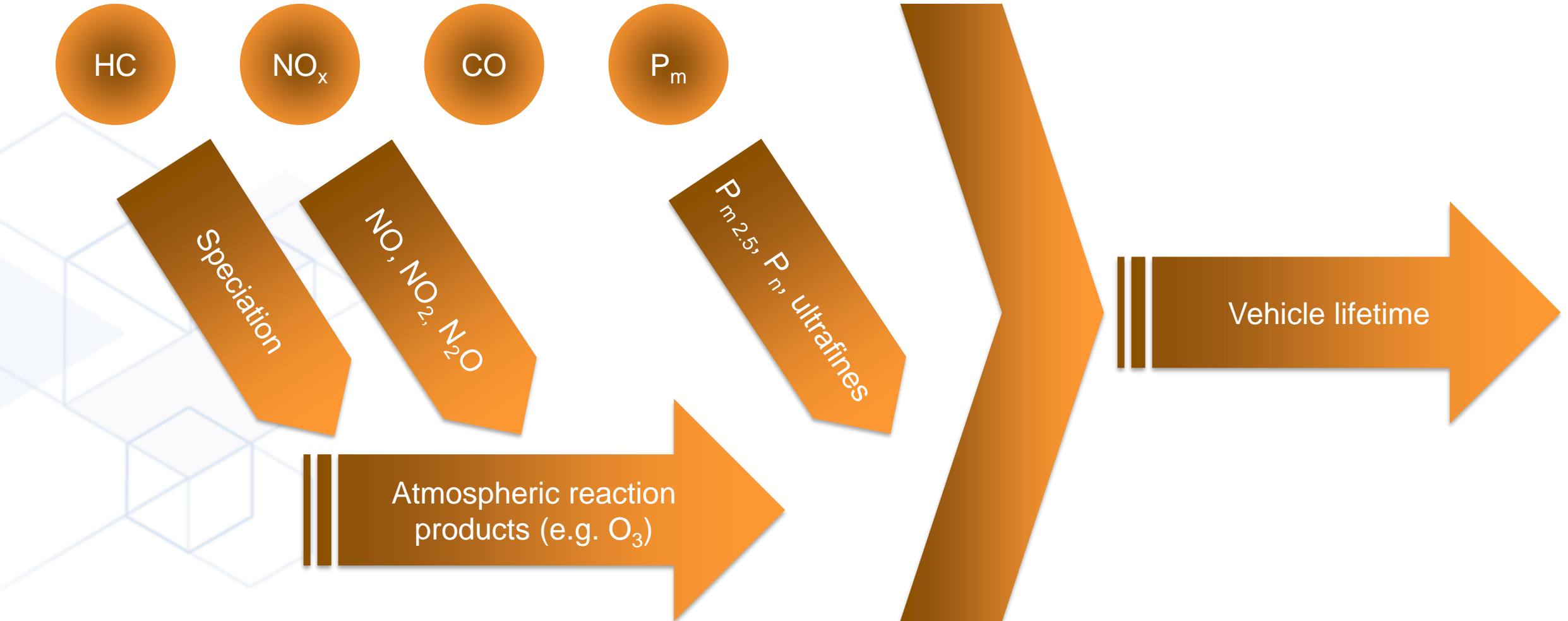
## Why Fuels and Lubricants Matter

	<b>Energy</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>Durability</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>
<b>Fuels</b>	Density	Availability Friction	Deposits Wear Noise Combustion quality	Emissions Renewability Footprint
<b>Lubricants</b>	N/A	Viscosity Friction Traction Churn etc.	Wear Deposits	Renewability Footprint

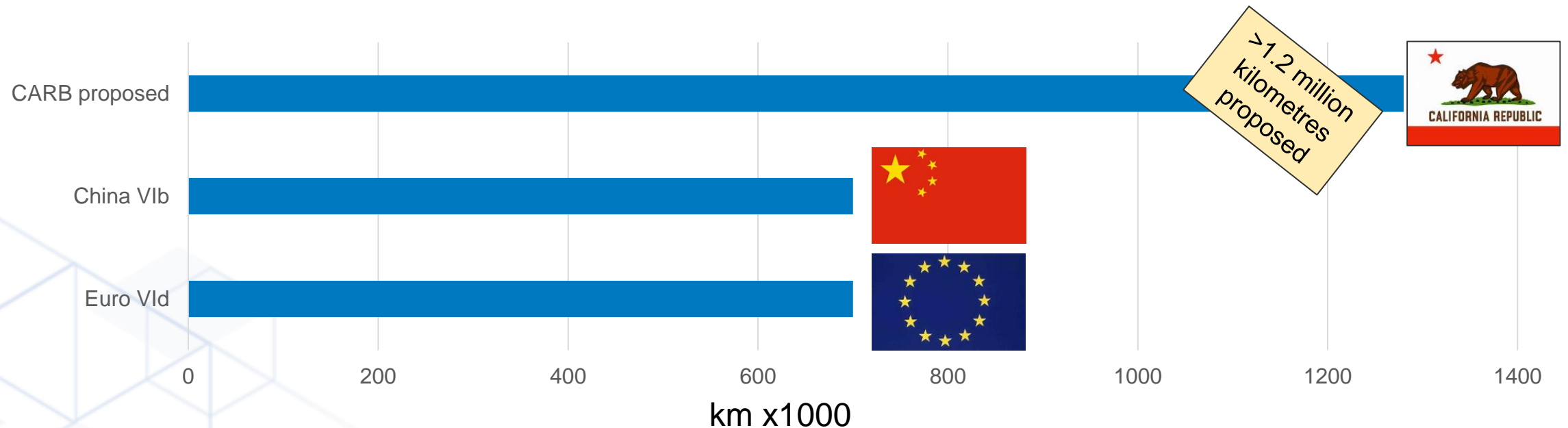


# Challenges We Face in the Future

# Urban Air Quality and Its Many Dimensions



# Emissions Durability Needed to Impact Air Quality

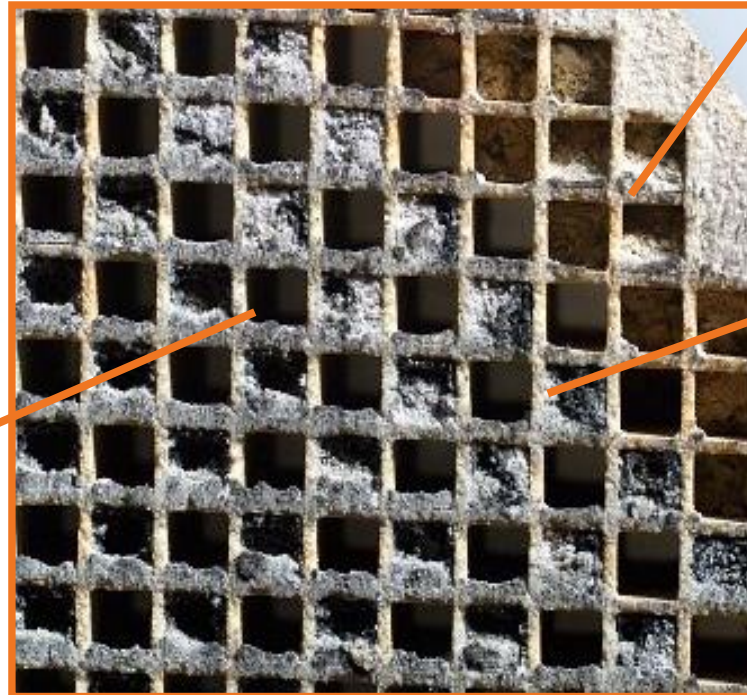
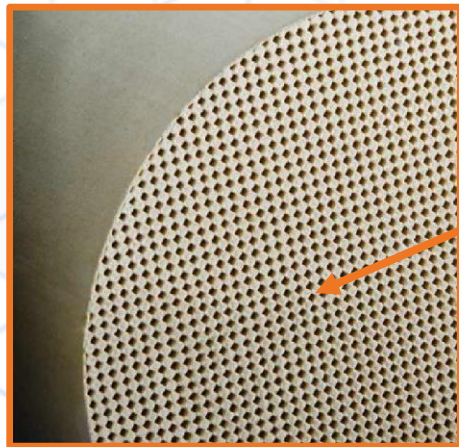
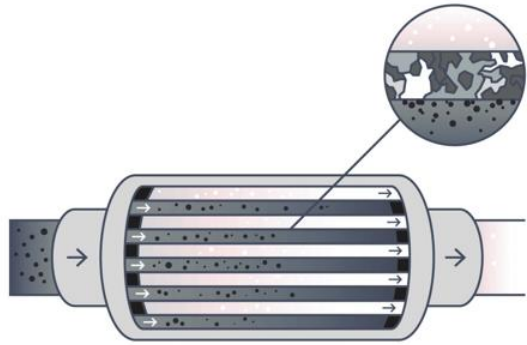


- Means of enforcement not fully defined. Will likely be contentious
- Other pollutants regulated in future (e.g. Euro 7) could add to the challenge
- Increasingly sophisticated aftertreatment needed, including sensors and full closed-loop control

**High quality aftertreatment compatible, deposit controlling fluids essential**

# Engine Oils: Particulate Filter Compatibility

Affected by Lubricant SAPS: Sulfated Ash, Phosphorous, Sulfur



## **Lubricant Ash**

Filter blockage  
*Increased back-pressure*  
*High fuel consumption*

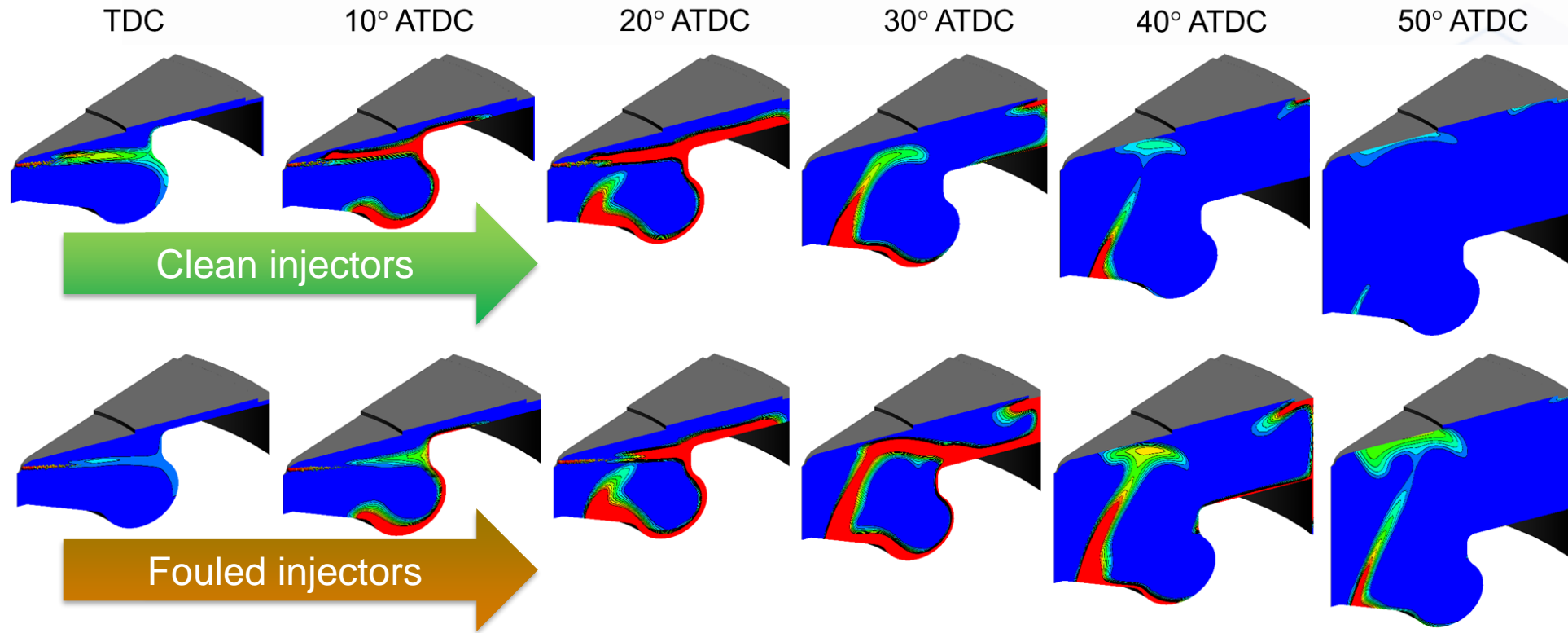
## **Lubricant Phosphorous**

## **Lubricant Sulfur**

Catalytic coating affected  
Poor soot burn-off  
*Increased back-pressure*  
*Increased fuel consumption*



# Diesel Soot Formation and Removal During Combustion



**CFD simulations show soot persists in combustion cycle longer with injector fouling**

# Lubrizol Viewpoint: Sensors

## Increasingly Important but Contamination Concern

Extended emissions durability requirements, several hundred thousand kilometers - full life

Very tight limits for pollutants in forthcoming legislation across the globe

Complex aftertreatment needing accurate sensors for closed-loop control

Increased OBD requirements for monitoring / troubleshooting

Trend towards lighter oils – generally means higher volatility: more oil burned

Contaminated exhaust sensors could mean:

- *False indications of aftertreatment failure*
- *Failure to detect real issues in the system*
- *Poor closed loop control of system resulting in non-compliance*
- *Inaccurate / misleading OBD data*
- *Costs and inconvenience for fleet operator*
- *Warranty costs and loss of reputation for OEM and aftertreatment system / **sensor** suppliers*

**Aftertreatment & sensor  
compatibility of fuels & engine  
oils - increasingly important to  
long-term emissions  
performance**

# Emerging Challenges for Sensor Technology

**SCR systems being placed at front of aftertreatment – close coupled**

- Higher temperatures
- First in line for poisons
- Subject to ash / soot, unlike post-DPF sensors

Mid-SAPS oils acceptable for current systems, but future requirements evolving

## Which sensor type might potentially be vulnerable?

Oxygen sensors

Particulate matter sensors

Temperature sensors

Nitrogen oxides sensors

**Key challenge: low temperature NO<sub>x</sub> performance**

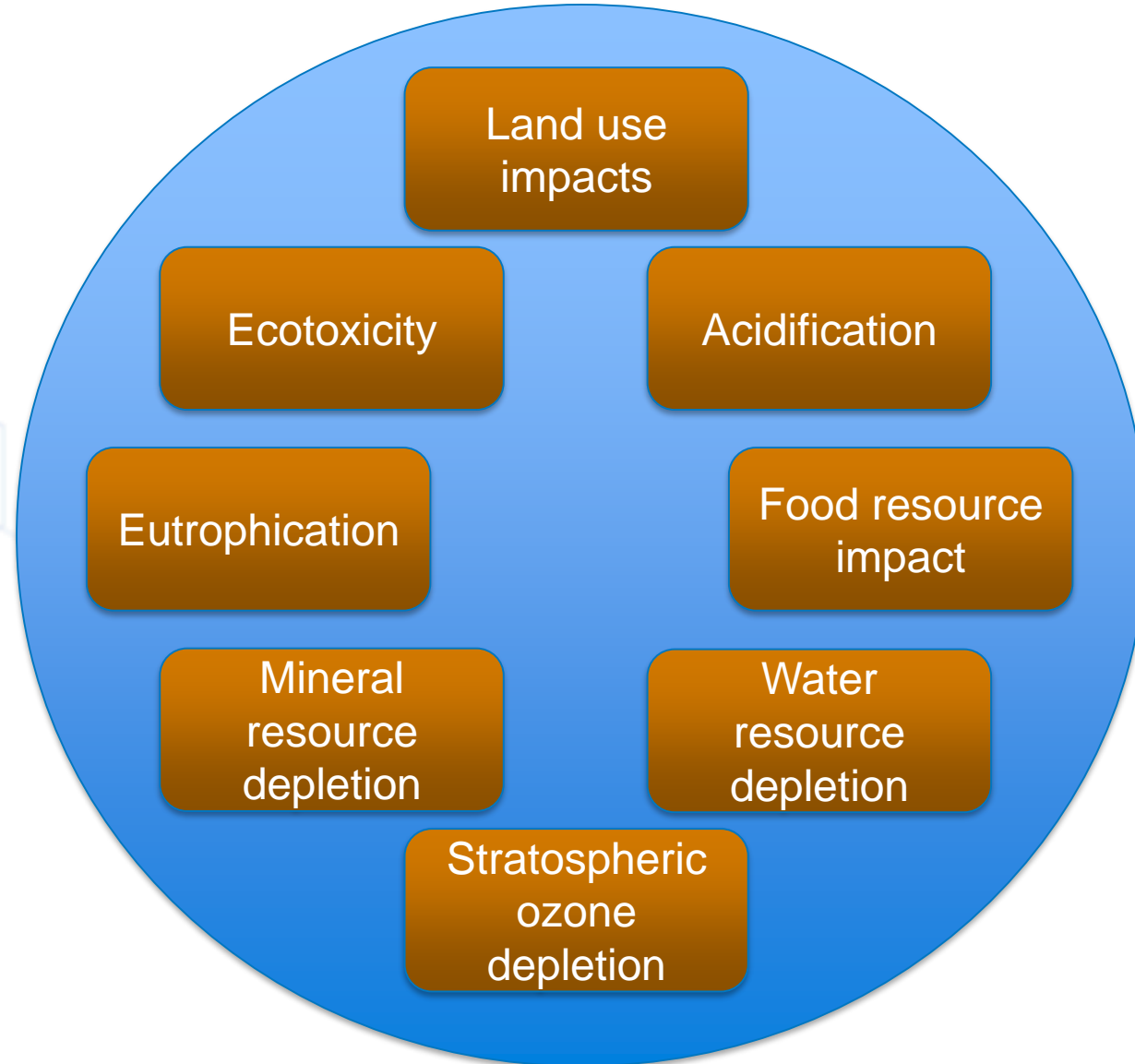
# Climate Change - Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

- 7.6% annual reduction to 2030 required to control to 1.5 deg.C global warming<sup>(1)</sup>
- Current NDCs<sup>(2)</sup> inadequate to meet climate control targets
- Likely action in Europe in coming years
  - Climate neutrality by 2050, and more than 50% reduction by 2030
  - Circular economy action plan
  - Support for climate control initiatives
  - Address incoherent legislation
  - Sustainability focus
  - Bilateral inducements on world stage

1) UN environment programme, emissions gap report, 11/19  
2) NDC – Nationally Declared Contribution (to GHG reduction) under 2015 Paris Accord




**Impact of climate change and associated legislation potentially drastic**

# Sustainability - More Than Climate Control and Air Quality



# Examples of Fuel & Lubricant Impacts

# Lubrizol Deposit Control Diesel Additive Field Trial Results

Field Trial		Primary Results
	2008 Kenworth™ Truck T800 10.8 litre Heavy Duty Truck	- 3.5% fuel economy improvement - Fuel injector flow increase
	UK Passenger Bus Fleet	- 1.7% increase in output power and torque - All buses treated with additive showed improved fuel efficiency by as much as 4.5%. The average fuel economy improvement was 2.8%
	50 litre engines, HPCR Inland Marine Work Boat	- 112 days using additive, no failures. Previously frequent - >\$95K savings during treatment period

## Case Study

Presented by Assetworks in 2018 Future Fleet Forum

- Cooperation with Wakefield Council and Thomas Group
- Data from Council's Fleet & Fuel Management System (Assetworks) analysed
- Data collected symmetrically pre and during 12-month trial
  - Filtered for extremes and vehicle changes
  - 2,200 fillings per month on 500 vehicles
- Large fuel savings identified



WAKEFIELD COUNCIL CASE STUDY

### FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND REASONS

Analysis of data from over 2,200 fuel fill-ups per month for the 500-strong fleet, revealed a huge annual fuel saving of 7.8% resulting in an annual net saving of £55,000 along with improved engine performance to maximise return of investment.

#### Data Results

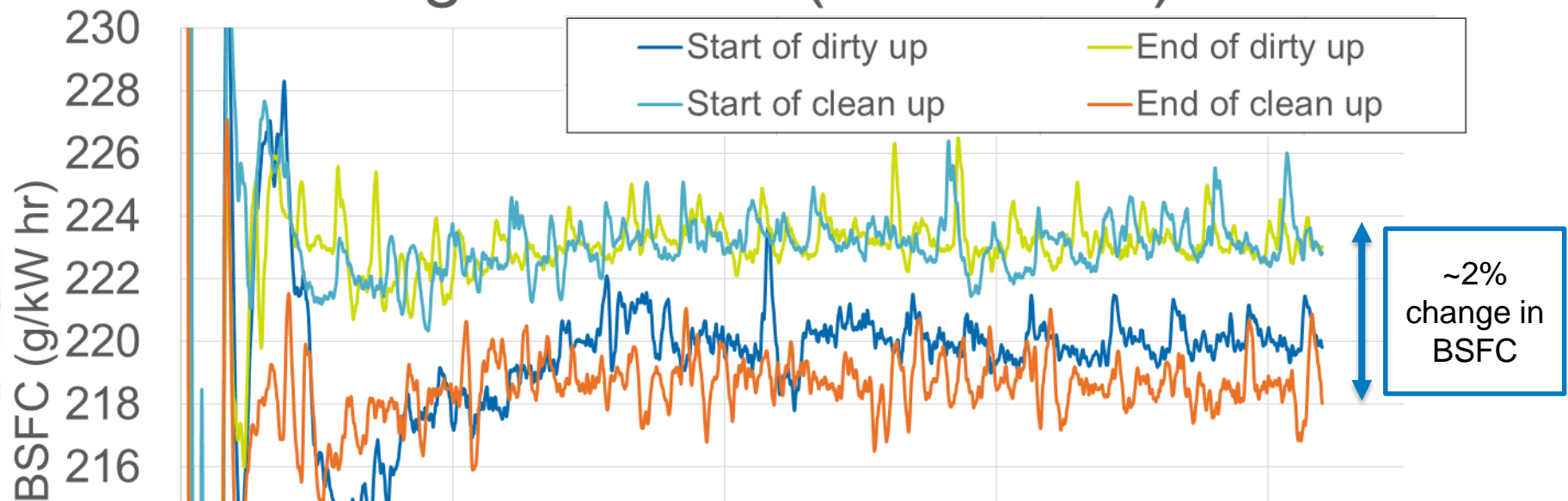
- P1 Saving 2.12 %
- P2 Saving 4.8 %
- P3 Saving 7.79 %
- P4 Saving 7.86 %

The overall trend after P4 showing a flat line improvement rate

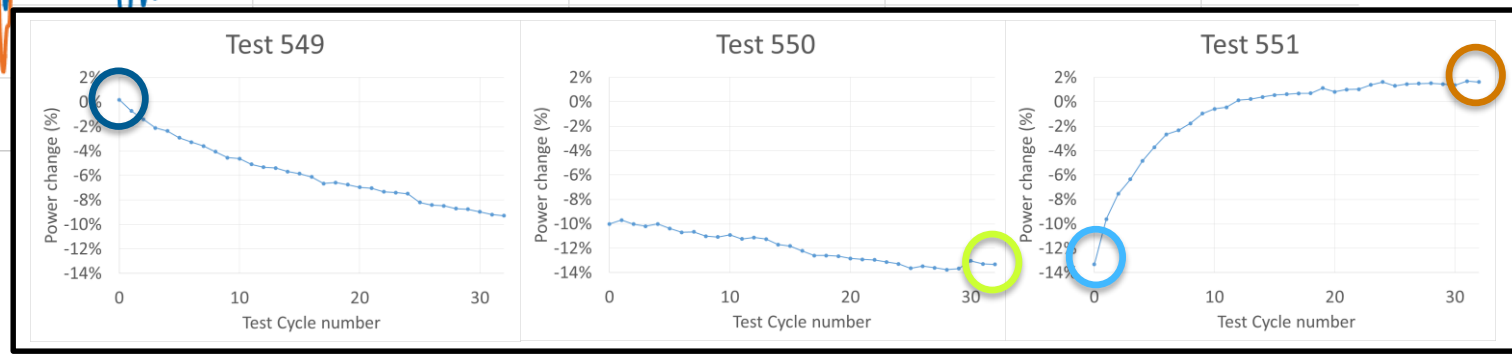


# Detailed Data Logging – Stage 4 Fuel Efficiency

## Stage 4 BSFC (smoothed)

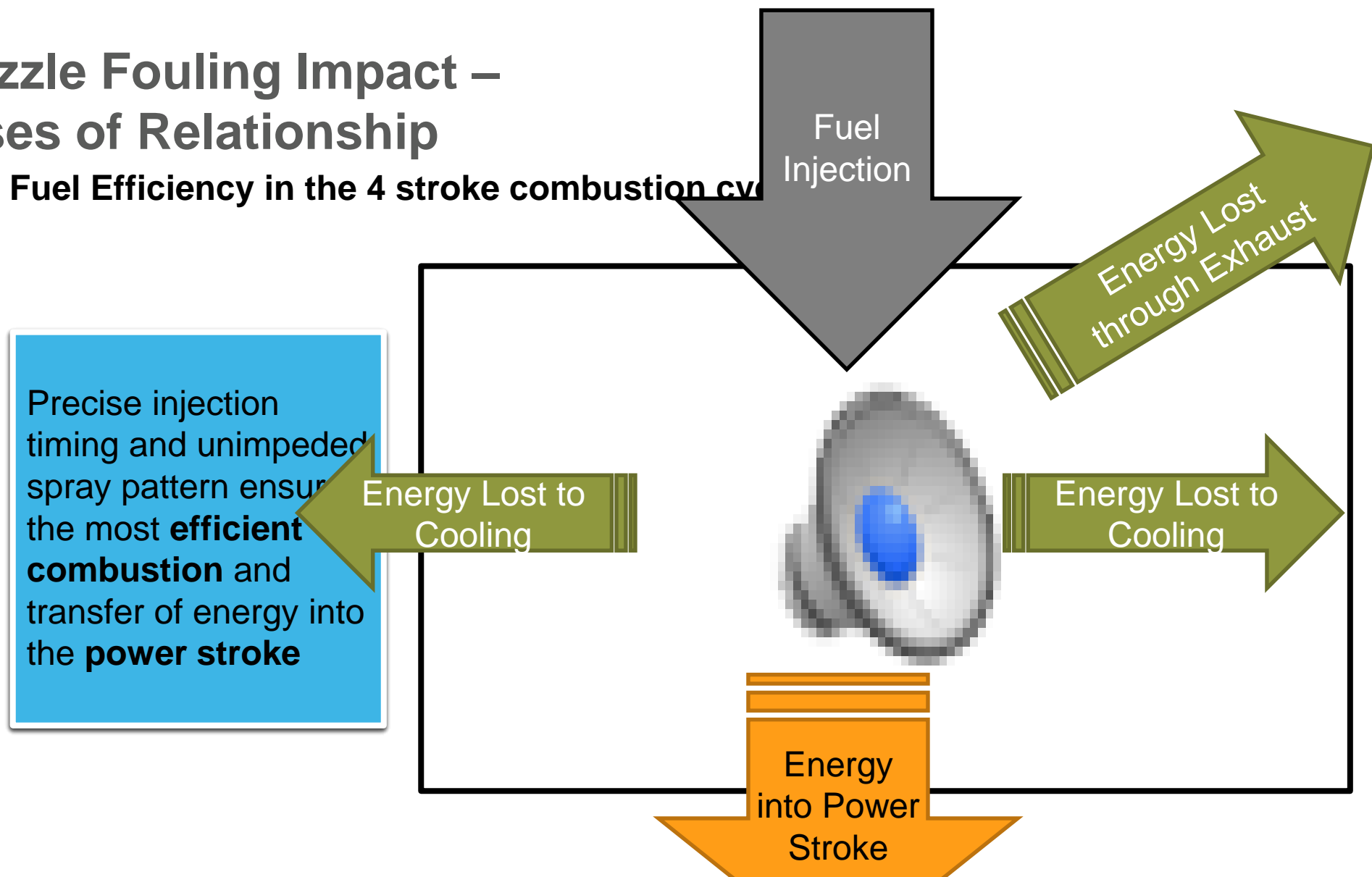


- Data logged on CEC F-98-08
- Stage 4 is a high speed load torque controlled stage
- Data logged at 32 Hz
- Plotted points smoothed over 1 second



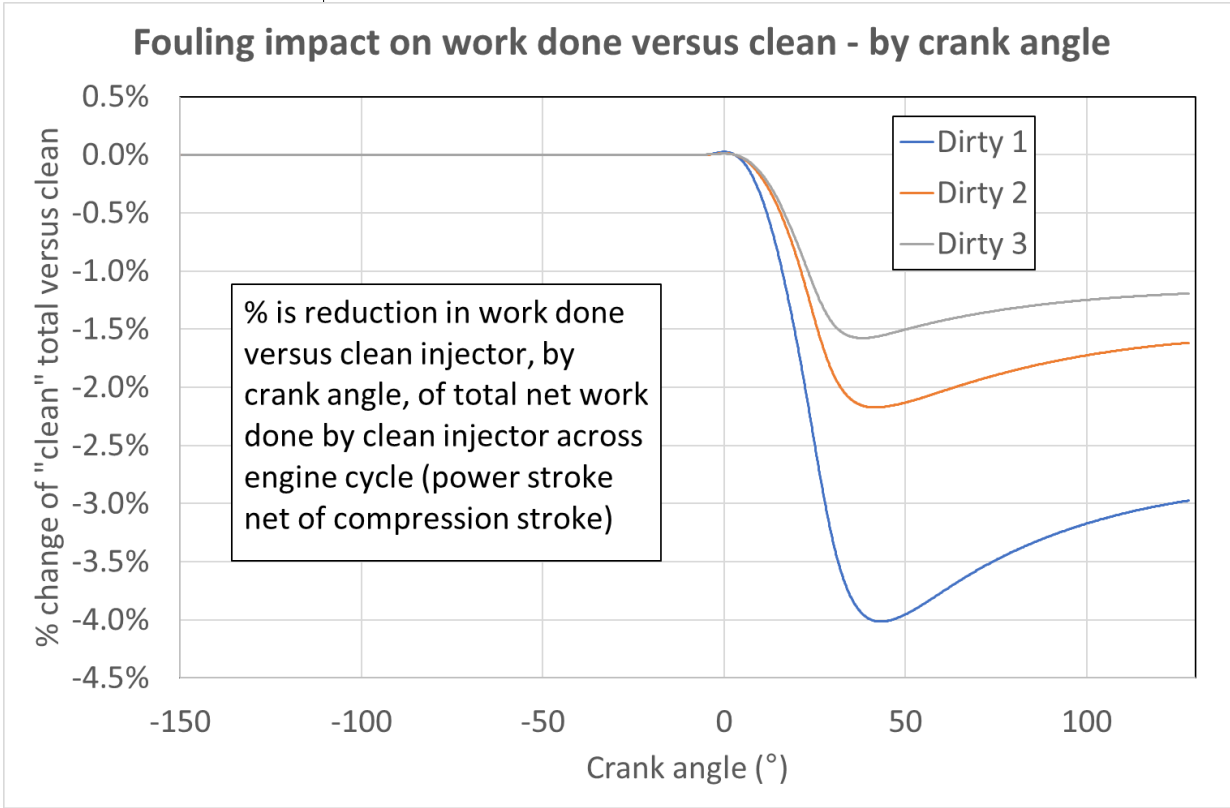
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Fuel Efficiency in the 4 stroke combustion cycle

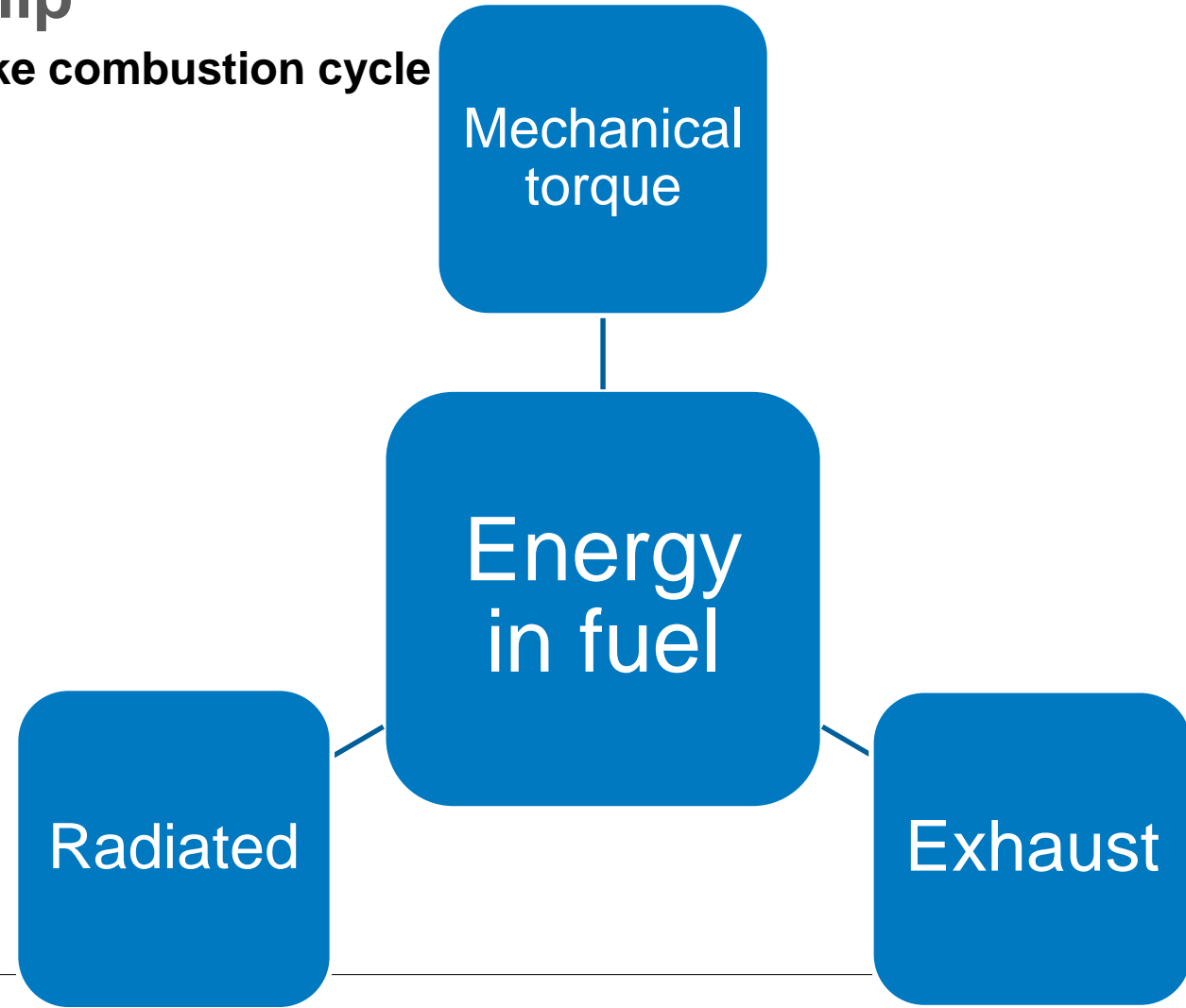


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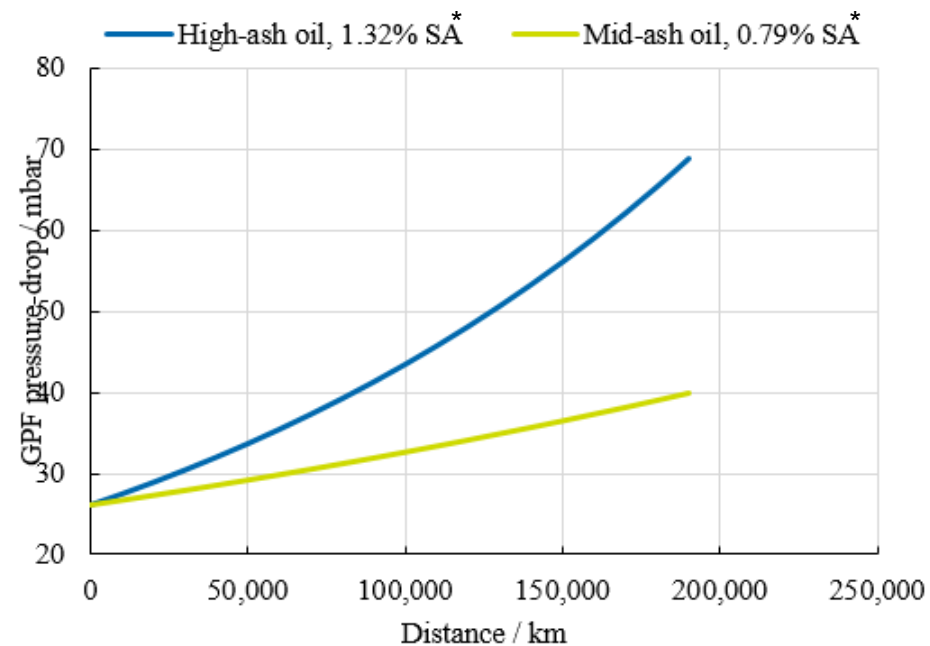
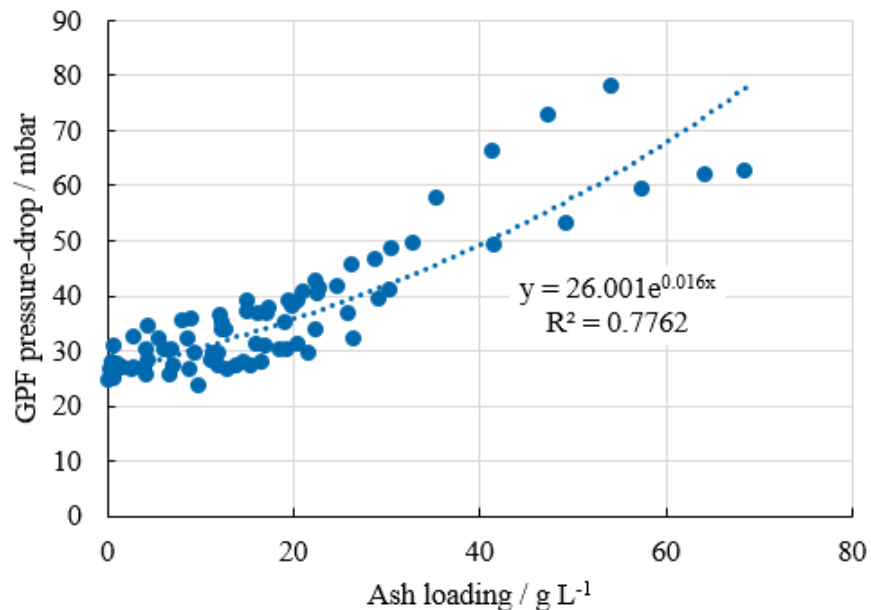
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Taken from a CFD simulation



## Example of Ash Blocking – Lubrizol Field Trial



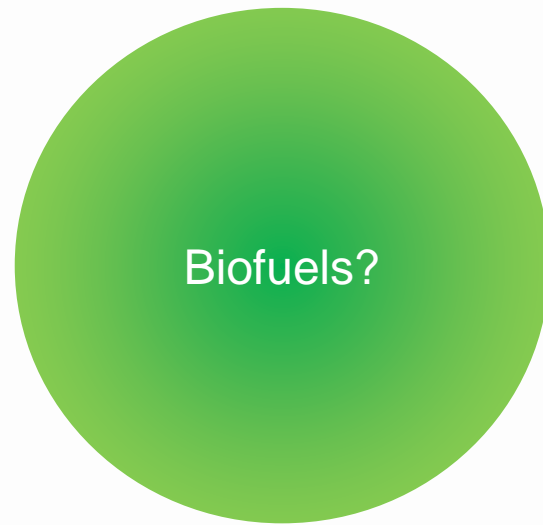
**High-ash engine oil shows substantially more increase in particulate filter pressure drop over a vehicle lifetime**



# Anticipating Changes in Fuels and Lubricants for the Future

## Taking the Greenhouse Gas Footprint Out of Fuels

- Ambition in carbon footprint reduction
  - Consideration of efficiency in use and utilisation of existing infrastructure
  - Sustainability



**The need to reduce dependency on fossil fuels is clear – but what?**

# Potential decarbonisation impacts

Changes to fuels

Changed fuel types

Degrees of usage of gas fuels & electrification. Integrated L.C.A. consideration?

Changes to liquid fuels

Decarbonisation achievable with drop-in liquid fuels? Could mean GHG reduction in existing vehicles

Changed fuel appetites

1) Altered fuels create different performance needs  
2) New vehicle hardware changes fuel appetite

Changes to lubricants

Basic type changes

Balance between engine and driveline lubricants might change

Performance appetite changes

Hybridisation & I.C.E. changes could impact need for thermal stability & water tolerance etc.

Manufacturing footprint changes

Increased importance in full decarbonisation scenarios

## Summary

- Action on existing fleet vehicles is an important component of GHG reductions consistent with climate control targets. Action sooner here can buy important time later
- Fuels and lubricants need to be compatible with the latest systems
  - Including the latest types of particulate filters, catalysts and sensors
- Changes in the mix between liquid and gaseous fuels and electric power are anticipated. Factors affecting the optimal choice include
  - GHG reduction energy efficiency and sustainability, both on a lifecycle basis
  - Speed of reduction in GHG emissions delivered
  - Infrastructure investments
- Legislation will
  - Drive air pollutant emissions lower
  - Require fleets to lower GHG emissions drastically. Improved integration of L.C.A. issues and sustainability anticipated
  - Enforce greater durability in emissions performance to improve air quality

**High quality fuels and lubricants are essential enablers going forward**



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